

# WHY WAS THE BIBLE WRITTEN?

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### **A UNIQUE BOOK**

The 66 books of the Bible were written by some forty men, from six countries, over a period of sixteen hundred years.

These men were separated by time, distance, culture, and language; yet the Bible is characterized by unity and harmony.

Would this be true of any other book written under similar circumstances? Why is it true of the Bible?

The only reasonable explanation is to accept what the Bible claims for itself.

*2 Timothy 3:16* The Bible is inspired by \_\_\_\_\_. BUT, WHY DID GOD CAUSE THE BIBLE TO BE WRITTEN? Let's look at some of the reasons.

### **TO REVEAL GOD**

The universe bears witness to the existence of a Supreme Being who designed it and created it. The Bible reveals:

- 1) His identity
- 2) His nature
- 3) His will for man

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### TO GUIDE US

Repeatedly, history has demonstrated man's inability to guide himself morally and spiritually. Confusion, chaos, and misery have always followed his attempts to do so.

We need an authoritative standard; we need God's wisdom to direct us.

### 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

- 1) 1. Is the Bible a complete and adequate guidebook?      Yes - No.
- 2) 2. Do we need additional revelation?      Yes - No.

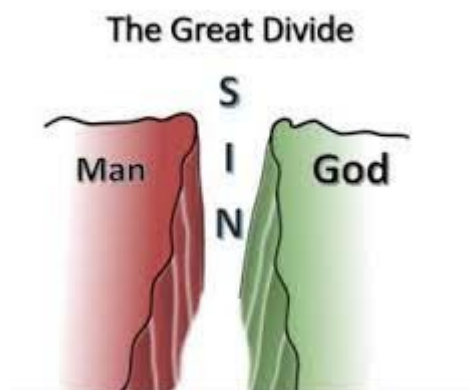


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### TO ANSWER LIFE'S GREATEST QUESTIONS

- 1) WHERE DID I COME FROM? Genesis 1:27
- 2) WHY AM I HERE? Ecclesiastes 12:13 The most important thing in life is to
  - a. fear \_\_\_\_\_ and keep his \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) WHERE AM I GOING?
  - a. Ecclesiastes 12:7 What happens to man's spirit at death?
  - b. John 5:28-29 Will both the good and the evil be raised? Yes - No
  - c. Matthew 25 When Christ returns, he will sit on his throne and people from all \_\_\_\_\_ will be gathered before him. He will put some on his \_\_\_\_\_ and others on the \_\_\_\_\_ (versus 31-33).
  - d. What will he say to those on the right? (verse 34) To those on the left? (verse 41)



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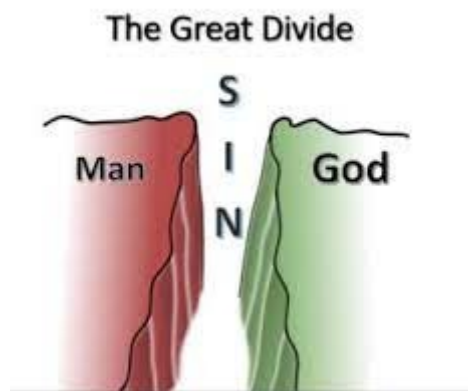
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e. After facing Christ in the judgment, we will go away into eternal \_\_\_\_\_ or eternal \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 46).

### TO REVEAL SIN AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

We sin in thought, in word, in deed, and by failing to do things we should do. The average person sins many times daily. If we committed an average of only three sins per day, in a year we would have the guilt of more than a thousand sins upon us. Think of the sins committed in a lifetime.

- 1) Romans 1:18 What is God's attitude toward our sins?
- 2) Isaiah 59:1-2 Sins create a separation between us and God.



The Bible reveals that God is perfect, holy, and sinless. It is impossible for him to allow mankind, with the guilt of sin upon him, to live in his presence and have fellowship with him.

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Man's separation from God, because of sin, is the underlying cause of all the problems and sorrows in the world.

The entire human race is searching for peace within, but it cannot be found outside of fellowship with God.

Guilty sinners will be separated from God in eternity as well as in this life.

Because God loves us, he wants to forgive us and receive us back into this fellowship, but his holiness and justice demand that the penalty for our sins be paid.

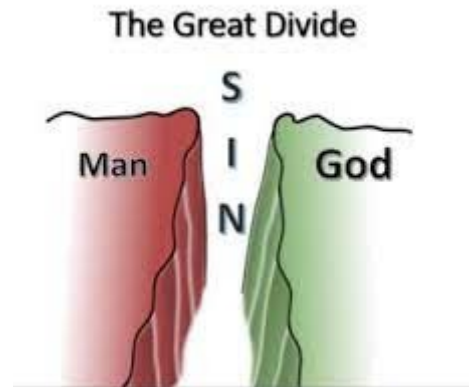
Sin is so terrible and so offensive to God that all man's efforts to pay its penalty are insufficient. It is impossible for us to earn forgiveness.

