



Our Salvation

What does it mean to be a Christian?

For now we are all children of God through faith in Jesus Christ, and we who have been baptized into union with Christ are enveloped by Him. We are no longer Jews or Gentiles, or slaves or free men, or even merely men or women, but we are all the same — we are Christians; we are one in Jesus Christ.
(Galatians 3:26-28 – LB)

What does it mean that “we are no longer Jews or Gentiles or slaves or free or even merely men or women?”

What makes us a part of the family of God?

What do most people think is the meaning of life?

In what ways do people seek happiness?

But where does real happiness comes from?

Where can we find out why are we here?

What is the first reason God put us on this earth?

*The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying:
“I have loved you with an everlasting love!”*
(Jeremiah 31:3 – NIV)

What is the second reason God put us on this earth?

Ephesians 1:4-5 - Even before the world was made, God had already chosen us to be His through our union with Christ because of His love. God had already decided that through Jesus Christ He would make us His children. This was God's pleasure and purpose. (GN)

What did Jesus say that life is all about in John 10:10?

John 10:10 – “I have come in order that you might have life — life in all its fullness!” (LB)

What do the following passages have to say about fulfilling God’s purpose?

Romans 8:1 - Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (NIV)

Romans 8:6 - The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; (NIV)

Romans 8:26 - In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. (NIV)

Romans 8:28 - And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (NIV)

Romans 8:31- What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? (NIV)

Romans 8:39 - neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NIV)

Philippians 4:13 - I can do everything through him who gives me strength. (NIV)

Philippians 4:19 - And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. (NIV)

John 8:31-32 - To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (NIV)

Why aren't more people happy? What’s the problem?

Who has this sin problem?

Isaiah 53:6 - *All of us like sheep have gone astray and each of us have turned to his own way.* (LB)

Romans 10:9 - *That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.* (NIV)

What is the problem with sin?

Isaiah 59:2 - *The trouble is that your sins have cut you off from God.* (LB)

Ephesians 2:8-9 - *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast.* (NIV)

Are most people afraid of God?

John 1:12-13 *Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.* (NIV)

What kind of problems does sin cause?

What do people generally do when they have problems?

Even if you know that your deepest need is God, what wrong ways to people pursue in getting to know Him?

If someone does not have Jesus Christ in their life, where will they spend eternity?

Matthew 13:49-50 - *"This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."* (NIV)

How may we truly have a relationship with God?

John 14:6 – [Jesus said:] *"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through Me."* (LB)

Where are those on that bridge to eternal life who say, "I believe in Jesus Christ; I just don't know if I've ever received Him into my life?"

All major religions claim to point to the truth... So what is the difference between them and the claims of Christ?

What does it mean when Jesus said He is the Way?

How do you invite Jesus into your life?

[Jesus says,] *"Listen! I stand at the door [of your heart] and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in."* (Revelation 3:20 – LB)

What has Jesus done to be the Way for us to have an eternal personal relationship with Him?

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

Example of a simple prayer of commitment to God:

"Dear Jesus, Thank you for making me and loving me even when I've ignored You and gone my own way. I realize I need You in my life and I'm sorry for my sins. I ask You to forgive me. Thank You for dying on the cross for me. Please help me to understand it more. As much as I know how, I want to follow You from now on. Please come into my life and make me a new person inside. I accept Your gift of salvation. Please help me to grow as a Christian. Amen."

What's the difference in having a belief about Christ versus believing in Him?

There are four critical steps to becoming a Christian represented by the following Scripture passages... What do the following Scripture passages tell us God wants us to do to have a personal relationship with Him?

1 John 1:9 - *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.* (NIV)

How does the person who has asked Jesus to come into their life know they are saved?

Acts 2:21 - *everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.* (NIV)