

6 Questions We All Should Answer...

Who is Jesus? We believe in one God who made the world and made all the people, even you! The one and only God has revealed himself to be three individuals: God the Father, Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit; three in one! The Son of God came to earth to be born as the baby Jesus, who would grow up to be the Savior [or Messiah = Christ] whom God had promised would come. That's what we celebrate at Christmas!

Why did Jesus come? Nobody is perfect and all of us have made mistakes called sins, which is when we do things our way instead of God's way. *Romans 3.23 NIV: "Everyone has sinned. No one measures up to God's glory."* What are some examples of sin, of things you have done wrong? How do you think God feels when we do the opposite of what he wants? God still loves us even when we sin, but he hates the bad things we do. Because we are not perfect, we are separated from our perfect God! No matter how good we are, no matter what we try, we can never be perfect, so we cannot save ourselves from this problem! So we all need a savior, someone who can save us from this problem and fix our relationship with God.

What did Jesus do? *Romans 5.8 NIV: "But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* Jesus loves us so much, that when he was a grown up, he was willing to die on the cross and take the punishment for our sins. *1 Peter 2.24a NIV: "He himself carried our sins in his body on the cross."* Jesus died on the cross and was buried in a tomb, but on the third day he was raised from the dead! That's what we celebrate at Easter!

Why should you care? *Romans 6.23 NIV: "When you sin, the pay you get is death. But God gives you the gift of eternal life because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done."* Because you are not perfect, you are separated from God, but God loves you and wants to save you through Jesus. If you trust in Jesus to save you, then God will forgive you of your sins and restore your relationship with him right now, and you will go be with God in Heaven when you die, all because of Jesus paying the penalty for your sins on the cross. If you believe in Jesus this way, you are a Christian!

How can you accept Jesus as your Savior? *John 3.16 NIV: "God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life."* Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God who came as a human baby to be the Christ-savior? Do you believe that when Jesus grew up, he died on the cross to pay the penalty for your sins and then was raised from the dead?

Now pray about this [the exact words don't matter!]: "Dear God, I know I need your forgiveness because I have sinned. I believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that he died for me and then arose again. I trust Jesus alone to be my savior. Thank you for the forgiveness and everlasting life I now have. Amen."

Now Celebrate! You are now a child of God with eternal life! God has forgiven all your sin and declared you to be righteous and pure in his sight! And that will never change!

What does a forever friend of Jesus do? Now that you are a child of God, you need to GROW to be more like Jesus! *2 Peter 3.18 NIV: "Grow in the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Get to know him better. Give him glory both now and forever. Amen."* G = Go to Church. R = Read your Bible and pray to God every day. O = Obey what you learn in the Bible. W = Witness [or share] with others what you have learned about God.

If you have any questions about this material, please feel free to call or write us!

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