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**LEADERS ANSWERS
TO QUESTIONS**

RIVER - Spiritual Life Crystal Clear

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I'VE BECOME A CHRISTIAN - THIS IS HOW

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I DIDN'T BECOME A CHRISTIAN BY DOING THESE!

It is a common idea that if we do enough good deeds we may impress God and be saved. Does the Bible agree with that?



Does not agree

They had become outward, meaningless, and lacking sincerity

From ancient times until now people have performed religious ceremonies and observed special "holy days," rituals and traditions. See God's opinion of these in Isaiah 1: 13-14. Why do you think God feels like this?

I BECAME A CHRISTIAN WHEN I TOOK THESE STEPS

Summarise in a few words the four steps which need to be made in order to become a Christian.

Step 1

Acknowledge your sin

Step 2

Believe in Jesus Christ

You believed that he **died** for our sin. You believed that he **rose** again.

As if that was not enough! In John 11:25,26 Jesus makes an amazing claim. Do you still believe him?



I believe

Step 3

Repent and confess your sin

What happens to a person who fails to repent? (Luke 13: 3)

They will perish

Does God overlook or "let off" any who don't repent? (Acts 17: 30)

no

Can our sins be wiped out without first having to repent? (Acts 3: 19)

no

Step 4

Receive Christ into your life

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SOMETHING'S DEFINITELY HAPPENED TO ME !

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When you were converted to Christ, something really **HAPPENED**. It is exciting to hear the stories of how different people met Jesus and how it changed their lives. Some have quite spectacular spiritual experiences like Paul in Acts 9: 1-19. Others simply felt a quiet "certainty" deep down inside. Whatever your experience, one thing is for sure; something's definitely happened to you.

SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED BECAUSE I FEEL DIFFERENT

SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED BECAUSE THE BIBLE SAYS

LOOK WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR ME

God's Guarantee to You

"Whoever comes to me I will never drive away" (John 6: 37)

He has:

Colossians 1: 13 → forgiven my sin

John 5: 24 → rescued me from darkness

1 John 5: 4 → made me his son/daughter

2 Cor. 6: 18 → made me a new person

1 John 1: 9 → given me eternal life

2 Corinth. 5: 17 → given me power over the world

This is the Testimony:

GOD HAS GIVEN US ETERNAL LIFE, AND THIS LIFE IS IN HIS SON. HE WHO HAS THE SON HAS LIFE: HE WHO DOES NOT HAVE THE SON OF GOD DOES NOT HAVE LIFE

(1Jn 5:11,12)

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may **know** that you **have** eternal life" (1 John 5:13)

"God is not a man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?"

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IF YOU WANT TO GROW - THESE THINGS

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1/ GO TO CHURCH

2/ READ YOUR BIBLE

Jot down how God's word is described as "food" in the following Bible passages:

Psalm 119: 103

Honey

1 Peter 2: 2

Milk

Matthew 4: 4

Bread

Quoted below is 1 Peter 2: 2. In the brackets, add some more words that you can think of that mean the same as "crave."

"Like new born babies, *crave* grow up in your salvation."

want / hunger / yearn / desire

pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may

3/ OBEY GOD'S WORD

Study Joshua 1: 8 and list two things which result from obedience to God's word.

1. Prosperity 2. Success

4/ WITNESS TO OTHERS

What does Jesus tell us to do in Mark 16: 15?

Go and preach the gospel

So that men may see our deeds and praise our Father in heaven.

Why are we to let our light shine? (Matthew 5: 16)

5/ TALK WITH GOD

Look up John 15: 15. What is our relationship?



Friend

What was it in Acts 4: 13 which made the disciples so courageous, and stand out from the crowd?

They had been with Jesus

6/ HELP YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Which is the **second greatest** commandment in the Bible? (Matthew 22: 36-40)

Love your neighbour

Feed the hungry, invite in strangers, clothe the needy, look after the sick, visit prisoners

From Matthew 25: 34-40 write down several practical ways that a Christian can love and help his neighbour.

From your own neighbourhood or work place can you suggest several more practical ways that you might help your neighbour?

Help with transport? Lend tools? Use of telephone?

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AWESOME CHRISTIAN PRACTICES

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HOW CHRISTIANS CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Christians everywhere put a very high value on this sacrament and find joy, strength and meaning whenever they share it. 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 tells us what is most important:

What does the broken bread remind us of?

Jesus' body which was broken for us

The new covenant between God and us, sealed in Christ's blood

What does the cup we drink remind us of?

