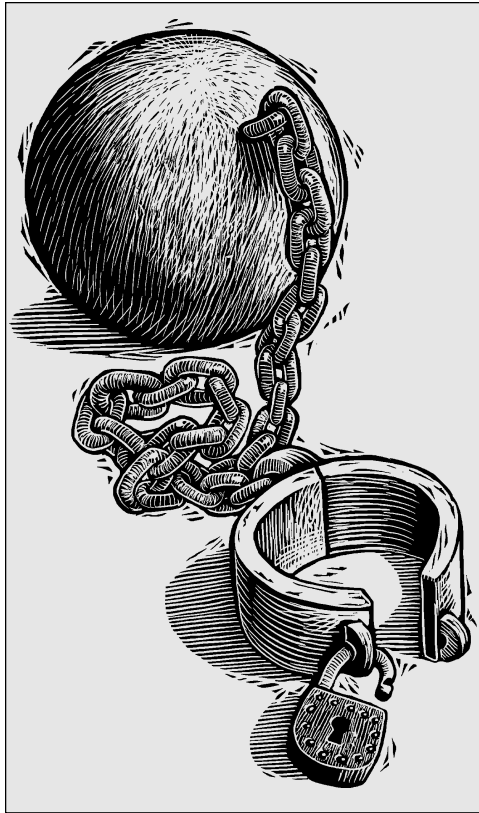


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# Introduction

Have you ever wondered what is wrong with the world? In America the standard of living is at an all time high. People set goals for themselves to obtain more luxuries, entertainment and the good things of life. When they reach that goal, they wonder “Is this all there is?” What is the purpose of it all?

Analysts claim that boredom is becoming America’s number one disease. They say we have won the battle against necessities, but we need to know what to do with the victory. People go to work in the morning not looking forward to the day and they return home in the evening with the same attitude. Is life really worth it? What is the purpose? Are there any answers?

There are some basic questions that many people are asking today.

1. Where did I come from?
2. Who am I?
3. Why am I here?
4. Where am I going?

The Bible is still the best selling book on the market, yet it is rarely read. It looks good on a bookshelf or table

*gathering dust. Does this ancient book that makes claims to be God's Word contain any answers to man's problems?*

*If there is a God, we would expect Him to communicate with us. Words have always been an accepted means of communication. If words mean anything and if the Bible is the Word of God (His message to us), then it is the most important book in the world for us to study.*

*The Bible claims it will stand forever. Isaiah 40:8 says: "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever." The Bible says people will last forever. Matthew 25:46 says: "And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."*

*God's Word is the only place where the truth of our eternal destiny is found. How important is that?*

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## 1. What is God like?

Read Psalm 89 and write down some things that describe God.

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## 2. What is man like?

From the first question, we see that God is (among other things) holy, just and loving. Since God is holy, He cannot live with sin; since He is just, He cannot allow sin into heaven and must punish sinners who die with sin on their record.

a. What is man's condition? (See Romans 3:10-12.)

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b. What do all men have in common and how does this affect man's position before God? (See Romans 3:23; 5:12.)

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c. What is God's penalty for sin? (See Romans 6:23.)

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d. What does God demand? (See Matthew 5:48.)

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e. What is the ultimate end for those who are judged? (See Revelation 20:11-15; Jude 7.)

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### **3. Who is Jesus Christ?**

In order for God to remain just and still have fellowship with man, He needed to have someone pay the penalty for sin; either we could pay it ourselves or a satisfactory substitute could pay it for us.

Jesus Christ, the God-man, was the only one who could meet God's requirements for a substitute. (See Hebrews 9:26; 10:4.)

Jesus Christ is the most unique person in history. He

has two natures: human and divine. Because of His human nature, He could identify with man's problems. Because of His divine nature, He is sinless and therefore a fit substitute. The following passages point out these traits.

a. His Deity.

What is the nature of the Word? (See John 1:1-4.)

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In John 10:30, Jesus said, "I and the Father are \_\_\_\_\_."

b. His Humanity

What nature did the Word take on? (See John 1:14; Hebrews 2:14.)

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#### 4. Good News

The word "Gospel" means good news.

a. What is the Gospel? (See 1 Corinthians 15:1-4.)

