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The D.M.T.M.
Disciple Maker Training Manual

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Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth

*The Main Points of the
Most Published Book
of All Time!*

***Now with special bonus section: "Credibility Tests"**

A booklet for giving seekers a detailed look at Salvation – what God has done for us and how he wants us to respond. The materials in this booklet were gleaned from many sources; “The Way of the Master” – Ray Comfort and Kirk Cameron, Henry & Wilma Doubeld (the first people to witness to me), My Mum, “Youth Dimension”, “The 4 Spiritual Laws”, Dawson Trotman & The Navigators, John Sypkes – my mentor, Don Barns, Ralph W. Neighbour Jr, “Evangelism Explosion”, S.U.’s “Christianity Explained”, David Pawson, Charles Finney, Jack T. Chick, C.S. Lewis, Rick Warren’s “The Purpose Driven Life”, Dr. Yonggi Cho, Jack Hanes, Mike Warnkie, Winkie Pratney, Keith Green & “Last Days Ministries”, Josh McDowell, Cesar & Claudia Castellanos, Leroy Eims’ book “The Lost art of Disciple Making”, John Maxwell, James Emery Whites book “A Search for the Spiritual”, John Hudson Tiner’s book “For those Who Dare - 101 Great Christians & How they changed the world”, Alan & Caroline Greenwood, Sam Haberle, the staff and especially the Anti-No-Where League Students at Community Christian Academy (especially Seth), Godstock surf camps, countless old tracts, sermons and Holy Spirit inspired moments working with people who were at some stage on the journey to becoming Christians over the last 25+ years.

This booklet is an accumulation of a lot of the “best bits” that have worked well, stood the test of time, been refined, tweaked and updated through invaluable feedback from disciples who have been using it in the field. *It’s great standing on the shoulders of giants!*

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Our keen desire is to see this generation of unreached people brought into a right relationship with their Creator and fulfill the Great Commission, and if these pages will stimulate others we freely provide them!

¹- How Did We Get The Bible section taken largely from: “A Ready Defense” The best of Josh McDowell – compiled by Bill Wilson (Pg.34-39 & 54-55); “The New Evidence That Demands A Verdict” by Josh McDowell (Pg.45-46) & www.daveandangel.com/Christian_Forums/showthread.

²- “Annals of the World” by James Ussher (Pg.40 marker 204) Master Books

³- “Explaining water baptism” by David Pawson (Pg. 35) Sovereign World Ltd.

WHY USE SO MANY TRANSLATIONS?

I have intentionally varied the Bible translations used for two important reasons. First, no matter how wonderful a translation is, it has limitations. The Bible was originally written using 11,280 individually different Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek words, but the typical English translation uses only around 6,000 different words. Obviously, nuances and shades of meaning can be missed, so it is always helpful to compare translations. English speaking people should thank God that we have so many different versions to use for study and devotional reading. Also, since the verse divisions and number were not included in the Bible until 1560 A.D., I haven’t always quoted the *entire* verse, but rather focused on the phrase that was appropriate. My model for this is Jesus and how He and the apostles quoted the Old Testament. They often just quoted a phrase to make a point.

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Other Scripture quotations are indicated by the following abbreviations:

- Amp = The Amplified Bible, Grand Rapids: Zondervan (1965)
- CEV = Contemporary English Version, New York: American Bible Society (1995)
- CLB = Children’s Living bible, Wheaton, Illinois: Tyndale House (1972)
- GNT = Good News Translation, New York: American Bible Society (1992)
- Msg = The Message, Colorado Springs: Navpress (1993)
- NCV = New Century Version, Dallas: Word Bibles (1991)
- NIV = New International Version, Colorado Springs: International Bible Society (1978, 1984)
- NKJ = New King James, Nashville: Thomas Nelson (1985)
- Ph = New Testament in Modern English, by J.B. Philips, New York: Macmillan (1958)
- TSB = The Street Bible, by Rob Lacey, Grand Rapids: Zondervan (2003)

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Call the person who gave you this &/or find a Bible believing, Jesus following, disciple maker so they can help you on your journey as a disciple of Christ. (Matt.28:18-20)

The Most Powerful Prayer on Earth

Pray something like this:

Repent

✦ **Tell God:** You see your need of His forgiveness.

✦ **Confess:** Sin in thoughts, words and deeds
good things *not* done
selfish and hurtful things done.

✦ **Ask:** To be rescued from Hell & from your selfishness.
*(Let God show you anything He sees as sin in your life,
ask God to forgive you,
purify you
and ask Him to set you free from them.)*

✦ **Declare:** That today with God's help you
repent of all these sins,
turn away from living your wrong way
surrender to God and His Will – to live His way.

Believe

✦ **Thank Jesus for:** Giving up His life to be tortured, killed & sent to hell
in your place.
Paying the penalty for your sin with His blood.

✦ **Declare:** That today with God's help you gratefully give your life back to Him.

✦ **Ask:** To be "born again" *(John 3)*
to become the kind of person God wants you to be.

Receive

✦ **Ask:** The Holy Spirit to come into your life.

✦ **Ask Him to:** Be your restorer,
your leader, Lord, boss and King.
Empower you to find and fulfill His purpose in your life.
Be your friend to be with you always.

Baptism

✦ **Declare:** That today with God's help you
will now live to serve Him only,
starting with the bath, burial & re-dressing of your old life
in God's prescribed washing ceremony of Baptism.

Amen / Absolutely!

Date I made peace with my Creator and did the right response required: ___/___/___

Introduction:

It's surprising how many people have not read and do not clearly know the major themes of the world's number one best seller in all history! The Bible is the most translated document of all time and is now available in EVERY major language. This booklet aims to give a brief overview of the 'gospel' message (which means 'Good/great/amazing news') and what God wants us to do about it.

Contents:

- ◆ **Extra-terrestrial Transmission?**
- ◆ **Is The Bible Credible?**
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- ◆ **The 4 P's**
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 - God's **P**rovision
 - Our **P**ersuasion (or choice)
- ◆ **"RuBBeR"**
- ◆ **What should we do?**

Fast Facts

- The number of languages with at least one book of the Bible is 2,426 (comprising 429 full Bibles, 1,114 New Testaments and 853 Portions).
- Currently there are 546 Bible translation projects worldwide – covering ~ 500 NEW dialects.
- In 2005, "The Bible Society" (just one of the many organisations dedicated to making the Bible available) produced **372.6 million** Bibles in 1 year – and fell far short of the global Bible famine demand.

(www.biblesociety.org 31/12/05)

Extra-terrestrial Transmission?

Imagine, as has been shown in many a movie, an alien space craft appears over the White House.

An Alien with a vastly superior intellect, has not only accurately diagnosed all of humanities major problems (that have brought us dangerously close to the brink of self destruction), but has worked out ALL the answers that we will ever need! This extra-terrestrial transmits this information to the government. They immediately set to work translating it into every known language and make it available to everyone on the planet. You receive your copy and ...

Could you imagine *not* reading it?

