

CHRISTIANITY FOR EVERYONE

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Who is Jesus and what is He all about anyway? If you want to know more about Jesus Christ and the Bible, in an easy to understand format, then this publication is for you!

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Why, fear and embarrassment

You may ask, “Why should I embrace Christianity”? The answer to this question is both very simple and complex. In a very real sense, to fully understand Christianity, one needs to accept its truths at face value, and without question. I sincerely pray that upon reading this publication, you will be poised to enter into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and the Father.

Accepting the stories of the Bible may seem to be very strange at first, after all, what rational person believes the world was created in a literal six days? What about my friends and family, will they laugh at me? Let’s face it, none of us wants to be labeled as weird or strange. I cannot tell you how to calm your fears and anxiety or to alleviate nervousness. You should pray to God that He would help you through this difficult transitional period; do not rush, pray and take your time.

Christianity and other religions

For those who truly understand the core meaning of Christianity, to make reference to a religion is rather offensive, and most certainly inaccurate. More correctly, Christianity is properly described as a **relationship** to God the Father, through Jesus Christ. Reading the New Testament, we can find no reference to Christianity as a form or type of “religion”. No other world religious system claims to have such a relationship.

When we look objectively at a majority of Christian denominations, there are a variety of traditions, symbolism and practices that dominate their activities. Sadly, many well meaning, caring churches teach a blend of biblical truth, pagan beliefs, and human traditions. To clarify, in my opinion, mainstream Christianity does not practice the strict Christian teachings from the Bible. I am truly sorry to make such an assertion, but if one studies the Bible honestly, with an open heart and in prayer, there can be no other conclusion that may be reached.

The creation of the world

(Based upon Genesis Chapter 1)

Scripture records the account of how God created the world and all things. Human beings were created in the image of God so that we could be part of His eternal family. In fact, this remains the grand master plan of our Lord, that the righteous will live with Him forever. I believe that the world was created in a literal six days as described in the Bible, afterwards the Lord rested upon the seventh day. This day, the seventh day, is the true Sabbath day, created for man, so that we may rest and fellowship with the Lord.

Evolution vs creation

Our two choices are:

Choice #1

The universe, life, and all creation came to exist by random chance. Evolutionists scorn Christians for having “*blind faith*” in the Bible and existence of God. Objectively speaking, the evolutionists have a very great problem to deal with as we shall later see. As I understand, the Darwinian Theory of Evolution goes something like this: Long ago in the distant past, a singular event called the *Big Bang* occurred, bringing into being the universe, galaxies, stars, planets and such. This explosion created all things, distributing elemental matter and energy throughout. Allowing for eons of time, all of the astronomical bodies were created and formed. Continuing to allow for sufficient eons of time, life came into existence. Going forward, all of life’s glorious diversity and beauty, exist solely due to the process of evolution.

What exactly is evolution? What is its driving force? How precisely does it occur? Our children are taught in school that the human species evolved and descended from primates. Assuming this was actually possible, what was the catalyst for change? Why would a fully-evolved primate, or any other creature, perfectly adapted to its environment, undertake a process of evolution and change to improve and grow? Consider that all primates have the ability to mate and reproduce without genetic mutation. This biological capacity must have *evolved* as well, agreed? They are able to gather food, make a shelter, establish social structure, develop a language, communication skills, and so forth. All of these essential characteristics must by necessity, must also have *evolved* along with their physical makeup.

Given all this, what caused primates to slowly evolve into humans? Did they prefer to drive automobiles rather than swing from tree to tree? Would they rather play video games than chase sticks? Were they lacking anything? No. No. **No!** Science has determined that primates have something like 98-99% of our DNA, therefore they say it is a small evolutionary jump for primates to become human. This small genetic difference makes all the difference in the world, for primates are not on the same level as humans, nor did we evolve from them. Considering that God created humans to be part of His family, this small difference of 1-2% is enormous. Yes, all of life became animated and functional from *God’s breath*, but they were not all provided with His Spirit. This singular difference is the key that unlocks a right and proper understanding of this entire question.