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b. Who did Christ die for? (See 1 Peter 3:18.)

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c. Where were our sins placed? (See 1 Peter 2:24.)

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d. What happened to our sins on the cross? (See 2 Corinthians 5:21.)

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e. Is there any proof that Jesus' death was enough to justify us before God? If there is proof, what is it? (See Romans 4:25.)

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f. If this proof did not exist (as in religions other than Christianity) where would that leave us? (See 1 Corinthians 15:13-19.)

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g. Mankind is always looking for ways to God. How many ways are there? (See John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5.)

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h. What is wrong with man's way? (See Proverbs 14:12.)

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**5. God's free gift.**

a. What compelled Christ to die for us? (See Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:9,10; John 3:16.)

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b. As sinners, what do we deserve? (See Romans 1:28–2:5.)

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c. In daily life as we work, we are paid because we: (See Romans 4:4.) Circle the correct answer.

- 1. Are given a gift
- 2. Earned it

d. What does eternal life cost us? (See Romans 6:23.)

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e. What is the opposite of grace? (See Romans 11:6).

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f. If I could earn my salvation then Christ died

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(See Galatians 2:21.)

g. God's gift is the result of His \_\_\_\_\_.

(See Romans 3:24.)

h. What is *grace*? (See Jeremiah 3:12; Romans 5:8; Titus 3:5.)

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## 6. Faith or works?

In the *sacrifice* of Christ on the cross and His resurrection from the dead, God has provided the way for everyone to go to heaven; yet not everyone is saved. Why not?

a. What is our responsibility personally?

(See Acts 16:31.)

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(See John 1:12.)

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(See Romans 4:5.)

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(See Romans 10:9,10.)

b. Does the law save us? (See Galatians 2:16; James 2:10.)

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c. Does religion save us? (See Romans 10:1-5; Matthew 7:21.)

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d. Does living a good moral life save us? (See Ephesians 2:8,9.)

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e. What is needed before we can believe? (See Romans 10:13-15; 2 Timothy 3:15.)

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f. What is faith? (See Romans 4:20,21; Hebrews 11:1.)

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g. What are some reasons why many people don't have salvation in Christ?

1. Romans 10:14

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2. 2 Corinthians 4:3,4

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3. John 3:19,20

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4. John 5:40-44; Romans 10:2,3

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5. Hebrews 2:1-3; Hebrews 4:1,2

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- h. Does God really punish sin and the rejection of Christ? (See Ephesians 5:5,6; John 3:36; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9; Hebrews 9:27; 10:26-31; 1 Corinthians 6:9,10.)
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## 7. In good hands

Since sin is what separates us from God, our security in Christ is only as good as the completeness of our forgiveness of sin.

- a. How many sins are forgiven at the moment we place our faith in Christ? (See Colossians 2:13,14; Hebrews 10:10-18.) Circle One.

1. All past sins
2. Only the small sins
3. All sins past, present and future

- b. Does it depend on us to keep our sins forgiven? (See Philippians 1:6; Hebrews 12:2.) Circle one.

Yes    No

- c. What can separate us from God after we are saved? (See Romans 8:26-39; Ephesians 1:13.) Circle One.

1. Our next sin
2. Satan
3. Nothing

- d. In Romans 5:1, we are told that we are justified, or declared righteous by God through faith. The opposite of justification is condemnation. What

position do we have in Christ? (See Romans 8:1; John 5:24.)

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e. Can any power separate us from God? (See John 10:28,29.)

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f. What happens if we sin after we are saved? (See Hebrews 7:25; 1 John 2:1,2.)

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### **8. How can I have assurance that I will go to heaven?**

Read the book of 1 John and examine yourself.

a. According to 1 John, what evidence should be found in your life to indicate you believe in Christ?

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b. According to 1 John, what evidence will be lacking in your life if you do not trust Christ?

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c. The believer will have a different attitude from the non-believer in the following five areas. What is your attitude regarding these areas?

d. God and His Word. (See 1 Corinthians 8:3; 1 John 2:3-6; Psalm 1:1,2.)

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e. Prayer. (See Hebrews 4:14-16.)