There are possibly 4 reasons that could stop you:

1. You missed the media coverage of this world changing event and don't believe it really happened.
2. You believe it happened, but that the government messed it up so much, the info can't be trusted.
3. You believe it happened & the info is reliable - you just don't care for yourself or the rest of humanity.
4. You are just foolish.

Do you get the analogy? The Bible was not written by Aliens, but it does claim to be the Creators transmission to His creation. The next few pages will deal with points 1 & 2 (If you were guilty of points 3. &/or 4. you probably wouldn't have read this far - so they won't be addressed here! ;)

Bible - Credible?

Qn: In which ways could, or should you, put the Bible to the test - to see if it is true?



6 TESTS

This "Bible - Credible?" section is taken largely from chapter 8 of James E. Whites book: "A Search for the Spiritual"

Textual Credibility:

The integrity of any ancient writing is determined by the number of documented manuscripts we can examine. For example, there are only 10 copies of Julius Caesar's "Gallic Wars" in existence, the oldest copy dating 900 years after his time. There are less than 10 copies of Plato's writings - the oldest dating 1,400 years after it was originally written. No published historian has any serious doubts about the existence of Caesar or Plato or the accuracy and integrity of these texts. Surviving today, in various museums around the world, are over 5,500 New Testament (N.T.) manuscripts written in the original Greek from within the first 25 to 50 years (less than the life span of the majority of the population) from when it was 1st written! (18,000 versions in other languages from before AD. 350) & there are also over 86,000 citations from early church leaders who quote different parts of the N.T. in their letters. "Simply put, the Bible is the most dependable ancient document in all of history in terms of textual credibility." - James Emery White

Historical Credibility:

Sir William Ramsay of Oxford University, is regarded as one of the greatest archaeologists to have ever lived. After extensive examination he concluded that: "the writers of the Bible were historians of the first rank and should be placed alongside the greatest of historians." So overwhelming was the archaeological evidence in support of the truth of the Bible, that Ramsay became a Christian.

Dr. W.F. Albright, professor at John Hopkins University, declared: "there can be no doubt that archaeology has confirmed the historicity of the Bible." Historian and archaeologist Joseph Free notes that recent discoveries have "produced material that confirm the Scriptures at point after point." Renowned Jewish archaeological expert, Dr. Nelson Glueck, observed, "It may be stated categorically that no archaeological discovery has ever controverted (disproved) a Biblical reference." In fact, so many archaeological discoveries have supported the Bible that Dr. John Warwick Montgomery, former dean of the Greenleaf Law School, noted that if you were to apply the "Federal Rule of Evidence" (the legally defined way of establishing evidence) to the gospel records, "this rule would establish competency in any court of law."

Scientific Credibility:

"No statement in the Scriptures is scientifically incorrect." - Bio-chemist Dr. Winkie Pratney. Since what can be scientifically tested in the Bible is accurate, what can't be tested therefore should be taken at least with good credit. The Bible documents many natural phenomena occurring 1000's of years ago. Scientists have only verified these things within the last 200 years! Just some examples include:

- The earth is a sphere - Is.40:22 (written 2,800 years ago)
- The earth floats free in space - Job 26:7
- There are innumerable stars - Jer.33:22
- Each star is different - 1Cor.15:41, 2Sam.22:16
- The Hydrologic Cycle - Job.36:27-28, Amos 9:6
- Ocean currents - Ps.8:8, Is.43:16
- The Ocean contains springs - Job 38:16
- Blood is the source of life & health - Lev.17:11
- Matter is made up of unseen things (atoms) - Heb.11:3
- The Ocean floor contains deep valleys and mountains - Jonah 2:5-6, 2Sam.22:16
- When dealing with disease, hands should be washed under running water - Lev.15:13
- Atomic fission - 2Peter 3:10
- The Jet stream - Ecc.1:6-7
- Light moves - Job 38:19-20
- Air has weight - Job 28:25
- Wind continually blows in a circuit - Ecc.1:6
- Dinosaurs - Job 40 & 41, Ps.74:14

CHOICE - NOT CHANCE DETERMINES DESTINY!

Choose Life - Trust Christ.

Jesus said: "I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned, he has crossed over from death to life."

(John 5:24 NIV)

"And how can we be sure that we belong to Him?"

By looking within ourselves:

are we really trying to do what He wants us to?

Someone may say, 'I am a Christian;

I am on my way to heaven; I belong to Christ', but if that person doesn't do what Christ tells them to do, they are a liar.

But those who do what Christ tells them to will learn to love God more & more.

That is the way to know whether or not you are a Christian.

Anyone who says they are a Christian should live as Christ did."

(1 John 2:3-6 CLB)

On the next page is: "The Most Powerful Prayer on Earth".

The words themselves are not "magical".

Saying these words to God without meaning will do no good, as "God looks on the heart" (1Samuel 16:7)

But, if you humbly come to Him, using these words as a guide EVERYTHING in your life (including your eternal destiny) can be forever changed!

There is nothing more important or powerful than that!

Recommendation: Get on your knees to pray this prayer. Getting down on your knees is a universal sign of submission & surrender - the physical act often helps the heart.

“What should we do?”

(Acts 2:37)

- ⇒ Thank God for His **P**osition - His love reaching out to you.
- ⇒ **R**epent; say you're sorry for your selfish sin **P**roblem and the harm it has caused you, others and Him (remember He had to die in your place for your sin!) You committed your sins one by one – so as much as you can confess, repent and ask God to forgive you and set you free from them one by one.
- ⇒ **B**elieve in your heart that God's **P**rovision - Jesus, did deal with your sin (raising from the dead showed that the penalty for sin - death, had been paid for those who believe).
- ⇒ Demonstrate that you are **P**ersuaded by:
 - saying with your mouth to others that "**Jesus is my Lord/Boss/King!**"
 - show that you mean this by putting your faith/trust in Jesus - beginning by obeying Jesus' commands to you in every practical way, starting with the simple, yet powerful, washing ceremony of **B**aptism. Doing this in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit gives you a quick victory in obedience which shows God (& *satan!*) that you really do mean business.
- ⇒ **R**eceive the Holy Spirit. Expect that God will empower you to do what you couldn't do before – His nature in The 9 Fruit and His power in The Supernatural Gifts should be evident more and more in you and through you.

“When I tried to keep the law, I realized I could never earn God’s approval.
So I died to the law so that I might live for God.
I have been crucified with Christ.
I myself no longer live, but Christ lives in me.”

(Galatians 2:19b-20)

“For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world (humanity)
that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son,
so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him
shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost)
but have eternal (everlasting) life.”

(John 3:16 Amp)

“The testimony is this: God has given us eternal life,
and this life has its source in His Son.
Whoever has the Son has this life;
Whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.”