Before moving on, may I ask you a question? Can you create something from nothing? If your answer is no, then the theory of evolution must be a lie, for this is its most basic premise. How about you go and create a wooden table. Can you do that? Great!! Before you begin, I should give you some conditions, namely: We will assume that you do in fact exist. No wood is available because trees do not exist, so you will need to create trees. To make a tree will require elements such as nitrogen, oxygen, carbon, and so on, so you must create them as well. Further, the tree will need soil, water, sunlight and heat, so you must add these to your creation to-do list. Also, you do not have any tools, computers, research facilities and so forth to help you, so they must be created as well. Have I left anything out?

Let us try another one shall we? I will give you all the parts required to assemble [not create] a car. Yes, all of the parts in a great big pile over there on the floor. Listen, it is almost lunch time and I am a bit hungry, and am going to run out for some lunch. While I am away, take all of the car parts and throw them at one another. That's right, you have the general idea. Now when I come back, you can show me the lovely car which you have assembled [not created]. What's that now, you need some tools? I am very sorry, but that would be cheating. You do not want to cheat do you? No, you assemble the car by randomly throwing the parts together. One more thing, there are no instructions or prints to follow, and the thousands of parts only fit together one way. Bye now, see you later, good luck and have fun!

Do you still want to believe in evolution? Can you create a rose? More specifically, can you create a rose from nothing? No. Therefore, the theory of evolution remains at best a quaint curiosity, which in reality is no more than a lie.

Choice #2

There is a sovereign God who has always existed, created all things, and recorded His word for us in the Bible. Yes, this acceptance is an act of *faith* that God does indeed exist. Those who believe in evolution also have a type of faith, a false faith mind you, but faith none the less. Their faith is this: A long ago big bang event distributed all of the matter and energy throughout the universe, although they cannot explain where the raw materials came from in the first place, or how this process got started. Nor how all things, inanimate and living were created by random chance. Have you finished the table or assembled the car yet? That evolution continues today at an imperceptibly slow pace (by faith), and that humans continue to evolve.

One final question they cannot answer is, why? What is purpose of life? Evolutionists cannot explain this. Philosophy cannot answer this question. God however, has answered this question for us in the Bible. Which will you choose? Either choice requires an act of faith. Will you enter into the light or continue to stumble around in the dark? Will you choose life or death? Make the right choice - **please**.

Formation of man and woman

Based upon Genesis Chapter 2

God created man and woman to keep and tend the Garden of Eden, name the animals, and to fellowship with Him forever. This perfect plan became corrupted and delayed by the curse of sin, and will soon come to fruition when Christ returns to the earth.

Curse of Sin

(Based upon Genesis Chapter 3)

It is very important for us to understand that God is good, holy and perfect. He cannot and will not, of His own sovereign power and will, cause anyone to sin. We are given free choice to obey Him or not, to sin or not. When the Lord created Adam and Eve and placed them in the garden, He told them to eat of the Tree of Life, but not of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Adam and Eve were told what not to do and were given free choice.

Satan the devil and one third of the angels rebelled against God, resulting in their expulsion from heaven. God will not allow any person with a disobedient heart to enter into the kingdom of heaven. See *2 Peter 2:4, Luke 10:18 and Revelation 12:9*. We are told in the Bible that Lucifer, the greatest and most beautiful angel (who is now called Satan), was evicted from God's presence for disobedience. This event took place at an unspecified time before the creation account in Genesis, and is the first recorded act of rebellion. By definition, sin is the transgression of, or direct disobedience to God and His Holy Laws. Satan entered the Garden of Eden as a serpent and tempted Adam and Eve to sin.

By this seemingly innocent event, sin and death entered into the world, which has been cursed ever since. Disobedience to God and His Laws carries an enormous price indeed. Very simply, the Bible illustrates by way of example, how we are commanded to behave towards God and our neighbours. The ultimate plan for God's children is revealed, along with the final and everlasting judgment against the wicked.

Journey from Eden

(Based upon Genesis Chapter 3)

Following the sin of Adam and wife Eve, the Lord banned them from dwelling with Him in the Garden of Eden. We are then told of the birth of their first two sons, Cain and Abel. Now Abel, was a keeper of sheep, and his brother Cain a tiller of the ground. Cain was jealous of Abel whom he ultimately killed. Why were Adam and Eve expelled from the garden? Because of sin. Here we see at least two examples of sin between Cain and Abel. Cain became jealous of Abel because the Lord only found Abel's sacrifice acceptable.