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f. The unsaved. (See Romans 10:1.)

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g. Sin. (See Proverbs 8:13; Genesis 39:7-9.)

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h. Other Christians. (See John 15:12.)

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### **9. That is the book for me.**

a. How is the Bible different from any other book? (See 2 Peter 1:20,21.)

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b. How does God's Word prepare us for life? (See 2 Timothy 3:16,17.)

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c. Why study the Word? (See 1 Peter 2:2.)

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d. According to 1 Corinthians 8:1, the knowledge of God's Word only produces arrogance unless it is mixed with love. Read Colossians 1:9-12 and list some things that

should be a result of our knowledge of God's Word.

e. How powerful is the Word? Hebrews 4:12.

f. How can we understand the Word? (See 1 Corinthians 2:10-14.)

g. According to John 17:17, God's Word is

## 10. I'm Saved. Now What?

I see from God's Word that I am a sinner. I believe Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay the penalty for my sins. I have turned (repented) of my sins and through faith in Christ I have received forgiveness of my sins. God has promised me a place in heaven with Him. It is great to know my future is secure in Christ, but what does all that have to do with my life here and now? What does that have to do with my job, my relationship to other people, my family, etc.?

In Colossians 2:6,7, we are told that just as we have received Christ, so are we to conduct our lives.

How did we receive Christ?

- a. What did Christ promise to believers? (See John 14:16,17.)

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- b. Where does the Holy Spirit live? (See Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 6:19,20.)

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- c. Do we have any power over sin and Satan? (See 1 John 4:4.)

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The world is in desperate need of an example—someone to look up to as a pattern for living. We are **not** to try to follow the life pattern of the family up the street or some other Christian. **Christ Himself** is to be our life pattern. (See Romans 8:29; Ephesians 5:1.)

God's purpose for us in this life is for us to **live a life that is pleasing to Him**. This is a life-long process as we become more like Christ every day. This does not happen instantly or automatically, but over time as we are obedient to God's Word.

- d. What are we commanded in Ephesians 5:18 and Galatians 5:16?

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e. What is the result of walking by the Spirit? (See Galatians 5:22,23.)

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f. What is the result of walking in the flesh? (See Galatians 5:19-21.)

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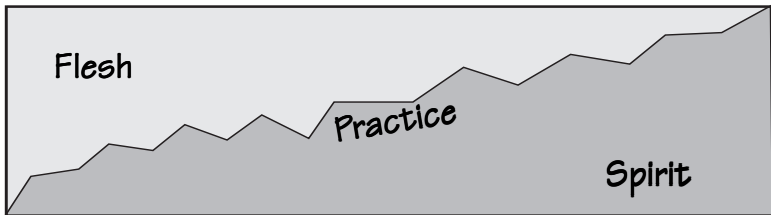
g. This diagram illustrates the Christian's struggle against the desires of the flesh, our position in Christ and the Spirit's control in our lives:

**No Condemnation:**

Romans 8:1; John 5:24

**Goal:**

Romans 8:29



**New Life:**

2 Corinthians 5:17

**Renewed Mind:**

Romans 12:1,2

**Reason for new life:**

Ephesians 2:10

**Transformed Life:**

2 Corinthians 3:18

## 11. Life priorities

Christ is not only Savior but also Lord. What are some characteristics of a follower of Jesus Christ?

a. Luke 9:23

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b. Romans 6:16

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c. John 13:34,35

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Our purpose in life is to live a life pleasing to God. Because we have been bought with a price, we should no longer live for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us.

What should be the priorities in our life?

d. Matthew 6:33

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e. 1 Timothy 3:4,5

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f. Ephesians 4:11, 12

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g. 1 Timothy 5:8; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-13

