



Key Truths
You Need to Know!

Here's Why...

*Many things in life are important but nothing
is more important than the Key Truths
you are about to read!*

Key Truth 1: *God Exists*



Few (if any) of us have questions with our own existence, but there are many who struggle with the existence of God! Can we prove God's existence? There is no need to do so, for God's existence is a self-evident fact. The Bible nowhere attempts to prove God's existence but merely assumes it as a fact! The fact of creation not only tells us that God exists but that He is a God of glory and majesty.

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. -
Genesis 1:1*

*The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the
work of his hands. - Psalm 19:1,2*

*For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-his
eternal power and divine nature-have been clearly seen, being
understood from what has been made, so that men are without
excuse. - Romans 1:20*

8 Truth 2: *God Has Spoken*



God has revealed Himself to us through nature (general revelation) but He has most specifically revealed Himself to us through His Word, the Bible. The Bible is actually a collection of 66 Books written by



some 40 authors over a span of 1,500 years. These writers were from a variety of backgrounds (a military general, shepherds, kings, a medical doctor, a tax collector, fishermen, etc.). They wrote on three continents and in three languages. Yet the Bible is a harmonious unity

wherein each part is interdependent upon the others to be complete. These authors were moved by the Holy Spirit so that what they wrote can truly be said to be *“the inspired Word of God.”*

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. - Timothy 3:16,17

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's 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. - 2 Peter 1:20,21

Truth 3: *We Are Sinners*



We don't need the Bible to know that something, at some point, went wrong with us human beings. Why do we tend to be so selfish? Why do we have fits of anger, jealousy and bitterness? Why is there sickness,



sorrow and death in this world? Why do we all find it such a struggle to be more loving, kind, and considerate? However, the Bible does tell us when, where and how the world came to be the place it is today! The problem is most accurately defined in the word sin. The first man Adam was created morally perfect but he disobeyed His Maker. Since Adam

was the representative head of the human race, when he fell, we fell also. As his offspring we are sinners by nature and sinners by choice.

And the LORD God commanded the man (Adam), You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die. - Genesis 2:16,17

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. - Romans 5:12

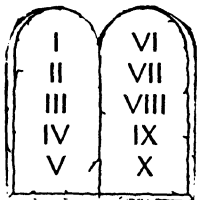
Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. - Psalm 51:5

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. - Romans 3:23

8 — Truth 4: *God's Law Is the Witness Against Us*



We can know we are sinners by simply comparing our attitudes, words and actions against God's Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). Who of us can say that we have never taken God's Name in vain? Can you say that you have always obeyed your mother and father? Can you claim to have never lied, stolen or defrauded another? Simply put, sin is the breaking of or the failing to keep God's Commandments. The true God is a holy God who has given holy laws and He demands perfect obedience to His perfect laws. This creates a dilemma for us!



Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. - 1 John 3:4

Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins. - James 4:17

You have heard that it was said, Do not commit adultery. But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. - Matthew 5:27,28

8 Truth 5: *God Is the Just Judge*



This dilemma is further compounded when we learn that the God who has given us His holy laws is also a God of perfect justice. He is the just Judge of the universe. Justice simply put means, “we get what we deserve.” Since we have failed to obey His laws perfectly we stand guilty and He is obliged to condemn us for our sin. The Bible actually does teach of a place of conscious torment where all who die in their sins will be punished for eternity.

You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell. The arrogant cannot stand in your presence; you hate all who do wrong. - Psalm 5:4,5

*God is a righteous judge, a God who expresses his wrath everyday. -
Psalm 7:11*

*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in
Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 6:23*

*But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murders, the sexually
immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars-
their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the
second death. - Revelation 21:8*

And now for the Good News! ⇒

8 Truth 6: *Jesus Christ Is Fully God and Fully Man*



What is the answer to this dilemma of sin? Is it religion? Is it sincerity? Is the solution in a serious effort to be good? No! The answer is to be found in the Person and the work of the Lord Jesus Christ! Why Jesus Christ? Because of who He is!! Jesus is God the Son, the second Person of the Blessed Trinity who left heaven's glory and was conceived as to His humanity in the womb of a virgin, by the Holy Spirit (the third Person of the Trinity). Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man (he possesses two natures but is one divine Person). He was like us in every way except for sin.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. - John 1:1,14

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"-which means, God with us. - Matthew 1:22,23

But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. - 1 John 3:5

And just how did he do that?