- Human wisdom
- Education
- Morality
- Keeping the Ten Commandments
- Doing good deeds

**IS THERE NO HOPE FOR US? IS THERE ANY WAY OUT OF THE SIN DILEMMA?**

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### **TO REVEAL GODS ANSWER TO THE SIN PROBLEM** Romans 5:6-10

NOTE: This was written to save people and remind them how salvation is made possible.

- 1) Are we able to solve the sin problem by ourselves? (verse 6) Yes - No
- 2) How did God demonstrate his love for us? (verse 8) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) We can be justified (made free from sin's guilt) by Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 9)
- 4) A guilty sinner is an enemy of God. (verse 10) Yes - No
- 5) As sinners we can be reconciled to God (made God's friends) through
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 10)

Since Christ was sinless, God accepted his death on the cross as payment for the penalty for our sins. This makes it possible for God to forgive us and yet maintain his holiness and justice.

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### HOW CAN WE RECEIVE FORGIVENESS THROUGH THE DEATH OF CHRIST?

Romans 5:1 We are justified (made free from sin's guilt) by \_\_\_\_\_.

### WHAT IS SAVING GRACE? IS IT:

- 1) Just believing in the one true God? James 2:19 Yes – No
- 2) Just believing the facts about Jesus? John 12:42-43 Yes – No
- 3) Hebrews 5:8-9 Christ saves those who have enough faith in him to \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- 4) Acts 2:37-38 points out that there is something we must do.
- 5) Romans 10:9-10 In addition to believing in Jesus, we must \_\_\_\_\_ him in order to be saved.
- 6) Acts 17:30-31 God requires us to \_\_\_\_\_. This means to make a decision to turn from sin and serve God.
- 7) Mark 16:15-16 Jesus promises to save us [ ] before we are baptized, [ ] after we are baptized.
- 8) Romans 6:3-4 Is one in Christ (in union with him) before he is baptized?  
Yes – No
- 9) Baptism is [ ] a burial [ ] sprinkling [ ] pouring.
- 10) Acts 8:35-39 Baptism involved going down into the water and coming up out of the water. This is because in being baptized, a person [ ] is buried in water [ ] has water sprinkled or poured on him.
- 11) Have you been baptized (buried, immersed in water)? Yes – No

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- 12) If yes, was it in your understanding at the time that one is saved before baptism or after baptism?
- 13) One cannot hear error, believe error, and then be baptized, right?

## WHAT RELIGION OR CHURCH SHOULD A PERSON BELONG TO AFTER SALVATION?

- 1) Matthew 16:18 How many churches did Jesus promise to build?
- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Ephesians 1:22-23 Jesus' church is also called his \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) 1 Corinthians 12:27 Christians are members of Christ's body, his church.
- 4) Ephesians 4:4-6 There is one body, just as there is one Lord, one faith, one
- 5) baptism, and one God. Yes - No
- 6) Since the one body is the church, how many churches does Jesus have?
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) When a person believes in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, repents,
- a. confesses his faith in Jesus, and is baptized, his sins are forgiven, and Jesus recognizes him as a member of his spiritual body, his church.
- 8) Every religion, denomination, and church on earth other than Jesus' church,
- a. his body, was originated by man. They all teach man-made doctrines which are not in harmony with God's word, the Bible.



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### THE VOICE OF GOD -VS- THE VOICE OF HISTORY

- 1) Matthew 15:9 Those who teach the commandments of men as religious doctrines worship God in vain. Yes – No
- 2) Matthew 7:21-23 Many religious people who call Jesus "Lord" will hear him say, "Depart from me" one day. Yes – No
- 3) In order to go to heaven, we must do the will of \_\_\_\_\_.  
God's will is revealed in \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) Rather than embracing some man-made religion, it should be our desire to follow Christ as members of his body, his church. Yes - No
- 5) Matthew 28:18-20 After being baptized, we are expected to continue learning and doing what Christ commands us.
- 6) 1 John 5:13; Revelation 2:10 Faithful Christians have the assurance of eternal life in heaven.
- 7) If you died today, would you go to heaven? Yes – No
- 8) Do you want this assurance? Yes – No
- 9) Do you believe in Jesus Christ? Yes – No
- 10) Are you willing to repent? Yes – No
- 11) Are you willing to be baptized? Yes – No

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12) After being baptized, are you willing to continue learning and doing what Christ has commanded? Yes - No

If you answered YES to the last 5 questions, please let us know you would like to have help in accepting Christ's free gift of salvation by emailing us at [Dr.HerbertMoore@gmail.com](mailto:Dr.HerbertMoore@gmail.com) or phone us at 678-232-3106.