SAD BUT TRUE

In study one we asked why God was so disappointed with peoples insincerity doing the old sacred rituals. But compare Isaiah 1: 13-14 with 1 Corinthians 11:17-22,27. Do you think there is much difference?

No difference because, although some Christians act out the Lords supper correctly, their attitudes are all wrong

AWESOME WITNESS OR DEAD RITUAL

Study these two examples from Acts 2: 42-47 and 1 Cor. 11:17-27.

They both followed the same procedure but concerning one, God says, "*It is not the Lord's Supper you eat!*" The model was the same but the attitude vastly different. Notice the extreme contrast as you write the verse references in each of the boxes opposite.

They gave to anyone who had need.

Acts 2

They didn't care if some went hungry.

1Cor11

They broke bread together with gladness.

Acts 2

They had divisions and arguments.

1Cor11

They got amazing results with the people.

Acts 2

Their meetings did more harm than good.

1Cor11

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM?

Study the story of Christ's baptism in Matthew 3: 13-17. Jesus was baptised by:

Immersion

What happened immediately after he was baptised?

The Holy Spirit came on him

WHEN SHOULD YOU GET BAPTISED?

Study the following scriptures then tick the correct box.
(Acts 2: 41, Acts 8: 35-38, Acts 16: 31-33, Acts 22: 16)



Straightaway

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THE BIBLE - GOD'S LIVING WORD

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The Bible is no ordinary book. This is because every other book is written by people, but the Bible is written by God!

THE BIBLE IS "GODS WORD"

Moses wrote the "law." (Genesis to Deuteronomy)
From where (who) did he get the words to write? (See Exodus 24: 4)

The Lord

Peter was one of the New Testament writers. What did he say about it?
(2 Pet 1:20-21)

No prophecy of scripture came about by the prophets own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit

So God used holy men to write the Bible, however it was **HE** who gave them the words to say! Now look up these scriptures and tick the correct box.

Matthew 5: 18 The scriptures are accurate even in the smallest detail.



True

Isaiah 40: 8 For how long does God's word stand?



Forever

Revelation 22: 18-19 May we add anything to God's word or take anything away?



No

THE BIBLE IS GOD'S "LIVING WORD"

That means more than just the fact that scripture was originally inspired by God. Scripture is permanently inspired. **It lives!** It actually is a living active power. Read the following verses and write the verse reference next to the appropriate statement below.
(John 6: 63, John 15: 3, Ephesians 6: 17, Hebrews 4: 12, 1 Peter 1: 23, 1 John 2: 14)

■ The word is spirit and life.

John 6:63

■ You are "born again" of the seed of the living word.

1 Pet 1:23

■ The word of God lives (abides) in you.

1 Jn 2:14

■ The word penetrates and knows your deepest thoughts, intents, and attitudes of heart.

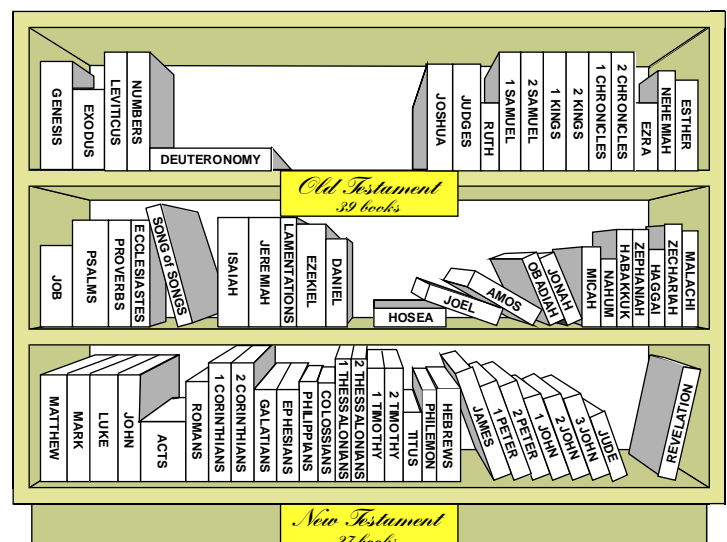
Heb 4:12

■ You are made clean by the word.

John 15:3

■ The word of God is the weapon of the Spirit.

Eph 6:17



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WHO IS THIS GOD WE SERVE ?

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1/ God is not just a "god."

2/ God is not just "nature."

Study Romans 1: 25 and explain why this theory doesn't make sense.

