

Selections from the Word of God

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Why Was the Bible Written?

Answer: "Written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." John 20:31.

Why Cannot Some Men Understand It?

Answer: "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." 1 Cor. 2: 14. "The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God." 1 Cor. 1:18.

Why Do Not Some Men Think as the Bible Teaches?

Answer: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isa. 55:8-9.

Why Do Some Men Dislike the Bible?

Answer: "This is the condemnation, that light has come into the world and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved." John 3:19-20.

Why Do Some Men Condemn the Bible?

Answer: "The Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword*** and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Heb. 4:12-13. (Because it condemns them.)

Why are There Real Christians in Spite of All This Condemnation?

Answer: "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God."

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John 7:17. "Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit." 1 John 4:13. "The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." Rom. 8:16. "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself." 1 John 5:10. (Vital experience as the result of honestly putting God's Word to the test.)

Why Are Men Lost?

Answer: "Because they believe not on me." John 16:9. "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3: 36. "We have turned every one to his own way." Isa. 53:6. "Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord." Isa. 55:7. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Prov. 14:12.

How Are Men Saved?

Answer: "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." John 1:11,12. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might

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be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." John 3:16-18. "Verily, verily, I say unto you. He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24. "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." John 20:31. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in

Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past. through the forbearance of God." Rom. 3:23-25. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:1,8. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Rom. 10:9, 10. "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with cor-

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ruptible things, as silver and gold, * * * But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot; Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world. but was manifest in these last times for you." 1 Pet. 1:18-20. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." 1 Pet. 2:24.

When Should the Matter Be Settled?

Answer: "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 Cor. 6:2. "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near." Isa. 55:6. "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." Prov. 27:1. "But exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." Heb. 3:13. "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him." John 6:44.

May Not a Man be Saved on His Own Merits?

Answer: "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of

the law; for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." Gal. 2:16. "For by grace are ve saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8, 9. "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." Rom. 4:5. "Not by the works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour." Tit. 3:5, 6. "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ

Jesus before the world began." 2 Tim. 1:9. "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities like the wind, have taken us away." Isa. 64:6.

Are There Not Some Who Are Too Great Sinners to Be Saved?

Answer: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. 1:18. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10. "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." 1 Tim. 1:15.

Should One Who Feels He Could Not Hold Out Enter Upon This Life?

Answer: "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling. and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy." Jude 24. "Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." 1 Pet. 1:5. "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." 2 Tim. 1:12. "Being confident of this very thing, that

he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Phil. 1:6. "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Heb. 7:25. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand." Ps. 37:23, 24. "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." John 10:28-30.

Is There Any Excuse Under Heaven for Rejecting Christ?

Answer: "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." Mark 8:36-38. "And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." 1 John 2:17.

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