(1John 5:11&12 GNT)



Prophetic Credibility:

There are about 3,856 verses directly or indirectly concerned with prophecy in Scripture – about **1 verse in 6 tells of future events!** The destruction of Tyre, the invasion of Jerusalem, the fall of Babylon and Rome – each were accurately predicted in the Bible and fulfilled to the smallest details. **Almost 800 years B.C.** (Before Christ) prophecies were published about the coming of a saviour of the world “The Messiah”. It was stated the coming Messiah would be born in a stable in Bethlehem, a descendant of King David, he would be betrayed for thirty pieces of silver, crucified, his bones would remain unbroken, and that the soldiers would cast lots for his clothing. Sound familiar? **Hundreds of years B.C. over 332 prophecies identifying the coming Messiah, were published in The Old Testament - ALL of them came true only in the life of Jesus.** Scientist and Mathematician Dr. Peter Stoner, former chair of the Department of Mathematics & Astronomy at Pasadena City College and later chair of the Department of Science at Westmont College, investigated the probabilities of this with 600 of his students. The chance that just 48 prophecies being fulfilled by chance in one life is “1 chance in 10 to the 157th power – akin to the chances of a person randomly finding a predetermined atom among all the atoms in a trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, billion universes the size of our universe.” Saying the odds are astronomical - is a wild understatement! The odds that the Bible *is* the inspired Word of God (an all knowing and future predicting God) are overwhelming based on prophecy alone.



Divine Numeric Design:

Each letter in the Hebrew and the Greek alphabet represents a certain number – each letter is assigned a definite “numeric value”. There are 100's of 1000's of intricate, interwoven, numeric designs which run through all of the 66 books of the Bible – unique patterns scientifically proven impossible to build by mere human cleverness, which bind Genesis *through* to Revelation into one complete unit. Every letter and word in the original Hebrew and Greek is so intricately intertwined and interlocked by these different systems of design that it is simply impossible to remove or move a word or *even a letter* to the right or to the left without destroying the perfect patterns. A Divinely in-built anti-tampering system!

Scientist Dr. Ivan Panin issued a challenge through leading newspapers and to the leading scientific scholarship of the world, to refute the facts or give a natural explanation. **The Nobel Research Foundation** of the U.S.A. regarding Dr. Panin's statement that the Bible could not possibly have been written with these thousands of numeric patterns throughout except by inspiration from God Himself – has responded: “So far as our investigation has proceeded, we find the evidence overwhelmingly **in favour** of such a statement.”!

(Request the article “**Numeric Design - Evidence of God**” or see: www.freewebs.com/ccaanl for a more detailed explanation)



Endorsement:

This “Endorsement” section is taken largely from John Hudson Tiner's book: “For those Who Dare - 101 Great Christians & How they changed the world”

The endorsement (*backing, support, approval*) of reputable, well known people is used to establish any book's credibility. Christians regard Jesus as the most credible person in all history – He did not lie. Jesus fully endorsed the Old Testament and quotes it extensively. (eg. *Matt.5:18*) Jesus endorsed the New Testament by personally choosing and authorizing its writers. (eg. *1Thess.2:13, 2Pet.1:20-21, 2Tim.3:16-17*) The “Truth” of the Bible (or *anything*), can also be evaluated by experience – “**Does it work?**” Many world changers, great scientists, humanitarians, pioneers etc. endorsed that the Bible is true, the revealed word of God to humanity and was the foundation/inspiration for the monumental and globally recognized good that they did! *Just some examples include:*

Martin Luther King – American civil rights activist & Pastor.

William Willberforce - Outlawed slavery in Europe, founder of the RSPCA & over 40 other social reforms.

Nelson Mandela - Ended racial apartheid in South Africa, became their 1st fully representively elected President after 27 years in jail & was awarded The Nobel Peace Prize in 1993.

Endorsement: *continued*

Roger Bacon - Studied optics and constructed a convex lens, a magnifying glass for reading small print, developed eye glasses, lenses in telescopes and microscopes. He demonstrated that the earth was round and conceived the idea of a hot air balloon.

Nicolaus Copernicus - Developed the sun-centred model of the planetary system.

Galileo Galilei - Chief of the Scientific Revolution; weakened the stifling influence of Greek (Aristotle) and **un-Biblical** religious control on scientific research. Also known as the "Father" of modern observational astronomy & physics. Made significant developments to the telescope, and the compass. Established the Law of Motion of uniformly accelerated objects, confirmed the phases of Venus, Sunspots and discovered 4 moons of Jupiter.

Johannes Gutenberg - Inventor of the movable type printing press. This started 3 separate revolutions. Firstly, books by the founders of modern science such as Copernicus and Galileo, spread the news about recent discoveries. This fuelled the Scientific Revolution. Secondly, people read the Bible in their own language which started a massive spiritual awakening, that swept across Europe. Thirdly, the press informed the masses about current events and they demanded a greater role in governing their day-to-day lives. This caused governments to be more democratic.

Ambroise Paré - Founder of modern surgery - was the first to close blood vessels with thread and revolutionized methods for treating wounds.

Francis Bacon - Developed "**The Scientific Method**" and published *Novum Organum* ("New Instrument") in 1620. A devout believer in the Bible, he wrote: "There are two books laid before us to study, to prevent us falling into error: first, the volume of the Scriptures which reveal the will of God; then the volume of the Creation, which expresses His power."

Blaisé Pascal - Invented the mechanical calculator, the hydraulic press & co-authored the science of probability. He was also famous for "Pascal's Wager: The value **gained** of a faithful Christian life & hope of eternity in Heaven - would be far greater than the **loss** should faith be in vain."

Robert Boyle - Founder of modern chemistry and inventor; 1 of the top 10 scientists of all time - invented the vacuum air pump, formulated "Boyle's Law" of gas pressure, discovered phosphorus and invented the first match. He also helped establish the first formal scientific organization; "The Royal Society of London" (which still meets today).

John Ray - Pioneered the formal scientific classification of living things, especially plants.

Christiaan Huygens - Invented the pendulum clock and developed the wave theory of light.

Anton Van Leeuwenhoek - 1st to report the existence of microorganisms invisible to the unaided eye.

Isaac Newton - One of the greatest pioneer scientists and theorists of all time (in the fields of physics, optics, astronomy, mathematics etc. most known for formulating the three laws of motion & the law of gravity). He wrote more about the Bible and it's historical accuracy than he did about science.

John Flamsteed - Founded the Greenwich Observatory, made the first star catalogue based on telescopic observations and established Greenwich as the starting point for the Prime Meridian.

Leonhard Euler - Developed the algorithmic approach to problem solving. (The forerunner of the systematic procedures used in computer programming.) He also Invented the science of hydrodynamics (much of the science of air flight makes use of his work).

John Dalton - Established the single most important principle in chemistry; the Atomic theory of Matter; that all matter is made up of small particles, atoms, that are unchanged by chemical reactions. Also wrote the 1st truly scientific books on weather, as well as colour blindness and made a series of discoveries about the properties of gases (known as Dalton's Law).

Nicolaus Steno - Founder of 3 physical sciences: Crystallography, Geology & Palaeontology.

William Buckland - The 1st modern Palaeontologist & the 1st to name a dinosaur: Megalosaurus.

Georges Cuvier - 1st scientific reconstruction of extinct animals eg. the flying reptile he named: Pterodactyl.

William Prout - Made the 1st table of atomic weights for the chemical elements.