They are worshipping created things instead of honouring the creator of those things. It's like complementing a pie instead of the cook

3/ God is not just a "force."

"I AM WHO I AM"

Throughout the whole Bible God reveals himself as a **person!**

He sees; he hears; he loves; he cares. Only a real person can be like that.

Moses asked God his name. (Exodus 3: 13-14) What did God say?

4/ God is not just "somewhere up there."

WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

■ God is SPIRIT.

That means God cannot be confined to a material existence. (1 Timothy 1: 17)

He cannot be seen by natural sight.

Invisible

He cannot die.

Immortal

He has no beginning or end.

Eternal

■ God has NO LIMIT.

Place the appropriate verses next to each description. (Psalm 90: 2, Psalm 147: 5b, Jeremiah 23: 24, Jeremiah 32: 17)

He is limitless in power

Jer 32:17

He is limitless in knowledge

Psm 147:5

He isn't limited to one place

Jer 23:24

He isn't limited to time

Psm 90:2

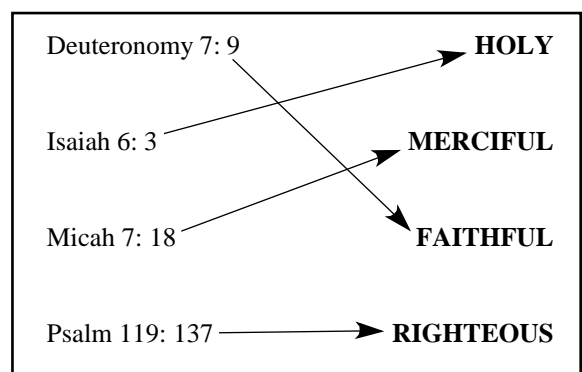
■ God is a TRINITY.

WHAT MAKES GOD TICK?

In many ways God is like us. He has feelings (emotions); he thinks; he makes decisions. But the selfish things which motivate men are not what makes God "tick." The "moral attributes" of God are revealed in the Bible. They are what make him **act**, and **think**, and **be**, the way he is. Read the following scriptures and connect them (with an arrow) to the relevant description of God's nature.

However the main driving force in God's nature which determines **everything** that he does, or decision he makes, is this: (1 John 4: 16)

His Love



Stronger than anything in heaven or earth

How strong is this "driving force" in God? (Romans 8: 38-39) Yes, the thing that makes God the way he is, and the reason we may rely on him, is this: **HIS LOVE!**

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WHY YOU ARE SPECIAL TO GOD

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MAN WAS MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

YOU ARE MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD TOO

You may question, "Adam was a son in God's image, but was I made to be a son or daughter of God too"? Study Acts 17: 25-29. What does he say we are? (Verse 28)

We are his offspring



False

You may suppose "God gave life to the first man, and then left it to nature to continue, therefore it was really only your mother and father who gave you birth." True or false? (Psalm 100: 3, Psalm 139: 13)

What it means, "to be made in God's image", is that ...

... 1/ YOU ARE A TRINITY, LIKE GOD

... 2/ YOU'RE A SPIRIT MOTIVATED BEING, LIKE GOD

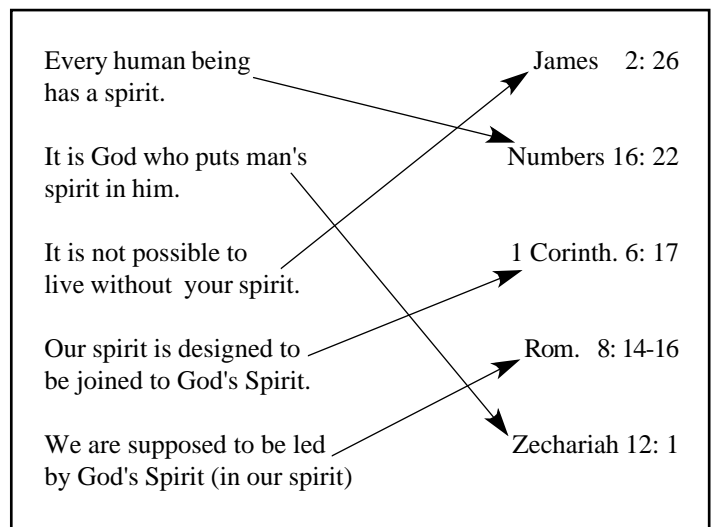
The main difference between human beings and animals is that with an animal it is **instinct** that makes them "tick." True, people have physical instincts too, but we are not supposed to be ruled by them. To do so is unnatural and destructive to our system because we are made to operate a different way. Read and join the appropriate scriptures to the following facts:

... 3/ YOU'RE IMMORTAL, LIKE GOD

Spirit cannot die. Neither can you, because you are a "spiritual" being designed by God to live forever. That everyone may not necessarily enjoy eternal life **with** God does not alter the fact that their spirit is immortal - like God.