We are nowhere told that the Lord explained to Cain and Abel how to make an acceptable sacrifice. However, the Lord must have done so, else how would they have known? This story illustrates a very important key to understanding the Bible. Scripture often holds a less obvious and double meaning. Does the absence of a particular teaching definitively prove it was not taught? No. I will illustrate another example of this in the story of Noah.

The Flood

(Based upon Genesis Chapter 6)

Many hundreds of years later, the descendants of Adam and Eve gave birth to Noah. Scripture records that Noah was a just man who walked with God. This obviously implies that Noah obeyed the voice of the Lord along with His commandments. The Lord was determined to destroy the world and all mankind because of sin and wickedness. Noah was commanded to build an ark to preserve his life, and the lives of his sons and their wives, eight people in all. Notice that the Bible only records that Noah obeyed the Lord. We are not explicitly told that his sons, or their wives were just in the eyes of the Lord. I believe that Noah's family was saved because of his own obedience to the Lord.

Other people in the land scorned and mocked Noah for undertaking such a ridiculous project. When the ark was completed, God brought the unclean animals, male and female into the ark. Notice what else happened. Of the clean animals, God brought them by sevens, the male and his female. Although not described previously anywhere in scripture, the difference between clean and unclean animals is quite significant. I will leave it to you to read *Leviticus 10-11* to investigate the meaning of clean and unclean animals.

God calls Abram

(Based upon Genesis Chapters 12 to 17)

Abram lived in the land of Ur of the Chaldees. This city and its people worshiped idols of wood, stone, and so forth, thereby sinning greatly before the Lord. We are told very little of Abram's life beforehand, but we do know that the Lord called upon him. Abram was told to leave Ur, himself and all his family, and travel to a new land. By **faith**, Abram believed God and obeyed His voice. In Chapter 15, Abram complains to the Lord that he did not have children for an heir. Verse 4-6 *"And behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying; This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thy own bowels shall be thine heir. And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now towards heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: And he said unto him, So shall they seed be. And he believed in the LORD, and he counted it to him for righteousness."*

Within these few verses we begin to learn a number of important facts. Abram was concerned that he as yet, had no children, and in particular a son. The Lord in response told Abram that he would indeed have an heir, and that his descendants would be innumerable. Verse 6 tells us that he believed God, and that this belief, or faith in His word was counted to him for righteousness. Notice that Abram's faith was much deeper than "Yes, I believe simply that God exists". Of course Abram believed that God was real, because he followed God's instructions to take himself and his family out of Ur, into a new land which he did not know. Abram was not provided with "proof" that God was indeed God, nor was he given concrete, material evidence that God would accomplish what He said. No, Abram believed in and upon the voice of God. There was no disbelief on the part of Abram, nor did he ask God for proof of His word. The most important words in the entire Bible are "Obey my voice", which all of us would do well to remember.

Chapter 16 opens with a discourse between Sarai and Abram that she had, as of yet borne no children. Because of her impatience and disbelief, Sarai formulated a plan whereby she would obtain a child through her husband Abram and Hagar, her Egyptian handmaiden. Let us again see the meaning of true faith, along with the consequences of disbelief.

Verses 3-6

"And Sarai Abram's wife, took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram, to be his wife. And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes. And sarai said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom, and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee. But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thy hand; due to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face."

Notice that Sarai approached Abram with her plan, which was not authorized or commanded by God. After Hagar became pregnant she straight away despised Sarai, her mistress, and Abram's lawful wife. In the course of time, the Lord fulfilled His promise to Abram and Sarai, that they would indeed have their own child, a child of their old age. This story is laid out for us, commencing in Chapter 21. It was inevitable that tensions would arise within the family because of Isaac and Ishmael. After Sarah told Abraham to send Hagar Ishmael away, God took care of them in the wilderness, promising great blessings. ** *God changed Sarai's name to Sarah and Abram's name to Abraham - see Verse 17.*

Abraham's Sacrifice

Based upon Genesis Chapter 22

In order to test and confirm Abraham's (Abram) faith, the Lord brought him and his son Isaac to a remote mountain, upon which God told Abraham to sacrifice Isaac as an offering, his most beloved son. Do you fully grasp this? What would you have done in his place? Would you have still trusted God? Was God behaving cruelly or unkind? Why would He have commanded Abraham to do such a thing? Quite simply, God was testing Abraham's faith, but had no intention of allowing Isaac to be harmed. Please also read *Hebrews Chapter 11*.