Michael Faraday - Discovered electromagnetic induction, made the 1st electric motor, transformer & generator. He discovered benzene, improved steel alloys & was the 1st to turn chlorine into a liquid.

In Summary: Make sure you get fully "**RuBBeReD**"
Repent, Believe, be Baptised & Receive the Holy Spirit.

MOMENT OF TRUTH TIME...

ARE YOU: (*tick one*) **Innocent?**

or

Guilty?

"If we say we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves, and refusing to accept the truth." (1John 1:8)

HEADING FOR: **Heaven?**

or

Hell?

"Jesus replied, 'With all the earnestness I possess I tell you this: Unless you are born again, you can never get into the Kingdom of God.'" (John 3:5)

Jesus Christ suffered in the place of each one of us.

He took the punishment due to us.

If you can look upon His bruised and bleeding body as it hung upon the cross for you and not be broken by such love, you have a heart of stone indeed!

"Look, today I have set before you
life and death,

depending on whether you
obey or disobey.

I have commanded you **today** to love the Lord your God
and to follow His paths

and to keep His laws, so that you will live,

I call heaven and earth to witness against you

that today I have set before you

life or death,

blessing or curse.

Oh, that you would **choose life;**

that you and your children might live!

Choose to **love** the Lord your God

and to **obey** Him

and to **cling** to Him,

for He is your life and the length of your days."

(Deut. 30:15-16 & 19-20 CLB)

When we are born again, two great things happen:

(1) Our old "I" centred way of life is finished and (2) A completely new "God centred" way of life begins.

This is summed up by two expressions:

"count yourselves **dead to sin** and **alive to God** in Christ Jesus." (Rom.6:11 NIV)

"Anyone who is joined to Christ is a new being; the **old is gone, the new has come.**" (2Cor.5:17 GNT)

When our lives are linked with Christ, the two things that happened to Him, happen also to us.

We die with Christ to sin and its power over us, and we rise with Him to a new life.

These great truths are concretely demonstrated in the act of baptism.

Baptism is part of "**The Great Commission**" - the final orders that Jesus gave before He ascended to heaven: "go and make disciples of all nations, BAPTISING them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to **obey** all the commands I have given you." (Matt.28:19-20)

Baptism isn't optional - we are under Divine orders.

Jesus also said: "You are my friends if you do what I command." (Jn.15:14)

Baptism is the historical example and the Biblical requirement.

"Anyone who believes and is baptised will be saved.

But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned." (Mk.16:16)

"Now, why wait any longer? Get up, be baptised and wash your sins away, trusting in Him to save you." (Act 22:16 NCV)

Ask the person who gave you this booklet to help you be Baptised.

Receive the Holy Spirit is the 2nd "R" "**RuBBeR**"

Qn: What would be the evidence of receiving the Holy Spirit?

2 Evidences of the Spirit are: *The Gifts & The Fruit*

The Gifts of speaking in tongues (unknown languages) and prophecy (speaking out what God sees in a person or in the future) are mentioned the most in Scripture as evidence. Sometimes it is not mentioned exactly what happened just that something was "witnessed" that people *had* received the Holy Spirit - there was evidence that not only the new convert, but also the disciples could clearly and immediately identify. Something Spiritual (Supernatural - not just natural) that is a "sign" and "a seal" - evidence of God indwelling in a believer.

The 9 Fruit of the Spirit is also evidence: "when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, He will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." (Gal.5:22-23) - however, this is mainly discerned *gradually* over time.

You need the Holy Spirit to come into your life as your:

Saviour & restorer; (*renovator - changing your life, attitude & actions "renewing of your mind" Rom.12:2 NIV*)

as your Lord & boss to lead you; (*The Spirit shows what is true & will come & guide you into the full truth.*)

as your friend, "comforter" & "counselor" (Jn.14:26) **to be with you always** (Jn.16:13 CEV)

& to empower you to fulfill your God given purpose in life.

Paul writes to the Corinthian believers: "your body is the temple (the very sanctuary) of the Holy Spirit

Who lives within you, Whom you have received [as a Gift] from God." (1Cor.6:19 Amp)

Paul also confirms The Peter Package: "Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of **R**epentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith (**B**elief) in God, instruction about **B**aptisms, the laying on of hands (**R**eceive the Holy Spirit), the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. (Heb.6:1-2 NIV)

Qn: What are "the elementary" or "foundation" "teachings about Christ"? **R** _ _ _ _ _

Qn: Are there any parts of "**RuBBeR**" that you would like more information about? No Yes: _____

Albert Einstein rated **Faraday** as one of the all-time greats of science along with **Galileo** and **Newton**.

Charles Babbage - Designed the 1st programmable computer.

Matthew Fontaine Maury - Founder of oceanography. Inspired from Psalm 8:8, his book is still considered a basic text on the subject and is still used in universities.

Dr. James Simpson - Pioneered the use of Chloroform as an anaesthetic - allowing humane surgery.

Florence Nightingale - The mother of modern day hospitals/nursing.

Louis Pasteur - Established the germ theory of disease - discovered and developed the vaccine for the much feared and deadly Rabies virus.

Lord Kelvin - Developed the Laws of Thermodynamics, defined absolute zero and helped to successfully establish the trans-Atlantic telegraph line.

Joseph Lister - Founder of antiseptic medicine - changed the dismal record of 4 deaths out of every 5 surgery patients to less than 1 death in 200 patients!

Sir John Ambrose Fleming - Invented the 1st vacuum tube that brought in The Electronics Age.

Arthur Compton - Received the Nobel Prize in Physics for his study in and development of x-rays.

Simon Greenleaf - Founder of the Harvard Graduate School of Law. Produced: "A Treatise on the Law of Evidence" that is still considered the greatest single authority on evidence in the entire literature of legal procedure. He was asked to put Jesus and the Resurrection to the test. He studied all the testimonies, viewed all the historical facts known at the time, discarded everything that was inadmissible and concluded that: "Based upon the evidence, the Resurrection is as established, as any event, in history."

Wernher Von Braun - Rocket scientist: developed the Saturn V rockets that launched the Apollo spacecraft to the moon.

Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. - 1st astronaut with a Ph.D. & crewmember of Apollo 11, the 1st moon-landing mission. Aldrin made sure that the 1st act of human beings on the moon was a remembrance of Christ - he held a communion service on the spaceship and allowed Neil Armstrong to be the first to set foot on the moon. The most reproduced photo of the moon landing is Armstrong's shot of Aldrin standing near the lunar module.

James B. Irwin - Spent 3 days on the Moon's surface, the 1st to drive a vehicle on the moon. Conducted the Luna experiment of dropping a falcon feather and a geologist's hammer at the same time, and without air resistance observed that they did fall at the same speed - confirming Galileo's prediction 300+ years earlier.

Mother Teresa - Famous humanitarian - challenged the world to care for the poor.