Mark 9: 43-48 and Matthew 25: 46 teaches that every person will live eternally somewhere. But where? Name the two places.

Heaven or Hell



... 4/ YOU ARE MORAL, LIKE GOD

In study six we saw that God thinks and acts and **is** the way he is because he is motivated by certain driving forces which are ingrained in his nature. These are called God's "moral attributes." List them here again.

1/Holiness 2/Mercy 3/Faithfulness 4/Righteousness 5/Love



These things which make God "tick" should be what make you "tick" too! After all, if we are God's offspring, made in his image, then it is only natural that we should think and act the same way as he does. In fact God considers it unnatural **not** to be like him! Study Lev. 19: 2, Matt. 5: 48, and Luke 6: 36. On what grounds (rationale) does God **expect** that we be these things?

Because he is!

WHY YOU ARE SPECIAL TO GOD

God loves you, not because of what you've done, but because of who you are. **That's why YOU are special to him!**

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TWISTED PEOPLE

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Man is made in the image of God. We are designed to think, and act, and be, the way God is. What is so strange however, and so sad, is that people do not act like their creator at all.

It simply isn't normal! Look at Ecclesiastes 9: 3. What does God say is in our hearts?

Madness

WHY DOES GOD'S CREATION SIN?

Study Mark 7: 14-23. From where do all these evil things come?

Man's heart

WHAT IS THE WARP THAT TWISTS THE HEART?

"Self" is the underlying way of thinking which makes us act the way we do before we've even done it. Study James 4: 1-3. What causes all the evils mentioned in these verses?

Selfish desire within

WHO BENT THE TWISTED SELF?

Satan did! He introduced "self" and sin before the human race began. Think as you read about it in Isaiah 14: 12-19 (KJV) His sin was pride. That's obvious. However the motivation behind it was "self."

Put a circle around the middle letter in **P R I D E**

Put a circle around the middle letter in **S I N**

Count the times in the above scripture that Satan said **"I"** in his heart.

5 times

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned

When God created man, Satan introduced his crooked nature to them. Adam and Eve swallowed Satan's lie, and people's hearts have been twisted ever since. Write out Romans 5: 12.

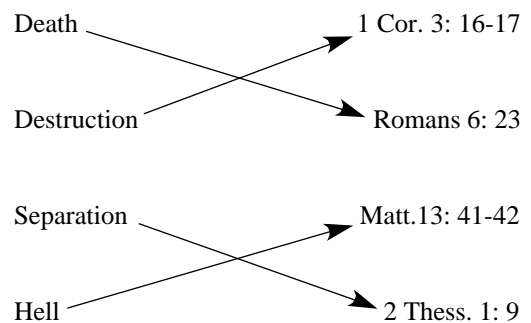
WHERE DOES SIN AND SELF FINALLY END?

Sin is deadly to our system. Therefore the practice of sin, and the distortion of "self" results in destruction. This is where it all finally ends: (Link each statement to the correct verse.)

CAN WE EVER BE SET FREE FROM THE POWER OF SIN?

Thanks be to God THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD

Yes we can!
(Romans 7: 25)



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SET FREE !

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SET FREE FROM THE DOMINION OF SATAN!

1 John 5: 19 says, "*the whole world is under the control of the evil one.*" Not however, the children of God. From Colossians 1: 13 and Hebrews 2: 14-15, summarise what Christ has done concerning our former slavery to the Devil.

Rescued us / destroyed the devil / Freed those who were in slavery

SET FREE FROM THE HARM OF EVIL SPIRITS!

Study Luke 10: 17-20. Satan has been toppled. Now even the deadliest demons (referred here as snakes and scorpions) cannot harm you. Look at Acts 5: 16. How many of those tormented by evil spirits were healed?

All of them

SET FREE FROM THE POWER OF SIN!