8 — *Truth 7: Jesus Christ Died For Sinners*



The wages of sin is death, but Jesus never sinned. Because He kept God's commandments perfectly He never deserved to die any sort of death. But Jesus willingly went to the cross saying in effect, "Father, put to My account the sins of fallen humans and judge Me in their place. Satisfy your holy, just anger against sin, by judging Me in the place of hell deserving sinners." And that is exactly what happened at the cross. God the Father poured out His righteous wrath on His Son Jesus. The perfect Son of God, died as a substitute in the place of sinners so as to provide reconciliation and forgiveness of sin for fallen people.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. - 2 Corinthians 5:20,21

Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. - Isaiah 53:4-6



For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit. - 1 Peter 3:18

8 Truth 8: *Jesus Christ Rose On the Third Day*



Jesus Christ died for sinners, but the story does not end here. Just as He predicted before His death, Jesus physically, bodily, literally, rose from the dead on the third day. This is not myth nor legend, but a verifiable historical fact. Jesus Christ conquered sin, death and the devil and rose in an immortal, glorified body, never to die again. By raising Jesus from the dead, God the Father testified that His Son had indeed accomplished the work of salvation He sent His Son into the world to do! Jesus is no dead religious hero. He is the living Lord of Glory. He ascended into heaven and is



seated at the right hand of God until He returns for the general resurrection and judgment.

Now as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside and said to them, We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life! - Matthew 20:17-19

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time,

most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

- 1 Corinthians 15:3-6

God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

- Acts 2:32,33

*He's Alive! And the only one
who ever came out of the grave never
to die again!*

8 — Truth 9: *You Must Repent and Trust the Lord Jesus Christ*



What should your response be to this message so clearly set forth in God's Word the Bible? God calls you to repent of your sin. Repentance is recognizing you are on the broad road to destruction, recognizing you deserve God's righteous wrath. After all, you have merited nothing more. In repentance you turn from your reliance on religion, your self-righteousness, your self-effort. In turning from your sin you come to God in an act of saving faith. Simply put, saving faith can be defined as: **Forsaking All I Trust Him**. When we trust Christ and Christ alone as Lord and Savior from sin, God forgives us all of our sin. He reconciles us unto Himself, removes our

guilt and grants us a right standing with Him. He then adopts us into His eternal family.

In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. – Acts 17:30

He then brought them out and asked, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? They replied, Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household. – Acts 16:30,31

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. – Matthew 7:13,14

Jesus answered, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. – John 14:6

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into his grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. – Romans 5:1,2

And now for the great adventure!

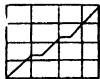
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8 Truth 10: *The Christian Life Is One of Growth*



Trusting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is not an end, but the beginning of a life that should grow more and more full and exciting. If you would grow properly you need to feed your soul.

You do so by spending time reading and studying the Bible. You also need to develop a prayer life. God speaks to us through His word but we need to pray asking the Holy Spirit to illuminate our understanding and to enable us to be obedient to God's will. There is also the need to understand that the Christian life is not a solitary experience. All true Christians need to find and unite with a solid, Christ loving, Bible believing, gospel-preaching congregation. Additionally, as Christians we learn that our lives are to be lives of service to the God who has graciously saved us.



Jesus answered, It is written: Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. – Matthew 4:4

Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart. – Psalm 119:34

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching. – Hebrews 10:25

This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone. – Titus 3:8

We'd love to hear from you! ⇒

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