Dr. Ben Carson - Pioneer neurosurgeon, leader of the 1st successful separation of Siamese twins joined at the head and the development of a surgical cure for epilepsy. Dr. Carson has also had success with Trigeminal neuralgia saving many lives from this painful disease noted as "the suicide disease" due to the level of pain. Awarded in 2008: The Presidential Medal of Freedom, the US' highest civilian honour, for his work as a surgeon and for his efforts to improve the lives of America's youth.

(Just to name a few! For more request the article: **Science, Scientists & World Changers that Confirm the Bible**)

• Even if people dare to say that **all these people were wrong to trust the Bible** - at least I can say; "I'm in good company!"

• History has shown that the tree of **dis**-belief bears **bitter** fruit.

• Mark Twain quipped;

"It's not the parts of the Bible I don't understand that disturb me, rather it's the parts of the Bible I do understand that disturb me."

HOW DID WE GET THE BIBLE?

The Bible is not just a book - it is in fact a collection of 66 books penned by 40 different people over a one and a half thousand year time span. This collection is known as "The Canon of Scripture".

The Canon of Scripture: The word *canon* comes from the root word *reed* (English word *cane*; Hebrew form *ganeh* and Greek *Kanon*). The reed was used as a measuring rod and eventually meant "standard". The third-century church leader Origen used the word "*canon* to denote what we call the 'rule of faith,' the standard by which we are to measure and evaluate." Later it meant a "list" or "index". The word *canon* applied to Scripture means "an officially accepted list of books".

How the development of the New Testament Canon actually took place:

(A) Letters from the apostles were written and received in the Churches; copies were meticulously and voluminously duplicated and circulated. Christians, especially local Church elders, were constantly collecting, evaluating and deciding which of the many writings of their day carried the authority of the apostles (see *Col.4:16* & *2Pet.3:15-16*). The question asked of any writing to be read in the Churches was: **To what extent is this book (epistle, narrative, apocalypse, or gospel) an authentic and pure representation of the life and teachings of Jesus and His apostles?** Thus, as Donald Guthrie puts it, "The content of the canon was determined by general usage, not by authoritarian pronouncement."

Within the life-time of the eye-witnesses of Christ the Church had a functional canon that was accepted as authoritative in matters of faith & practice.

(B) A growing group of books were recognized as "Divinely Inspired Scripture". An important question for their acceptance was: **Was the book either written by an apostle or by someone who knew the apostles and thus had the "stamp" of Apostolic authority?** There were five guiding principles used to determine whether or not a New Testament book was canonical of Scripture. Geisler and Nix record these five principles:

- (1) **Is it authoritative?** – Did it come from the hand of God? (Does this book come with a divine "thus saith the Lord"? Was the writer confirmed by acts of God?)
- (2) **Is it prophetic?** – Was it written by a recognized man of God? Did it have integrity with historical and future events?
- (3) **Is it authentic?** – The early Church had the policy: "If in doubt, throw it out." This enhanced the "validity of their discernment of canonical books."
- (4) **Is it dynamic?** – Did it come with the life-transforming power of God? Did it work? Is there evidence of changed lives connected with it?
- (5) **Was it received, collected, copied, read & used?** – was it widely accepted and used by the people of God?

(C) By the end of the **first century** all 27 books in our present canon were written, received and accepted by the Churches. Though some of the canonical lists were incomplete, this is not to be interpreted as the rejection of some books but often simply means that some books had not reached or were unknown in certain areas.

William Foxwell Albright, one of the world's foremost Biblical archaeologists, said: "We can already say emphatically that there is no longer any solid basis for dating any book of the New Testament after about A.D. 80. Thanks to the Qumran [Dead Sea Scrolls] discoveries, the New Testament proves to be in fact what it was formerly believed to be: the teaching of Christ and His immediate followers between cir. 25 and cir. 80 A.D."

Dr. John A.T. Robinson demonstrates that **all the New Testament books, including John, had to have been written before A.D. 64.** This conclusion is corroborated by several pieces of converging evidence. First, it is evident that the Book of Acts was written in approximately A.D. 62. It does not mention the fall of Jerusalem in A.D. 70, an event which would have been impossible to omit since Jerusalem is central to much of Acts. Nothing is mentioned of Nero's persecution of A.D. 64. The book ends with Paul in Rome under the confinement of Nero.

Most people "believe" parachutes exist - few have trusted one to save their life. Like **trusting a parachute** to save you when you jump out of a plane, Biblical belief is trusting in Jesus and His blood shed for you to save you at judgment.

I must believe that I deserve hell for my sin, **but**, God in His great mercy came down, took on flesh as Jesus, took my punishment, went to hell for me then rose again in victory so I can have a relationship with Him now and eternally.

Qn: What would be the evidence of true belief? (*Gratitude? Not just words but deeds!*
"He died 4 me - I'll live 4 Him!")

An evidence of belief is **obedience.**
Jesus said: "If you love me, obey my commandments."
(*John 14:15*)

Baptism is the 2nd "B". **"RuBBeR"**

Baptism is not *just* symbolic. Yes, it is "an outward expression of an inward decision", but it is also a powerful and practical step of obedience. (*Pastor David Pawson baptised a biker whose tattoos all remained except the one of satan on his chest that vanished as he came up out of the water! He said; "Don't tell me it's just symbolic!"*)

Baptism: a Bath, a Burial & a Dressing.

"Your baptism in Christ was not just **washing** you up for a fresh start. It also involved **dressing** you in an adult faith wardrobe - Christ's life, the fulfilment of God's original promise." (*Gal.3:27 Msg*)

In baptism, we are identified with Jesus in His 3 great acts that secured our salvation:

(1) His Death, (2) Burial & (3) Resurrection. St. Paul sums up the Christian message by linking these together: "Christ died for our sins... He was buried... He was raised on the third day" (*1Cor.15:3-4*)

(1) **Into the Water - DEATH.** As we go down (as if to drown) into the water, we are saying in effect, that just as Jesus died for our sin on the cross, so we have died to sin in our lives. There has been a complete break with the past - a death. "count yourselves dead to sin" (*Rom.6:11 NIV*)

(2) **Under the Water - BURIAL.** A dead person must be buried. Just as Jesus was buried in the tomb, so when we are lowered beneath the water our old sin characterised lives have been put to death. "For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism." (*Rom.6:4*)

Our baptism becomes a kind of funeral, and the water a grave, by which a declaration is made to all that the sinner has been committed to death. Death followed by burial makes it hard to dredge up the past. Paul asks the question; "We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?" (*Rom.6:2 NIV*)

(3) **Out of the Water - RESURRECTION.** "we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection" (*Rom.6:4-5 NKJ*)

As we are lifted out from the water - it is to live a new and distinctive life, the life of Christ Himself.

As Paul explained it "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me." (*Gal.2:20 NIV*)

Repent

“RuBBeR”

Qn: What does it mean to repent? (*It's not just saying sorry, but it's being through with sin – a 180° turn (↻) from living my independent way to living with God, His way. It's a change of mind and commitment from self pleasing to God pleasing.*)

Repent = To admit and be sorry for being a sinner and deliberately commit to turning away from that selfish, self-directed way of life.

Qn: What will be the evidence of true repentance?