If we really be honest, our worst enemy is not Satan, or evil spirits, but our own sin. Sure Satan was our master, but the chains that held us to him were of our own making. (Proverbs 5: 22, John 8: 24) Therefore our bondage is not so much a slavery to Satan as it is a slavery to sin. Rom. 7: 14 says, "*I am ... sold as a slave to sin.*"

SET FREE FROM THE PENALTY OF SIN!

Not only is mankind under the power of sin, but we are also doomed to its inevitable result. However, those who have been released from sin have been released from the penalty too.

HOW FREE IS "FREE"?

Many people think that the power of sin is something we can never **really** be liberated from. What does the Bible say? (Romans 6: 11) "*Consider yourselves ...*

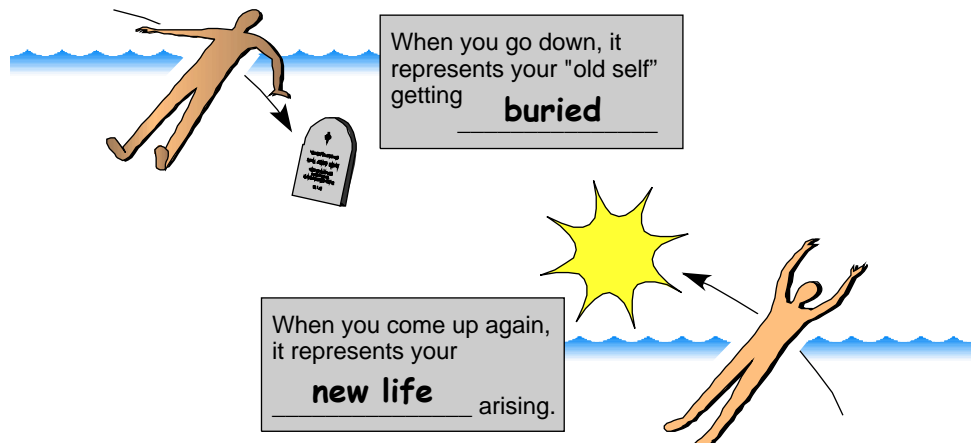


Dead to sin

HOW BAPTISM REINFORCES OUR GREAT SALVATION

When you do it, you not only hear and see; you actually **re-enact** what has already happened to you in the spiritual realm. This is the most forceful way that God can teach a truth to anyone! So what is God so concerned that we should understand? Study the symbolic meaning of baptism in Romans 6: 1-11 again.

Praise God! We are **saved** from sin. We have a **new inner nature** after God's image. In Christ, we are completely **SET FREE!**



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JESUS CHRIST - GOD WITH US

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WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE CHRIST?

- Christ was a prophet - just an above ordinary man?
- Christ was an angel or a "god" but not THE GOD?
- Christ was God but only appeared to be human?
- Christ was totally God **as well** as totally human?



JESUS CHRIST WAS AS MUCH HUMAN AS WE ARE!

Read the following verses which show the humanity of Christ and write the verse reference next to the appropriate statement above. (Matthew 1: 1, Matthew 4: 1-3, Mark 11: 12, Mark 15: 37, Luke 2: 7, Luke 2: 40, John 4: 6, John 11: 35, 1 Peter 4: 1)

Jesus seemed to want us to know that he was just as human as we are.

The 'Son of Man'

Over eighty times in the gospels he is on record as calling himself by a name which emphasises this. What was that name?

How does it help us to know that Christ was as human as we are?
Get the answer from Hebrews 4: 15. (Your own words please)

He was able to sympathize with us because he has experienced the same temptations himself

- He was born naturally **Luke 2: 7**
- He had human ancestors **Matt 1: 1**
- He grew up normally **Luke 2:40**
- He got hungry **Mark 11:12**
- He became tired **John 4: 6**
- He felt emotion **John 11:35**
- He faced temptation **Matt 4:1-3**
- He suffered pain **1 Peter 4:1**
- He died **Mark 15:37**

JESUS CHRIST WAS AS MUCH GOD AS THE FATHER IS!

The birth of Jesus, predicted in Isaiah 7: 14 was fulfilled in Matthew 1: 23. The prophet called him by an unusual name. What did that name mean?

'God with us'

Again, in Isaiah 9: 6, the prophet calls Jesus by four other names. Write them in the spaces here:

1/ Wonderful Counsellor 2/ Mighty God 3/ Everlasting father 4/ Prince of peace

These names show that Jesus was as much "God" as the Father is God!
So what did Jesus himself say? (John 10: 30)

I and the Father are one

He was calling himself God

Claims like this about himself made the Jews furious.
(John 5:18, 10:33) Why? What did they think he meant?

