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## Some of life's big questions



**Is there a God, and if so what is God like?**

**What is life all about?**

**Is there life after death?**

**I have done things that are wrong, how can I deal with them?**

**How can I prepare now for life after death?**

This pamphlet is designed to lead you to answers to these questions. It provides a summary of the Bible's teachings on these matters, and links to more information.

(The Bible is a collection of books through which we learn about God and God's purposes. There are some verses from the Bible at the bottom of the pages).

### **1. Is there a God – and if so, what is God like?**

All cultures hold something or somebody to be a supreme guiding force. The Bible states that God made everything for his pleasure and to be enjoyed by people. God is a loving, merciful and all powerful Being who wants to have a relationship with each of us.<sup>1</sup>

### **2. What is life all about?**

God cares very much for you and has placed you on earth with both a general purpose and specific things to do.

The general purpose is to have a joyful and fulfilled life<sup>2</sup> by having a personal relationship with God, and doing what is in God's and other people's best interest.<sup>3</sup> God can show you specific things to do when you ask Him.

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<sup>1</sup> Revelation chapter 4, verse 11;

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<sup>2</sup> John chapter 10, verse 10

<sup>3</sup> John chapter 3, verse 16;

Matthew chapter 22, verses 37 – 39

### **3. Is there life after death?**

The Bible clearly teaches that after your death you will continue to live, either with God, or without God.<sup>4</sup> Jesus showed that what He said was true by also predicting that He would come back to life after He was killed, which he did.<sup>5</sup>

### **4. I have done things that are wrong, how can I deal with them?**

The Bible teaches that nobody is perfect, and that everybody does wrong things in life (the Bible calls it "sin").<sup>6</sup> We might not always feel guilty, but we often sense it is wrong when we do not act in the best interest of other people, or even ourselves.

Sin separates us from God. Sin means we deserve punishment – death even. God sent Jesus Christ to take the punishment for our sins when He died on the cross over 2000 years ago.<sup>7</sup> (His death was the final sacrifice in the Jewish system where sacrifices were offered for sins).

It does not matter how big our sins are – they can all be forgiven.

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<sup>4</sup> Hebrews chapter 9, verse 27

<sup>5</sup> 1 Corinthians chapter 15 verses 3, 4

<sup>6</sup> Romans chapter 3, verses 10-12, verse 23-24

<sup>7</sup> 1 Peter chapter 3, verse 18;

1 John chapter 2, verse 2

## 5. How can I prepare now for life after death?

The Bible teaches that you have to accept what Jesus Christ did for you so that your sins can be forgiven, and to make a decision to live for God only so that you can get to know God personally and live forever with God.<sup>8</sup> God, the King of the universe, wants to be our king and our friend.

Are you absolutely certain that you will live with God and God's people when you die, and that God is your king and friend right now? The Bible teaches that these wonderful things do not happen because of good things that we have done or plan to do.

This good news is different from all other religions that require people to regularly do things to try and please their gods and earn their acceptance.

If you are ready to accept what Jesus Christ did for you on the cross and to live only for God from now on, then you can talk to God right now in your own words, or by using this simple prayer:

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<sup>8</sup> John chapter 3, verse 36;  
Mark chapter 1, verse 15;  
Romans 6, verse 23;  
John chapter 14 verse 6

*"God, I know that I have done wrong things in my life, such as...<be specific where you can>.... I ask you to forgive me for all the wrong things I have done, because of what Jesus Christ did for me on the cross. I want to live the way you want me to live from now on. Please come and live in me. Thank you."*

### Your life will change

Many things in your life will change for the better over time when you live in a close relationship with God. There will still be difficulties in your life, but you can now share these with God and other followers of Jesus Christ.

You can talk to God at any time of day about any aspect of your life. It helps to meet regularly with other followers of Jesus Christ. Tell them if you have taken the step above so that they can provide you with support.



### If you have more questions

Read the Bible for yourself using websites like <http://biblegateway.com> and [www.bible.com](http://www.bible.com) or buy a Bible in a contemporary translation like the New International Version. A good place to start is in the New Testament with the Gospel according to Mark or John. The first part of the Bible (the Old Testament) leads up to the birth of Jesus.

There are also many useful websites such as [www.matthiasmedia.com.au/2wtl/](http://www.matthiasmedia.com.au/2wtl/), [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com), [www.bible.com](http://www.bible.com), [www.4laws.com/laws/languages.html](http://www.4laws.com/laws/languages.html), [www.godlovestheworld.com](http://www.godlovestheworld.com), and [www.jesusallaboutlife.com.au](http://www.jesusallaboutlife.com.au)

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