(a broken and contrite heart, confession and change, a change that seeks forgiveness and to right old wrongs. A thief will stop stealing, a liar will not want to lie.)

Kirk Cameron said, “God doesn’t want you to just ask for His forgiveness and go to church and say a prayer. He wants you to stop mucking around with the stuff you know is wrong and give Him **everything!**”

David Pawson writes: “Repentance is very practical. John the Baptist gave some down-to-earth examples: giving away surplus clothing and food, being honest in business dealings and being content with one’s wages (Luke 3:7-14)

It is likely to be different for each person and focus on those things that have held them in slavery to sin and Satan. Some relationships will have to be broken off, others restored. Debts will have to be paid off, even crimes reported. Letters may have to be written, phone calls made, shelves and cupboards explored, things thrown away or destroyed (Acts 19:19).

Before John would baptize anyone, he demanded that such “*fruit in keeping with repentance*” be produced (Luke 3:8). Paul likewise told his hearers that they should “*turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds*” (Acts 26:20).

Baptism is not for those who only profess to be penitent believers, but for those who can prove that they are. Anyone asking for baptism should be willing to demonstrate that they are ready; anyone asked to baptize should require it.

Repentance and faith can only be proved if they are already being practiced. Both must begin before baptism if it is not to be an empty ritual, achieving nothing. Both must continue after baptism, for repentance and faith are a way of life. A good finish is as important as a good start.”³

Qn: What do you need to Repent of?: _____

(Please use a separate sheet if necessary)

Believe

“RuBBeR”

Qn: Believe what?

The 3 historical facts that Christianity is based on: (Celebrated Annually) **Christmas & Easter**

- (1) **The Birth** - Jesus is The “Almighty God” “born” “a child” (Isaiah 9:6) – who came down to rescue us,
- (2) **The Death** - where the fine for our crime – the penalty of death and separation in hell was paid by Jesus, &
- (3) **The Resurrection** - Jesus defeated death and is alive today so we can have a relationship with Him. It also ensures our resurrection and Judgment.

The “Good” Court Judge Story Finale: After dying in your place to pay your fine, and going to your prison cell in hell for 3 days, the Judge is resurrected, adopts you, brings you home and your life is totally transformed on every level through your relationship with Him!

Neither does Acts mention the martyrdoms of three central figures of the book: James (A.D. 62), Paul (A.D. 64), and Peter (A.D. 65). Why aren't their deaths mentioned when Acts does record the deaths of Stephen and James, the brother of John? If the book of Acts was written by Luke in A.D. 62, then the Gospel of Luke must be dated earlier, probably in the late 50s. The early church leaders affirm that Matthew wrote his account first. Some modern critics say Mark wrote his first. In either case almost everyone agrees that they both wrote before Luke, which puts their dates of composition no later than the late 50s. Earlier drafts, partial written drafts or collections of things Jesus said or did were likely in circulation for years prior to being used in the Gospel accounts as we know them. These reports probably circulated in the 40s and 50s. Thus, **the time from Christ's crucifixion to the writing of the Gospels could have been no longer than 17-20 years, possibly as little as 7-10 years** for an Aramaic or Hebrew version of Matthew (as referenced by the early church leader Papias in A.D. 130.)

(D) To demonstrate both the agreement and the widespread acceptance of the New Testament books, we should note that **by a generation** following the end of the “Apostolic age” (the death of the 12 disciples – within the life time of the actual eye-witnesses), **every book** of what we now call “The New Testament” had been quoted as authoritative by recognized Church leaders.

(E) As far as historians know, the first time the complete list of 27 books appears is in an Easter letter written by Athanasius, an outstanding leader of the Church in A.D. 367. From this letter it is obvious **the books were regarded by most Churches as authoritative more than 200 years prior to that time.** (i.e. “most Churches” had received and were using “all” 27 books by at least A.D. 167)

(F) The 27 books of our New Testament were “ratified” (examined, evaluated by the above 5 mentioned principles, confirmed, and accepted by formal consent) by the Church leadership Council of Hippo (A.D. 393) and again by the Council of Carthage (A.D. 397).

Lutzer rightly adds: “These councils neither added nor subtracted books, but simply approved the list of twenty-seven which had already been recognized by the early Church. **Given the geographical distances, the limitations of communication, and the diverse backgrounds of the Churches, such agreement is remarkable.**”¹ One might say, simply “miraculous” – the very handiwork of God Himself!

All the evidence shows that the Bible we have today can be trusted, is a true account of what happened & what the eye-witnesses saw.

Libraries of books have been written on each point, no book has undergone greater scrutiny in regards to it's origin and credibility. And one might say “fair enough”, as this is not a matter of life and death - it's far more important and long-reaching than that!

I wouldn't want to base my life and hope for my eternal destiny on lies, mistakes or even just good man-made ideas. Most people who dismiss or distrust the Bible do so in ignorance - not because of any demonstrated errors or evidence.

So, if the Bible is credible – what has the Creator communicated to His Creation?

It can be summarized by: **The 4“P”s**
God's **P**osition
Our **P**roblem
God's **P**rovision
Our **P**ersuasion (or choice)

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As an undergraduate at Harvard he became fascinated by Biblical evidences. “I labored to obtain a knowledge of the languages and cultures that have any bearing on Biblical scholarship.” (He learned and taught at University level over 30 languages!) His Law degree also gave him a thorough grounding in the field of legal evidences. In the forward of the Encyclopedia he wrote on the Bible he states:
“As I have dealt with one apparent discrepancy after another and have studied the alleged contradictions between the Biblical record and the evidence of linguistics, archaeology, or science, my confidence in the trustworthiness of Scripture has been repeatedly verified and strengthened.”

The 4“P”s

(1) GOD'S POSITION

The Bible teaches that:

(a) **God Created the Universe and LOVES you!**

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

(Genesis: chapter 1, verse 1 - the very first words of the Bible)

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

(The Book of John Chapter 3: verse 16 - references abbreviated from this point like: Jn. 3:16)

(b) **God wants you to KNOW Him!**

Jesus Christ, God's Son said;

“I came that they may have & enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).” *(Jn. 10:10 amp)*

“And this is the way to have eternal life - to know You, the only true God, & Jesus Christ, the one You sent to earth.” *(Jn 17:3)*

(2) OUR PROBLEM

We are sinful and separated from God.

What is sin?

Sin = Selfishness

Qn: What are you left with if you cross out the “s” and the “n” in the word “sIn”? : __



God created us to know and love Him & live a purposeful life that He has planned for us. But we don't love and obey God – we have gone our own way.

“All of us have strayed away like sheep. We have left God's path to follow our own.”

(Isaiah 53:6)

Our selfish attitude that makes looking after number one, being boss of our own lives and doing things “My way” the most important thing in our lives leaves little room for others or God - the Bible calls this sin. Our rebellion is also shown by being hostile or apathetic towards God.

“There's nothing like the written Word of God for showing you the way to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

(2Tim.3:15 Msg)

Jesus warns that there is a cost in following Him, trials, sufferings & persecutions. *(Matt.5:10-12; 10:16-32; Lk.14:27-33 etc.)* He knows exactly how costly it will be for you to follow Him - & knowing this He still asks.