However, it was the twelve disciples who knew Jesus better than anyone else. Study carefully his discussions with Peter, Philip and Thomas. What was their final realisation of who their master really was?



He WAS EQUAL to God

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WHICH IS THE RIGHT CHURCH ?

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THERE IS ONLY ONE CHURCH!

"There shall be one flock and one shepherd" (John 10:16)

Read carefully Ephesians 4: 3-6. How many times is the word "one" emphasised?

7 times

However this doesn't mean that only one church is the real church and all the others are wrong. The "church" in its broadest sense refers to **all** true Christians **everywhere** who have been "called out" of the world to become citizens of God's kingdom.

Verse 23 of Hebrews 12: 22-23 tells us that we have come to the church of those people ...
"...whose names are

written in heaven

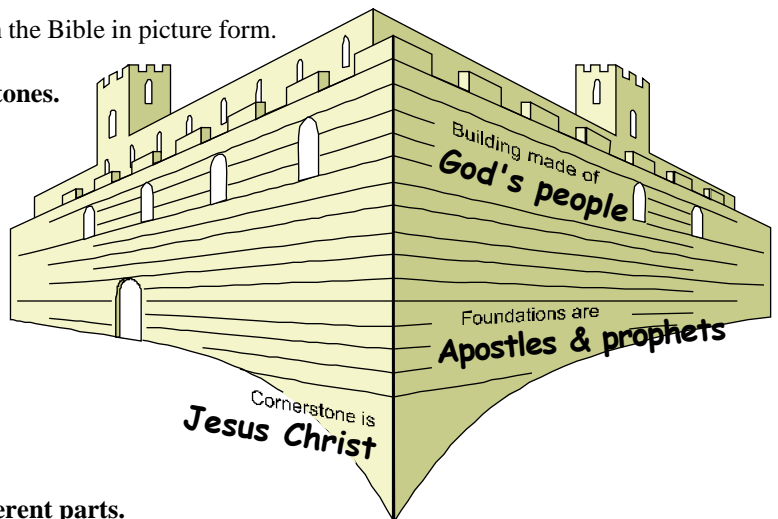
SO WHAT IS THE (REAL) CHURCH THEN?

A spiritual understanding of the church is explained in the Bible in picture form.

The (real) church is a **BUILDING** made of living stones.

Together, we **are** the church! Look up 1 Peter 2: 5 and answer; What is God constructing his new "temple" out of?

living stones



Look at the description of the church in Ephesians 2: 19-22 then finish the illustration.

The (real) church is **CHRIST'S BODY** having different parts.

Look at the description of the church in Colossians 1: 18,24 then finish the illustration.

Of course, a body has many parts. So has the church. Study 1 Corinthians 12: 12-22 and answer these questions.

1/ Can the body (the church) have its parts divided from each other?

no

2/ Because the "foot" is not a "hand," does that mean it shouldn't belong to the body?

no

3/ Would the body (the church) operate very well if it was just an "eye"?

no

4/ Can any part of the body (the church) say to another part, "I don't need you"?

no

The head is Christ



Christ's body is the Church

So which is the right church? The right church is the church in your locality which does these things. List them from Acts 2: 41-42

1/ Baptise 2/ Apostles teaching 3/ Fellowship 4/ Breaking of bread 5/ Prayer

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THE PURPOSE OF THE CROSS

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Jesus' death wasn't an accident. He knew all along that he had to come to the world to die.

■ He knew **why** he had to die. **Mark 10:45**

■ He knew **how** he was going to die. **Mk 10:32-34**

THE PURPOSE OF THE CROSS

God's purpose in the cross was to **reconcile** us to himself - to bring us from separation and enmity, to peace and new relationship with him. Christ came to earth for the purpose of going to the cross! But more specifically, it was God in Christ **reconciling** the world to himself. Study 2 Cor. 5: 18-19. Now write Colossians 1:19-20.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth, or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross

THE PREREQUISITES OF THE CROSS

The cross had to SATISFY God's justice.

God's law isn't just rules to be broken! Sin is an offence against God himself and carries an automatic penalty. What is that penalty? (Ezekiel 18:4)

Death

Furthermore, God will not cheapen justice by "turning a blind eye" or just "letting off" those who sin. God **never** passes over sin! Yet 2 Corinthians 5: 19 says, *"that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them."*

How can God do this (on what legal grounds?) without compromising his own justice? Write the answer from verse 21 here:

In other words, the cross **satisfied** God's justice by punishing our sins in Christ, who died for us.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God

The cross had to PAY man's debt.

