

THE
GREAT
ANSWER
TO THE
GREAT
QUESTION



QUESTION:

What is life all about?

ANSWER:



Life is all about the glory of God!

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GOD THE GLORIOUS CREATOR



ALL OF CREATION IS FOR GOD'S GLORY

- *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.* (GENESIS 1:1 NKJV™)
 - *Let the glory of the Lord endure forever; let the Lord be glad in His works.* (PSALM 104:31 NASB®)
 - *May the whole earth be filled with His glory.* (PSALM 72:19 NASB®)
 - *The heavens declare the glory of God.* (PSALM 19:1 NKJV™)
- ▶ **In a very special and unique way, God created man in His own image to bring Him glory.**
- *God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.* (GENESIS 1:27 NKJV™)

GLORIFYING GOD IS MAN'S REASON FOR EXISTENCE

- *Everyone who is called by My name, whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him.* (ISAIAH 43:7 NKJV™)
- *Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples, give to the Lord glory and strength. Give to the Lord the glory due His name.* (1 CHRONICLES 16:28-29 NKJV™)

- ▶ **We glorify God when we love God and obey Him with all our heart. In Matthew 22:37-38 Jesus said,**
- *You shall love the Lord your God with **all** your **heart**, and with all your **soul**, and with all your **mind**. This is the great and foremost commandment.* (NASB®, emphasis added)

BUT MAN HAS FAILED TO GLORIFY GOD

- ▶ **Man loves only himself and is constantly disobedient.**
- *For men will be lovers of self... rather than lovers of God.* (II TIMOTHY 3:2,4 NASB®)
- ▶ **The Bible calls this lack of love and obedience SIN.**

SINFUL ACTIONS:

- ▶ **We sin and fail to glorify God in our actions.**
- *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way.* (ISAIAH 53:6 NKJV™)
- ▶ **Instead of loving and obeying God, man has followed the ways of this **sinful world**, **Satan**, and his own **lusts**.**
- *...in which you formerly walked, according to **the course of this world**, according to the **prince of the power of the air**, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of **disobedience**. Among them we too all formerly lived in the **lusts of our flesh**, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.* (EPHESIANS 2:2-3 NASB®)
- ▶ **Think of the ways we all fail to glorify God in our actions:**
Lying, stealing, gossiping, cheating, adultery, murder, etc.

SINFUL ATTITUDES:

- ▶ **We sin and fail to glorify God in our attitudes. God knows all of our thoughts and attitudes.**
 - *The Lord knows the thoughts of man. (PSALM 94:11 NKJV™)*
 - *Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O Lord, You know it all. (PSALM 139:4 NASB®)*
 - *Then the Lord said, “Because this people draw near with their words and honor Me with their lip service, but they remove their hearts far from Me.” (ISAIAH 29:13 NASB®)*
 - *But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. (MATTHEW 15:18-19 NKJV™)*

- ▶ **Think of all the ways we fail to glorify God in our attitudes:**
Envy, jealousy, anger, lust, hatred, selfishness, etc.

Man has miserably failed to love and obey God and bring Him the glory He deserves. That is what Romans 3:23 means when it says,

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (NKJV™)



GOD THE GLORIOUS JUDGE

GOD IS GLORIFIED BY CALLING ALL MEN TO JUDGMENT

- *It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment. (HEBREWS 9:27 NKJV™)*
- *Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. (REVELATION 20:11-12 NKJV™)*

GOD IS GLORIFIED BY HIS PROPER PUNISHMENT OF SINNERS

- *The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (MATTHEW 13:41-42 NASB®)*

- ▶ **In glorifying God for His punishment of sinners, the people already in heaven cry, “Just and true are Your ways.” (REVELATION 15:3 NKJV™)**

- ▶ **God is in every way superior to man; therefore, His punishment is greater!**

GOD THE GLORIOUS SAVIOR



GOD'S GLORIOUS SAVING LOVE

- ▶ **God *has* glorified Himself through creation.**
- ▶ **God *will* glorify Himself through judgment.**
- ▶ **It is wonderful beyond compare that He has chosen to glorify Himself by saving hopeless, lost sinners!**
 - *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (JOHN 3:16 NKJV™)*
- ▶ **God has love beyond that of man. God has chosen to glorify Himself by saving us when we could not save ourselves. In saving us, He demonstrates the greatness of His love and forgiveness.**
 - *...that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. (EPHESIANS 1:12 NKJV™)*

GOD'S GLORIOUS LOVE WAS DEMONSTRATED WHEN HE PUNISHED AND KILLED HIS SON JESUS IN OUR PLACE

- *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (ROMANS 5:8 NKJV™)*
- *He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? (ROMANS 8:32 NKJV™)*
- *But the Lord was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief; if He would render Himself as a guilt offering... (ISAIAH 53:10 NASB™)*
- *He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. (ISAIAH 53:12 NKJV™)*
- ▶ **Jesus, God's Son, took our wrath and punishment through His death on the cross. Then God raised Him from the dead, and He lives forever. His resurrection proves that 100% of the punishment for sin was paid.**
 - *...who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification. (ROMANS 4:25 NKJV™)*

GOD'S DESIRE IS TO GLORIFY HIMSELF BY SAVING US

If we repent of sin and have faith in Christ, we are saved.

- ▶ **A change of heart to turn from loving yourself and sin and to begin to love and obey God is called REPENTANCE.**
- ▶ **A new confidence in Christ to forgive all your sin and to be your new Lord (Boss) is called FAITH.**
- ▶ **REPENTANCE and FAITH are essential for salvation.**
 - *...how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. (ACTS 20:20-21 NKJV[™])*
- ▶ **The Bible also calls faith BELIEF.**
 - *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (JOHN 3:16 NKJV[™])*

REPENT AND BELIEVE TODAY!

- *Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. (II CORINTHIANS 6:2 NKJV[™])*
- ▶ **Do you feel deeply sorry and regretful for your sin and failure to glorify God?**
- ▶ **Do you truly believe Jesus died in your place, has taken your punishment, and will forgive you?**
- ▶ **Do you truly desire to begin obeying Him as the Lord (Boss) of your life?**

IF GOD HAS CHANGED YOUR HEART, AND YOU NOW BELIEVE THESE THINGS TO BE TRUE, THEN EXPRESS YOUR FAITH (CONFIDENCE, TRUST, COMMITMENT) TO GOD IN PRAYER.

- ▶ **Tell Him of your sin and disobedience.**
- ▶ **Tell Him of your deep sorrow for failing to glorify Him.**
- ▶ **Tell Him you now rely on Him through His death to forgive you and to save you from sin.**
- ▶ **Tell Him you now commit to stop loving sin and self and to start learning to love and obey Him.**

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