“If any of you wants to be my follower, He (Jesus) told them, you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross, and follow me closely.

If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it.

But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life. And how do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your soul in the process?

Is anything worth more than your soul?” *(Mark 8:34b-37)*

“And I assure you of this: I, Jesus, will publicly honor you in the presence of God's angels if you publicly acknowledge me here on earth as your friend.” *(Luke 12:8 CLB)*

“If you tell others with your own mouth that Jesus Christ is your Lord,* and believe in your own heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” *(Rom. 10:9 CLB)* *(Lord = Boss, King)

The 1st Christian sermon ever preached ended like this:

“When the crowd of 1000's heard that Christ died 4 their sin

they were gutted and said; We've blown it! **What should we do?"**

Peter tells them straight; “There's 4 things:

- ① **R**epent - turn right back round 180 degrees from your sinful, selfish way 2 God's way - know and do His will.
- ② **B**elieve - trust that Jesus has paid 4 and therefore can forgive your sin by taking your death penalty on the cross.
Prove your connection with Jesus the Liberator by going public with it &
- ③ Be **B**aptized - this sacred dipping is your **bath** (2 clean u up),
burial (2 lay 2 rest your mess) & a
re-clothing (dressing you in your new adult faith wardrobe) &
- ④ **R**ecieve the gift of the **Holy Spirit** - He empowers and leads you into actually living this new abundant life that you could never do in your own strength!
Those who believed what Peter said were baptized & added 2 the church that day - about 3,000 in all.”
(Acts 2:37-38&41 remix version from The Street Bible)

A Biblically normal Christian birth is where a person

Repents, **B**elieves, is **B**aptised and **R**ecieves the Holy Spirit.
easily remembered by inserting two vowels “u” and “e” to make the acronym that has become known as

THE PETER PACKAGE: **“RuBBeR”**

Question: What does a normal school rubber do?

Answer: A **rubber** erases what is wrong & makes a clean space for putting down what is right.

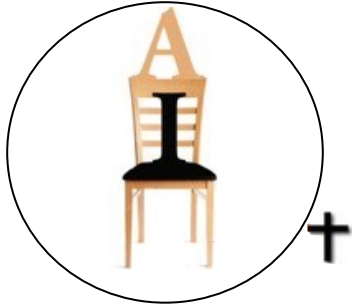
A “**RuBBeR**” is a simple but powerful illustration of what it is to be “Born Again” *(Jonh 3)*

- the bad past is dealt with & a clean heart 4 a fresh start is created!

(4) OUR PERSUASION OR CHOICE

Two Circles Representing the Two Types of Lives:

Look at the 2 circles below. The circle on the left (*Kingdom A*) represents a life where a person's selfish desires (their will) is in control and on the throne or ruling seat. They are boss of their life (*king of their kingdom*) – which doesn't leave any room for Jesus.



(Kingdom A)

The Kingdom of "My way"

is ruled by a selfish little individual called King "I" who sits on the throne – which leaves no room for the Cross of Christ.



(Kingdom B)

The Kingdom of God:

ruled by an all powerful, all loving & totally competent leader who has victory over everything including death and Hell – Jesus.

Kingdom B The "right" circle represents a life where a person has recognised that:

- they haven't got all the answers,
- they are not the perfect person for being boss of their lives (*or ruling the kingdom*),
- they have humbled themselves (the big "I" has been "Crossed" out) &
- they have handed over the ruling throne so to speak, to its rightful owner - our Creator, the one who **is perfect** and **knows everything** - even what challenges are going to be facing the kingdom tomorrow!

They have made Jesus their number 1 priority and centre of their life, (Lord & King) resulting in their life no longer being characterized and dominated by the sinful selfish traits of the Kingdom of "My way" but reflecting more and more the Love and power of "The Kingdom of God".

Qn: Which circle (*or kingdom*) best represents your life at this moment?

Kingdom A or *Kingdom B*

Jesus said: "Anyone who is not for me is really against me; anyone who does not help me gather is really scattering." (Matt.12:30)
- there is no middle ground.

"this is what God has testified:

He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

So whoever has God's Son has life; (*Kingdom B*)

whoever does not have his Son does not have life." (*Kingdom A*)

(1John 5:11&12)

Qn: Which Kingdom do you want to be in? *Kingdom A* or *Kingdom B*

What is sin?

"sin is breaking the Law of God." (1Jn.3:4)

Qn: What is "the Law of God"? - It is the 10 Commandments.

Qn: Where did the 10 Commandments come from? Not a person, nor a committee came up with "The 10". They were delivered to Moses and the Jewish nation nearly 3500 years ago (1491 BC)² under circumstances of unique seriousness on Mount Sinai, accompanied by thunder, lightning and an earthquake - gouged into stone by the finger of God Himself! (see Ex.31 & Deut.9:10) These stone tablets with the 10 Commandments were kept and carried about by the Jews in a large and beautifully adorned golden-box called "The Ark of the Covenant" (Heb. 9:4-5)

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

(summarised from Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5)



God is 1st - God is 1, He is the only true 1 & should be 1st in your life.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind & strength." (Mark 12:30)

No Idols – don't worship anything but the one true God.

No Blasphemy – don't use your lips to dishonour God or bring the Name of Your Creator down to the level of a swear word.

Remember, do not work on the Sabbath – keep 1 day in 7 as a rest day, wholly dedicated to God.

Respect and honour your Parents

Do not Murder

Do not commit Adultery (Adultery leaves a broken heart)

Do not Steal

Do not Lie (a "lying" down on a bed number 9)

Do not Covet – want what others have or lust after other people's stuff.

"For all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard."

(Romans 3:23)



Please tick the boxes and fill in the blanks.

Qn: Have you ever told a lie – even just once? No Yes
If so, what does that make you?: *A L* _ _ _

Qn: Have you ever stolen anything? No matter how small, copied or down-loaded stuff illegally? No Yes
If so, what does that make you? *A T* _ _ _ _

Jesus said: “You're familiar with the command to the ancients, 'Do not murder.' I'm telling you that **anyone who is so much as angry** with a brother or sister **is guilty of murder**. Carelessly call a brother 'idiot!' and you just might find yourself hauled into court. Thoughtlessly yell 'stupid!' at a sister and you are in danger of the fires of hell.” (Matt.5:21-22 *Msg*)

Qn: By Jesus' definition have you ever murdered anyone? No Yes
If so, what does that make you? *A M* _ _ _ _ _

Jesus said: “You have heard that the law of Moses says, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I say, **anyone who even looks with lust** in their eye has already committed adultery in their heart.” (Matt.5:27-28)

Qn: By Jesus' definition have you ever committed Adultery? No Yes
If so, what does that make you? *An A* _ _ _ _ _ (at heart)

Qn: If God judged you by this perfect standard, would you be: innocent?
or guilty?

“If we say we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves, and refusing to accept the truth.” (1John 1:8)

God loves us, but He also loves justice – He will not let the guilty go unpunished.