Mankind is hopelessly in bondage to sin and in debt to God's law. Therefore before anyone can be reconciled to God, we need someone to pay our debt. This is what we require of the cross, and indeed, this is what the cross has done. When Jesus died he ...

... redeemed us from sin **Titus 2:14** ... paid the ransom **Matt 20:28** ... and set us free. **Col. 1:13,14**

THE POWER OF THE CROSS

How does the cross achieve these things? After all, it was only a piece of wood. It is **the blood** which is the power of the cross! Since the beginning of creation the way back to God has always been through a substitutionary death by the shedding of blood. See Hebrews 9: 22. Can anyone be forgiven without the shedding of blood?



No

His blood SATISFIED God's justice!

His blood PAID our debt!

Read 1 Peter 1: 18,19 then complete these truths.

His blood RECONCILED us to God!

You were redeemed from ... **Your empty way of life**

The payment was not with ... **Perishable things such as silver or gold**

But you were redeemed with ... **The precious blood of Christ**

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WHERE DO WE GO WHEN WE DIE ?

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Everybody goes to Heaven?

Not everyone

THREE THINGS ARE FOR SURE

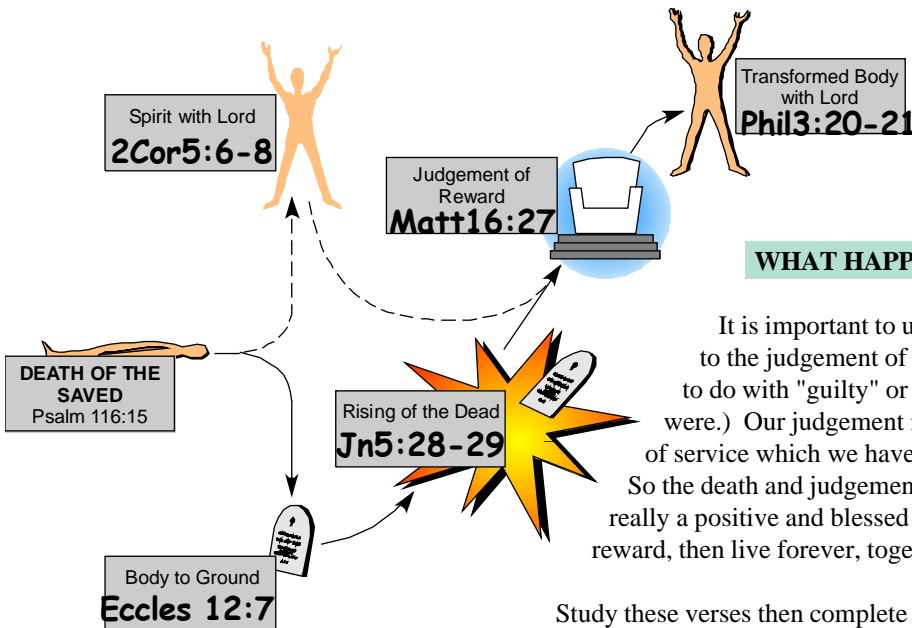
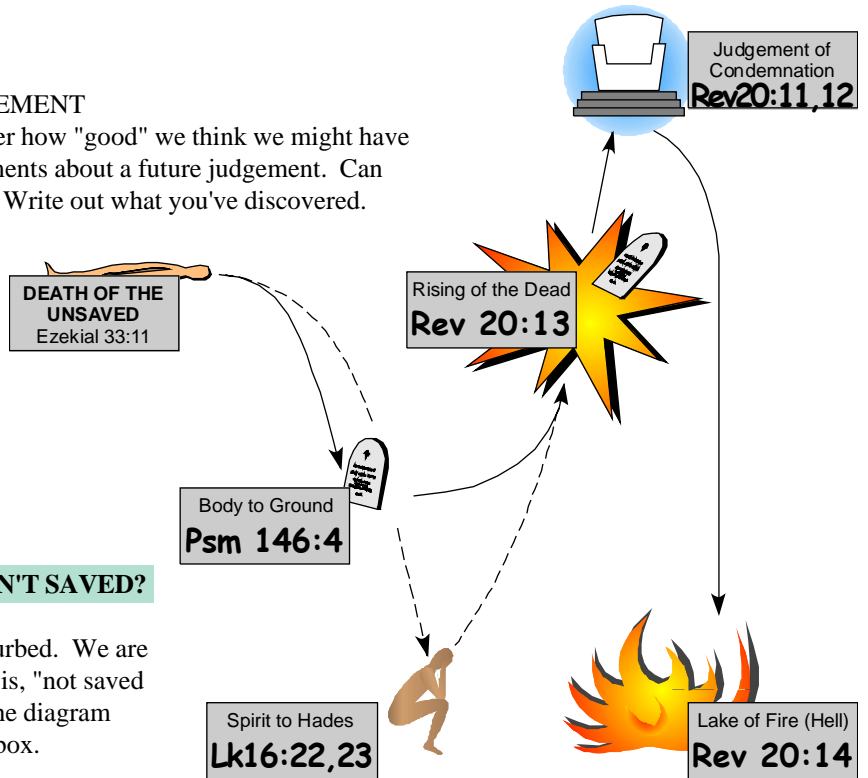
1/ DEATH, 2/ RESURRECTION, 3/ JUDGEMENT

