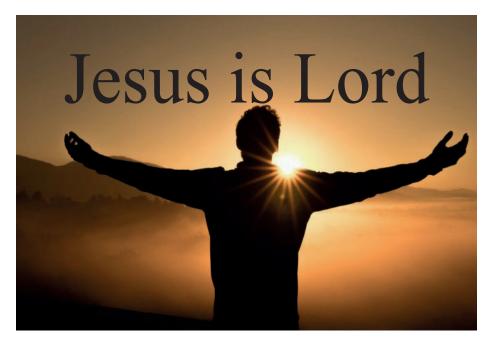
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Am I a Christian? What is the gospel? What is being born again? Who is Jesus? Who is the Holy Spirit? Who is God? How can we know the truth about God? What does it mean to 'follow' Jesus or be a disciple? What is repentance? What is holiness? What is the Kingdom of God? What about Heaven and Hell? How can I get to know God better? How can I have freedom?

Romans 4:17 The Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Gospel means good news. The good news is that the Kingdom of God has come. God is good. God is love. God created all humans to live with Him in His Kingdom. God's Kingdom is the domain of the King, King Jesus. God sent His Son, Jesus so that we could live with Him forever! God loves us so much!

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God's Kingdom is one of dominance -He dominates what is not of Him. This means disease, cancer, loneliness, confusion, hate, anything demonic... God is good and God is love and God is truth. God loves you. We can become sons and daughters of God. That is good news! Jesus sets us free.



Matthew 10:28 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

John 8:32 The truth shall set you free.

God created us humans in His image and we have a free will. God will not dominate our will. It's our choice if we desire to live with Him or not, both now and forever. Why would you not choose love? Our spirits are eternal and the choice we have in this life will mean that we either spend eternity with God in Heaven or tormented in hell. God never created men and women to go to hell. It's our choice. He created us with a free will to choose. God is a fair judge. He is Holy and sin cannot be in Heaven. God has and will judge sin.

2 Peter 2:4-9 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, a putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment; if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others; if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless (for that

righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)— if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment.

God created mankind to live with Him, to be His children,





to love us. He gave us free will, to choose to love Him. He loved us first. Adam and Eve made a bad choice and listened to the devil and sinned. So, God wanted us back and sent Jesus to fix sin by paying the penalty for all of us forever!

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten So, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

We can become partakers of God's Kingdom by what Jesus did on the cross. He died for **all** of our sins, past, present and future... He then rose again on the third day and sits at the right hand of God making intercession for us who believe in Him, when we repent and follow Him as his disciples - obeying Holy Spirit and the Word of God (the Bible).

John 6:44 [Jesus said,] No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 20:31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.



Intellectual arguments alone will not lead you to know Jesus as your Lord. It is only God who draws a person to Jesus. He draws you because He loves you. God the Father can only be revealed by Jesus. We are spiritual beings who have souls (mind, emotions and will) and we live in a body. It is with our spirit that we believe and we make confession with our mouth. Matthew 11:27 Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

Romans 5:8-9 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him

So, if, at this point, you do not believe about who Jesus is and what He did, please understand that God can draw you to Jesus. Ask God yourself now to reveal the truth about Jesus to you.

Mark 1:15 [Jesus said,] The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.

God is one and yet three, God the Father, Holy Spirit and Jesus. Here is what God does for you! He loves you so much!

1. God draws you to Jesus. Jesus's blood was shed for you at the cross to reconcile you back to God.

John 3:3 Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

2. Holy Spirit convicts us of sin, righteousness and judgement.

John 16:8-1a And when He [Holy Spirit] has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgement: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgement because the ruler of this world is judged.

3. When you believe, repent and make Jesus your Lord, Holy Spirit comes to live inside you. This is being born again, born as a child of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

4. Call on the name of Jesus and be saved now! Ask Jesus to be your Lord and Savior!

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5. Repent, obey God, and get baptized in water.

Acts 2:38 Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of since; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit

- 6. Baptism is where the old you is buried and you are made new as you come up out of the water. You are a new creation.
- 7. Your sins are forgiven.

*Ephesians 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.* 

8. You are a child of God. You are so loved!

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.

Romans 8:1-2 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in

Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

9. Ask Jesus to baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. You will receive power to live for Him and



live in the Kingdom of God and to share God's love with others.

Act 2: 1-4 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues a as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.



10. You need to forgive everyone from your past and always continue to forgive anyone who wrongs you. Unforgiveness, hatred and bitterness are not to be in you any more.

Colossians 3:12-14 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

11. Holy Spirit will guide you into all truth, teaching you and comforting you and strengthening you. The truth shall set you free.

John 16:3 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. John 8:32 The truth shall set you free.

12. You have access to God your Father through the blood of Jesus. Pray. Prayer is talking to God. Spend time with God.

Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

I Thessalonians 5:23-24 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

13. Holy Spirit will sanctify you and make you holy. Your spirit is new, but your soul and body also need to become holy.

*Psalm 51:10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.* 

14. Ask the Lord to search your heart and show you anything in you that needs to be renounced and given up. Even though you are born again, you might still have habits/spirits that are not good and troubling you. You have authority in Jesus's name to renounce and resist them.

I Corinthians 6:19-20 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

15. You need to take care of your body and your surroundings. Sleep, eat healthily, exercise and clean up your room, take care of your possessions. Do everything as if you were doing it for God.

Romans 12:2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able

to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

16. While your spirit is born again when you make Jesus your Lord, your soul will become sanctified by the renewing of your mind. Your mind will be transformed by reading the Word of God, the Bible and praying.



Ephesians 4:23-24 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

17. You do this by spending time each day with Jesus, praying and reading the Bible, God's Word. Ask God to teach you. You will change and grow. You will know God.

1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

18. You will desire to live a holy life and not sin any more.

*Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.* 

19. You are loved by God, really really loved.

1 Peter 1:22-23 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever.

20. You will want to spend time with other people who also love Jesus. This is called a 'church'. We are the church. We come together to worship and minister to the Lord. We learn and encourage each other. We share God's love and rejoice. It's very special and powerful.

Hebrews 10:25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.



21. You will help establish God's Kingdom on the earth by every day living with Him, talking about God and His Kingdom, healing the sick, casting out demons and raising the dead by Jesus's blood and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Mark 16:15-18 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

22. Stay authentic and real with Jesus. Holy Spirit is really your teacher, but He will also use other people. However, whatever others say needs to always line up with the Bible. You will have that witness of truth in your heart.

**Jesus loves you** and you will find that he wants what is best for you even more than you do! Love others!

Galatians 5:22-25 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

PRAY, Lean on Jesus, read the Bible every day, spend time with Jesus. Jesus loves you. Love one another.

Then go and share the good news, that God's Kingdom has been restored - on earth as it is in Heaven.

John 13:35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.



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