Because Abraham believed and trusted God and did not withhold his beloved son Isaac, his faith was accounted to him for righteousness, *Genesis 22:17-18 "That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and they seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou has obeyed my voice."*

Wow! This was a tremendous blessing. Why was God going to bless Abraham, Isaac and his generations? Because Abraham obeyed [both in his heart and by his actions], the voice of the Lord. This is the pure and true perfect meaning of faith. We must all learn this lesson well. His descendants were to number into the billions, hence the imagery of the sand and stars. Question, does this prophecy refer to the nation of Israel as we know it today? Answer, no. For starters, the physical people of Israel, even including those who have died, would not number into the billions. Nor is it representative of all people who have ever lived. Are they, as a people, as numerous as the stars? No.

Notice also, the reference to all nations of the earth, that they would be blessed. This certainly is a far-reaching blessing indeed. Is God telling Abraham that every person on earth would be blessed? I think the answer in both cases is no. The Bible tells us that God provides sunshine and rain on both the just and unjust. He maintains all of Earth's systems in perfect balance to maintain His creation. Does this imply that God approves of the wicked and their sins? No. Will they be blessed in their wickedness? No. But God is merciful and gracious, granting a basic level of blessings for all people, desiring that they will turn and come to Him. The truth is however, that only individuals from all nations who are obedient, love God and obey His voice will truly receive blessings.

Exodus from Egypt

One of Isaac's son's, Jacob, received extra blessings from God. To make things brief, God declared that Jacob would henceforth be called Israel. It is the twelve sons of Israel (Jacob), that formed the twelve tribes, representing the physical nation of Israel. Note: The Israeli nation of today are mainly the ancestors of Judah and Benjamin, and not all of the original twelve tribes. I will skip over the details of how the Israeli people became enslaved in Egypt, foretold in advance by God to Abraham, All of this is described in the book of Genesis, which I recommend you read in its entirety. The Lord told Abraham that his descendants would reside in a foreign land for 400 years, and indeed they were.

The first couple chapters of Exodus describe the terrible conditions of Israel in bondage to the Egyptians. How Moses comes into the story is also described for us here. Essentially, Moses became the adopted son of Pharaoh. In time, Moses left Egypt and traveled across the desert to the land of Midian, where he married and dwelt for 40 years. It was now time for God to reveal Himself to Moses, where He appeared as a burning bush. *See Exodus: 2-4.* Moses was commanded to return to the land of Egypt to free the people from bondage. Here we see another example of true faith. Imagine for a moment how Moses must have felt. Based upon commandments from God, whom he had just met (think about that for a moment!), Moses was to undertake what must have seemed an impossible task. To summarize the end result of our story, the Lord sent Moses sent plagues upon Egypt, and eventually Pharaoh let the people of Israel go free. What a marvelous story!

Kings and Prophets

Fast forward in time to the narrative described in 1 Samuel through 2 Chronicles. As the various kings of Israel and Judah came in and out of power, the people variously obeyed and disobeyed God's Laws and Commandments. During this time God did not give His Holy Spirit to the people in general, rather they were to obey in the letter of the law. Kings who obeyed, and prophets sent by God, were granted the Spirit of God, to guide them in obedience to His Laws and Commandments. Repeatedly however, the prophets warned the people to repent and turn away from sin and their evil ways, which more the most part, they did not.

Our Saviour He cometh

The entire Bible is really the story about Jesus Christ, and His plan to deal with sin once and for evermore. Within this brief document, it is impossible to thoroughly detail all the prophecies of Jesus, commencing in *Genesis 2*, although we will take a look at some of them. It was always planned by Jesus Christ and the Father to provide a remedy and sacrifice for sin and death. He (Jesus), who was sinless, Holy and perfect, willingly came to earth, born to die, for yours, mine, and all our collective sins. Jesus was born of the virgin Mary and grew up as a human, with all our temptations to sin. He came as a perfect sacrifice, Holy and blameless. During His brief ministry, He taught about the Kingdom of Heaven, eternal life, destruction of the wicked, worship, sabbath, and many other things. It is written in the Bible that the heavens could not contain all of the books, recording everything Jesus did while here on Earth.