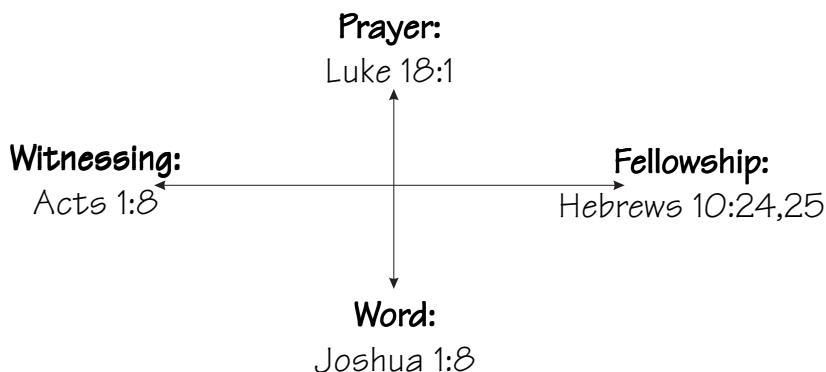
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h. According to Philippians 4:11-13, a Christian is not to be controlled by his

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The Christian life is not a life of extremes but of balance. Our life priorities must be according to the importance **God** puts on all areas of our life.

## 12. The balanced Christian life



Our relationship as believers in Jesus Christ is not only horizontal (relationship with other people) but also vertical (a vital, personal relationship with God).

## 13. Prayer

a. What does our position in Christ give us? (See Ephesians 2:18; John 9:31.)

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b. How are we to pray? (See John 14:13,14.)

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c. What condition do we need to meet for answered prayer? (See 1 John 5:14,15.)

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- d. What hinders our prayer life? (See 1 John 3:22; James 4:3.)
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#### 14. Witnessing

- a. Who has been given the ministry of reconciliation? (See 2 Corinthians 5:18.)
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- b. What was commanded in Matthew 28:19,20?
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- c. What should motivate us to share the Gospel with the lost? (See 2 Corinthians 5:15.)
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- d. From questions 2 through 6, find a Bible verse for each point of God's plan of salvation:

1. Man is a sinner.
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2. Sin separates us from God, who must punish sin.
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3. Christ died to pay the penalty for sin.
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4. Heaven is a free gift that we can receive by faith.
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## 15. Water baptism

At the time we trust Christ as Savior, we are spiritually cleansed. The Holy Spirit identifies us with Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13) in His death, burial and resurrection. As in Galatians 2:20, we are crucified with Christ and we live with Christ (Romans 6:3-11). Water baptism is an outward expression of that which has already taken place inwardly. It was initiated by Jesus Christ to be a public testimony of a person's identification with Him.

## 16. The Lord's Supper

From 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 we see that Christ instituted the Lord's Supper on the night He was betrayed.

- a. What is the reason for this observance? (See 1 Corinthians 11:24,25.)

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It is a time to look at our lives and recognize any areas where we are out of the will of the Lord and approach God with a sincere attitude of wanting to change to be conformed to the image of Christ. A suggested reading for a proper frame of mind before participating is 1 Peter 1 and 1 John 2:1-17.

## 17. Spiritual gifts—service

Every believer in Jesus Christ has at least one spiritual gift or special ability to serve other believers in the body of Christ.

a. Where do spiritual gifts come from? (See Romans 12:3-8.)

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b. Why were the gifts given? (See 1 Corinthians 12:7; Ephesians 4:12.)

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c. In what two areas are the gifts? (See 1 Peter 4:11.)

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d. For whose glory?

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## 18. Where do I go from here?

Living the Christian life is not without its difficulties. There is constant pressure to live your life like the rest of the world.

a. What pleases God? (See 2 Timothy 2:3,4.)

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In 2 Timothy 4:6-8 Paul says he is prepared to die because he lived his life to the fullest—second best was not good enough. We don't know how long the Lord has

given us on this earth.

How are you spending your time? Are you trying to keep up with the things of this world that God says He will one day burn up (2 Peter 3:10-13), or are you living in obedience to the Word and honestly seeking God's will in your life?

b. What does James say life is like? How should we plan for this life? (See James 4:13-17.)

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c. By finding God's will for your life you can live life to its fullest. **God wants what is best for you.** You should never be satisfied with anything less.

d. How can I know what God wants for my life? (See Psalm 119:105.)

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(See Proverbs 12:15.)

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God's Word has direction for all areas of our life: job, marriage, family, finances, church, service to God, etc.

It is a wise person who seeks God's direction in his life, for doing so eliminates many heartaches that come as a result of disobedience.

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