

9. How can I tell if I am saved or not?

We "all have sinned" and therefore have earned death as the "wages" of our sins.

First: Everyone who sins, dies.

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

Second: Everyone sins.

Romans 3:23 *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*

Third: We can escape death only through the forgiveness of our sins.

Acts 2:38 *"And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins."*

Romans 6:23 *"...but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

10. Are most people saved and going to be in God's Kingdom?

No, Jesus taught that most people will perish.

Matthew 7:13 *"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few."*

Matthew 22:14 *"For many are called, but few are chosen."*

Salvation is conditional. If we do nothing, we will die in our sins but if we repent, get baptized and walk faithfully, we will receive God's gift of life through His mercy.

John 3:18 *Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.*

We can only be saved by a faith based on God's word, the Bible.

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Jeremiah 29:13 *You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the Lord.*

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Ten Bible Questions



with
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Answers

1. Who is God?

God is identified in the Bible as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel) and Jesus.

Acts 3:12-13 Peter ... addressed the people: "Men of Israel, ... The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus.

There is one and only one God who alone is to be worshipped as God.

Exodus 20:1-6 And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, ..."You shall have no other gods before me. ... You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God,..."

2. Does God approve all religions?

No, God takes great offence at being falsely characterized by those who do not worship Him as He has revealed Himself to us (in "truth"). Such false worship is sin, unacceptable and will not be rewarded.

See **Exodus 20:1-6** (cited above)

John 4:23-24 "...the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

3. Who is Jesus Christ?

Jesus is a unique human being, who is "Son of God" and "Son of Man." He was born of mankind through Mary, His mother. He was born of God by the Holy Spirit, which "overshadowed" Mary to conceive Jesus, making Him a "begotten" (conceived) son of God.

Luke 1:35 "The Holy Spirit will come upon you [Mary], and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy— the Son of God [Jesus].

1Timothy 2:5 "... there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

To "conceive" proves His beginning of life was in Mary's womb as God's "begotten" son.

Psalms 2:7 The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

Scriptures declare "David" as Jesus' ancestral "father", which can only be true if Jesus was born of Mary's physical seed. Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah (the Christ).

Luke 1:32 "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the

throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob [Israel] forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Romans 1:3 ...concerning his [God's] Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh...

4. What happens to us when we die?

We return to the dust from which we were made.

Ecclesiastes 3:19-20 For what happens to the children of man and what happens to the beasts is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and man has no advantage over the beasts, for all is vanity. All go to one place. All are from the dust, and to dust all return.

We remain in the grave unconscious, with no sense of time or thought.

Ecclesiastes 9:5 For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten. Their love and their hate and their envy have already perished,"

5. Can we live again after death?

There will be a resurrection of the good and the bad to be judged. Those judged as good (the faithful) will live forever in God's Kingdom.

Matthew 25:32-34 Before him [Jesus] will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Jude 21 "...keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

The bad, the "cursed" will be resurrected to condemnation.

Matthew 25:41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed...

Revelation 20:12-15 "And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. ... and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. ...This is the second death..."

The reward is life eternal, the punishment is "death", (ie: they cease to exist, see question 4)

6. Where is God's Kingdom?

Presently, it is in Heaven only but will soon be established on earth when Christ returns in power and glory. We are instructed by Jesus to pray God's Kingdom will come to this earth.

Matthew 6:10 "...thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven."

Revelation 11:15 "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."

Acts 1:11 "This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

7. Why does God let bad things happen to good people?

God lets bad things happen to all people. No one's life is without some problems, although some have more than others.

Ecclesiastes 9:11 "Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to those with knowledge, but time and chance happen to them all."

The quality of our mortal life now, is not an indicator of the quality of our relationship with God nor is it an indicator of our salvation.

Ecclesiastes 7:14-15 "In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider: God has made the one as well as the other..."**15** There is a righteous man who perishes in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man who prolongs his life in his evil-doing.

Many good men, whom God viewed as righteous, have suffered greatly: ie.: Jesus Christ, Paul, Job, Stephen...

8. Is infant baptism sufficient to save us?

No, by definition the word 'baptism', derived from the Greek word "baptizo" means to 'immerse' requiring full immersion (below the surface) in water for baptism to be valid. Such a baptism must follow a profession of faith by the baptized person.

Acts 8:35-38 "Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus...**38** they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him."