From before the foundation of the world, Jesus Christ and the Father planned to provide a perfect, Holy sacrifice for sin and death through the shedding of innocent blood. Jesus, who was perfect in all ways, came to earth as a human baby, born to die so that we may live.

Isaiah 7:14

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

Isaiah 9:6

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Luke 1:30-31

*"And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS." **These verses are related, recorded centuries apart in time, and speak of the birth of Christ.***

Sufferings of Christ foretold

Isaiah 53:3-6

"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem his stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

For If I Go Away I Will Come Again

John 16:7-10

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye shall see me no more;"

Verse 16

"A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me because I go to the Father."

Verses 27-28

"For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father."

John 14:1-3

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” **Jesus was speaking of His crucifixion, death and resurrection.**

My life is laid down for you

John 15:7-14

“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.” **Jesus gave up His human life for our sins, and calls those who obey and follow Him friends. Do you want God (Jesus is indeed fully God), to count you as His friend? I pray the answer is a resounding YES!**

All things were made by Him

1 John 1-14

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. 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: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.”

**** The ‘Word’ is none other than Jesus Christ.**

For God sent His Son

John 3:5-8

“Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh: and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”

Verses 13-19

“And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up. That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have external life.

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 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. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”

**** The ‘Son of man’ is Jesus Christ.**

Blessed Are They

Matthew 5:3-12

“Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you”.

**** This small portion of ‘The Sermon on the Mount’ is a particularly lovely and powerful section of scripture. Please Chapters 5-7 inclusive, and the importance of His teachings will (hopefully) be obvious.**

Call Upon the Name of the Lord

Romans 10:9-13

"That 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. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Romans 14:11-12

"For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

****There are only two classes of people in the Bible, the saved and unsaved.**

Saved=Eternal Life

Unsaved=To Perish

Love God and keep His Commandments

1 John 2:1-6

"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk, even as he walked."

1 John 5:1-5

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know him that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

Revelation 14:12

"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith in Jesus." **Obedience to, and the active, purposeful keeping of the Commandments of God is very, very important.**

Next steps

Over the course of these few pages I have tried my best to provide you with a compressed narrative of the church and Bible history, but this is not an exhaustive study. May I humbly make a small request of you? Please, please set aside some time and effort to read the Bible and pray for guidance from the Father. Ideally, it would be absolutely wonderful if you are able to commit the time and effort to read the entire Bible. Please do so if you are able as you will be greatly blessed! Being realistic, I will suggest something simpler and more manageable.

Can you set aside time to read these Bible sections over the next few months?

1. Genesis
2. Exodus 1-20
3. Matthew
4. Luke 1-2
5. John 1-3
5. Acts 1-3
6. Revelation 20-22

This is not a lot of reading, and may be read in a fairly short period of time. Particularly, if you have no or little familiarity with the Bible, I recommend taking things steady, slow and easy - do not rush, but keep at it. Above all, repent of your sins with all your heart, and pray the Father to forgive your sins, for He most certainly will. Do not become discouraged if you are not getting results straightaway. Our Lord works in His own way and time; try to be patient and listen to Him. May you be blessed always and give your heart and being to Jesus Christ.

John 3:16

“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.”

Romans 3:23

“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”

Romans 6:23

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Romans 10:13

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

John 1:12

“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become sons of God, even to them who believe on his name.”

Isaiah 45:22

“Look unto me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.”

Blessed forever be the precious name of JESUS CHRIST!

Steps to salvation

For ***all have sinned*** and come short of the glory of God. **Romans 3:23**

For the wages of ***sin is death***. **Romans 6:23**

Seek ye the LORD while he may be found. **Isaiah 55:6-9**

Look unto me and be saved, all ye ends of the earth. **Isaiah 45:22**

For whosoever shall ***call upon the name of the LORD*** shall be saved. **Romans 10:13**

For God so loved the world, that he gave ***his only begotten Son***. **John 3:16**

But as many as received him, to them gave he power, even those who ***believe on his name***. **John 1:12**

Repent and be baptized for the remission of sins. **Acts 2:38**

We love God by ***keeping his commandments***: **1 John 5:2-3**

**Partial scripture quotations

~ MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!! ~