

are more than just skin and bones! When our body eventually dies, the real you and I will live on. As the song puts it: "John Brown's body lies a-mouldering in the grave, But his soul goes marching on."

Every person will die once. After this, there will be judgement. Everyone will go either to heaven or hell for ever. It is not that "the good go up and the bad go down", because everyone has done wrong. One sin is serious enough to keep us out of heaven for ever; and hell is too awful to treat lightly. Only by trusting Christ can a person be given a place in heaven. There are no second chances after death. What we do with Christ matters for eternity.

About heaven, the Bible says ... "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." Revelation 21:4

WHAT IS A REAL CHRISTIAN?

Most married couples remember their wedding day. It was the time they committed themselves to each other. It changed their lives. In like manner, becoming a Christian is a definite, deliberate act of commitment to Christ. The Bible calls this being converted, or born again. It is not turning over a new leaf, or even attending church, but is a moment in which:

You turn from sin

This is an act of the will. The Bible calls this repenting. There has to be a willingness to leave wrong-doing and follow Jesus Christ.

You turn to Christ

This is an act of the mind. The Bible calls this "faith". Ask Christ, who died for you, to forgive you. Trust Him, who rose again, to live within you as your Saviour, Friend and Lord.

God turns to you

This is an act of God. It is the moment of Christian conversion. God promises to live within the life of anyone who invites Him in. He will take them through life, death and eternity.

It would be strange for a married couple to continue to live as single people after their wedding. In the same way, this moment of commitment to God impacts your whole life. We can't simply make a commitment to Christ and then continue to live however we please. A Christian daily turns from their sin and relies on Christ's death on the cross, rather than in the strength of their decision.

The Bible says ... "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17

HOW CAN I BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

Many have found that praying with similar words to the ones below has helped them to put their trust in Christ.

Dear God, I confess my sin to You and want to repent of it. Please forgive me. I believe Christ died for me and rose from the dead. Help me to live for You day by day. Thank You for loving me. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Having tried to answer your questions, now let me ask you one: will you pray this prayer now?



To find out more about Jesus Christ please visit:
tell-me-more.org

Or email:
more@10ofthose.com

Written by Roger Carswell

10 Publishing
a division of **10 of those.com**
www.10ofthose.com

DayOne
www.dayone.co.uk



GRILL A CHRISTIAN

WHO MADE GOD?

Would you expect a dog to buy and read a daily newspaper? No! That is not because a newspaper cannot be understood, but because it is beyond a dog's understanding. In like manner, God is bigger than anything a mere human can grasp. If I could understand Him, He would not be God, and I would not be a man!

DO ALL RELIGIONS LEAD TO GOD?

Imagine you were drowning in the sea. You would not want people to stand on the shore and shout instructions about how to swim – especially if they were

God has no beginning and will never end. Everything we know begins and ends, but God is greater than that. He is everlasting. God's word to us, the Bible, teaches that God is also absolutely holy, with no sin in Him at all. He is just, and loving. He has all power. He is everywhere. He knows everything and never changes.

God is creator of all things. All design has a designer; behind everything made, there will be a maker; creation must have a creator. This is God. Because He is our maker, we are responsible to Him. He knows what is best for us.

The Bible says ... *"from everlasting to everlasting you are God."* Psalm 90:2

contradicting one another. However, if somebody dived in and rescued you, how delighted you would be!

Basically all religions, except one, are a list of "dos and don'ts". They aim to bring a person up to God. True religion is different. Instead of trying to reach God, Christianity is all about God stooping down to us.

Christ "dived into the sea" to rescue us. God is too big and holy for small, sinful people to reach. But God has come down to rescue and save us. Only Jesus was pure and sinless. Only He could die to pay the price of sin. Only Christ rose from the dead.

There is great historical proof that Jesus rose from the dead. One can visit the graves and memorials of Muhammad, Buddha, Marx, the gurus, and more; but Christ's tomb is empty. Jesus is alive! Therefore, only Jesus can forgive all sin and bring us into a relationship with God as our Father and not as our Judge.

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

WHY DOESN'T GOD STOP THE TROUBLE?

God created a perfect world where there was no sin, suffering, sickness, separation or death. But when humans rebelled against God, this was all turned upside down. Men and women were separated from God. God did not intend the world to be as it is, but all that He made was marred. Sin "put a spanner in the works"!

We now live in a world where there are many unanswered questions. Sometimes the innocent suffer. Just because one person is having trouble, it does not necessarily mean that they are any worse than others. Sometimes, though, suffering is the direct result of sin.

Christ's suffering on the cross was also the result of sin – but not His own. Through Christ's death, God can forgive

and change all those who come to Him. God sometimes takes terrible circumstances and uses them for good. Often it is when people are at their lowest that they begin to realise how empty life is without God.

The Bible says ... *"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."* Psalm 23:4

HOW CAN I BE TRULY FREE?

No person was or ever has been as free as Jesus. Jesus, God the Son, clothed Himself in a human body so that He could live the perfect life, free from sin and full of love. He was free from greed, sham, spin and hypocrisy; He had no fear of skeletons in His closet – He had none. Because of His perfect record He could be our substitute, purchasing our freedom through His death on the cross. True freedom is found in God.

Jesus Himself claimed this when He said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). He is the source of life, the life-giver. And when you know Jesus and His freedom you are free to the maximum. In Jesus you become the person He created you to be, and in that you can be free to be yourself.

The Bible says ... *"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."* John 8:36

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A PERSON DIES?

Have you ever heard someone say, "Nobody has ever come back from the dead to tell us"? They are mistaken. Christ not only died but rose again. He spoke more of life after death than anyone else in the Bible.

It is true that our bodies will die. However, the last time you had a haircut, did you weep over losing part of your body? Of course not! We