This is a serious prospect for anyone, no matter how "good" we think we might have been. Yet the Bible has dozens of such statements about a future judgement. Can you find one more without being told where? Write out what you've discovered.

Possible answers -
Matt 11:22, Acts 17:31,
Romans 14:10, 2 Tim 4:1,
2 Peter 3:7, Jude 15,
Rev 20:12

WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO AREN'T SAVED?

The fate of the unsaved leaves our hearts disturbed. We are saved; but for those who are not, the question is, "not saved from what?" Study the following verses and the diagram then write each reference into its appropriate box.



WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO ARE SAVED?

It is important to understand that our judgement is different to the judgement of those who are not saved. It has nothing to do with "guilty" or "not guilty." (although we admit that we were.) Our judgement is a judgement of **reward** for the quality of service which we have given to him. (See 1 Cor. 3: 11-15) So the death and judgement of the Christian, though sobering, is really a positive and blessed hope! We will rise to receive our reward, then live forever, together with the Lord.

Study these verses then complete the diagram boxes.

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GO; PREACH THE GOOD NEWS!

Leaders Answers to Questions - This is an abbreviated answer set. 'Fill in the verse' questions are not answered because 'fill in' answers are copied directly from the scripture references themselves.

Go

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The Good News

Now look at Matthew 28: 18-20.

!! GO WITH AUTHORITY !!

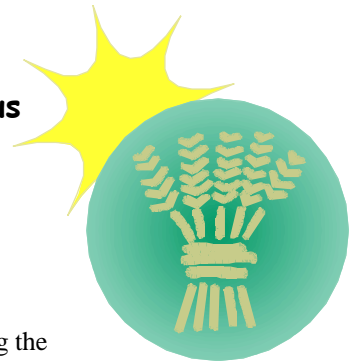
Whenever Jesus spoke or acted he never apologised or lacked confidence, but always spoke with a sense of **authority**. Now Christ gives us his name to speak in the same authority as he did. *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore (you) go ..."* This authority is the right of every true disciple who remains in close relationship with Christ, and under discipline. Look at Luke 9: 1-2. What does Jesus give to those he sends?

Power and Authority

!! GO WITH PURPOSE !!

Successful people always have a goal, a purpose upon which they set their sights. Our goal has **three objectives** which Jesus sets before us in his great commission. Study Matthew 28: 19-20 again carefully, then cross out those objectives which are not correct.

- ~~To get lots of people to make instant decisions for Christ~~
- To make disciples (trained, disciplined followers)
- ~~To make your church bigger than the others~~
- To baptise those who believe
- To teach them to do the same as Christ commanded us
- ~~To make a personal reputation as a great evangelist~~



!! GO WITH URGENCY !!

Have you ever been racing against time to get a job done before the end of the day? Preaching the good news to a dying world is like that. The unsaved are like a field of hay that needs to be harvested before it's lost. That's why it is so wrong to be complacent, or to say that the harvest is for a later date. Write out John 4: 35.

Do you not say, four months more and then the harvest? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest

!! GO WITH EXPECTATION !!

No one is pretending that our mission is easy. It's not. However God gives us this guarantee, that our labour will **not be in vain**. (1 Cor. 15:58) God's word is powerful. It **will yield results!** You **will** see souls saved! You **will** see needs met! Look up Isaiah 55: 10-11. This is God's promise to those who carry the words of life.

*"It will not return to me empty, but **will accomplish** what I desire, and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."*

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