Even in our worldly courts a “good” Judge would make sure that justice was done. It would be an outrage if confessed thieves, murderers and rapists were let off without punishment just because they were sorry. The Judge might say; “You should be sorry, what you did was a very serious and selfish offence and harmful to others. You should be repentant and promise to never do it again – but for your confessed crime there is a fine. Justice demands that the fine be paid.”

The most provable event in all of ancient history, remembered and celebrated each year – Easter (the Death and Resurrection of Jesus) *was for you!*

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.”
(John 15:12-13 *NIV*)

**“I am the way, the truth, and the life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.”**
(John 14:6)

The Bible teaches:

“Everyone dies because all of us are related to Adam, being members of his sinful race, and wherever there is sin, death results. But all who are related to Christ will rise again.”
(1Cor.15:22 *CLB*)

“In fact the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness (for sin).”
(Heb.9:22 *NIV*)

“How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!”
(Hebrews 9:14 *NIV*)

“God has shown us how much He loved us - it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us! By His death we are now put right with God.”
(Romans 5:8-9a *GNT*)

So as one sin of Adam brought the punishment of death to all people, one good act that Christ did makes all people right with God.
(Romans 5:18 *NCV*)

“Everyone must die once, and after that be judged by God. In the same manner, Christ also was offered in sacrifice once to take away the sins of many. He will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are waiting for Him.” (Heb.9:27-28 *GNT*)

“You will never succeed in life if you try to hide your sins. Confess them and give them up; then God will show you mercy.”
(Proverbs 28:13)

Imagine that you were hauled into court. The evidence against you was convincing and conclusive – you admit that you are guilty of stealing, murder and rape.

The Judge pronounces sentence (the fine for your crime); **“For your multiple offences, you will now be handcuffed, dragged through the streets of this city, mocked, spat on, then whipped, then torturously executed – and then sent to hell to be eternally tortured.”**

You can't talk, bribe or fight your way out of this - you are doomed & there is nothing you can do.

Qn: How would you feel as the court guards slap handcuffs on you and begin to drag you from the court?: _____

Just when all hope seems lost – the Judge cries out, “Wait!”

He, steps down from his judgment seat, and stands between you and the door to your doom. Looking deep into your eyes he states; **“Justice demands that your fine be paid in full”** Then with an almost unbelievable act of love he turns to the guards and says, **“Take me, I'll take this guilty person's place. I will pay the fine for all these crimes with my blood.”**

The guards let you go free.

Qn: How would you feel?: _____

This is what Jesus did for you!

(3) **GOD'S PROVISION**

JESUS CHRIST

JESUS CHRIST'S DEATH is the ONLY solution for sin and the means to bring us into a right relationship with our Creator.

GOD

Jesus

Died in your place for your sin

Me

“Salvation comes no other way; no other name has been or will be given to us by which we can be saved, only this one.”
(Acts 4:12 Msg)

What is the result of sin?

Humanity is separated from God because of sin.

GOD



ME

“Your sins have cut you off from God.”

(Isaiah 59:2)

Our sin separates us from Him both **now** and **after** our bodies die. Sin is a barrier that limits us experiencing God and His love for us now and eternally.

“Sin pays off with death.”

(Romans 6:23 CEV)

If God = Life, and sin separates us from God – the opposite of life is... death. That is; now **Spiritually dead** and cut off from God,

eventually **Physical death**

and finally, **Eternal death** and separation in **hell**

World renowned Bible scholar Henry M. Morris said:
“Jesus Christ Himself spoke more of the reality and terrors of Hell than did any other single individual in all the Bible!”

(Below are just 3 statements Jesus made from the middle of Matthews book)

- **Matt.13:40-43** “Just as the weeds are separated out and burned, so it will be at the end of the world. I, the Son of Man, will send my angels, and they will remove from my Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil, and they will throw them into the furnace and burn them. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the godly will shine like the stars in their Father's Kingdom. Anyone who is willing to hear should listen and understand!”
- **Matt.13:49-50** “That is the way it will be at the end of the world. The angels will come and separate the wicked people from the godly, throwing the wicked into the fire. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Do you understand?”
- **Matt.10:28** “Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”

A Summary of the Bible's teaching on Hell:

Hell is a place of eternal punishment – the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his demons. Hell is also where the wicked/ungodly people are thrown/banished – bound hand and foot in chains of gloom. The unending roaring flames of the fiery lake will burn without light, because it is the place of “**outer darkness**”. This is where the terrible, fierce “**wrath of God**” is poured out on all who oppose Him. Hell is a “**land of darkness and utter gloom.**” A place of anguish, agony and “**worms of torment**”, where rest or relief is impossible.

The resurrected bodies of the unsaved, though subject to pain (“**weeping and gnashing of teeth**”), will not be consumed by this vast “**furnace of fire**”. It is also described as the “**king of terrors**”, viewed with “**utter horror**”, a place of “**shame and everlasting contempt.**” Hell is the place where all the good aspects of the presence of God will be completely withdrawn forever.

Thus, in hell there will be no love, for “**God is love.**” (1Jn.4:16)

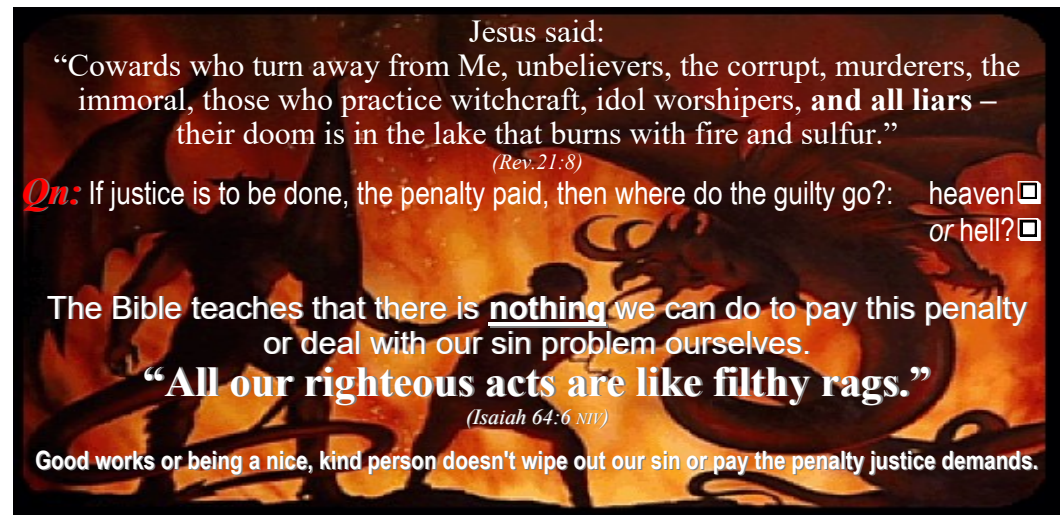
There will be no light, for “**God is light and there is no darkness in Him at all.**” (1Jn.1:5)

There will be no peace, or rest, or joy since these are all attributes of God.

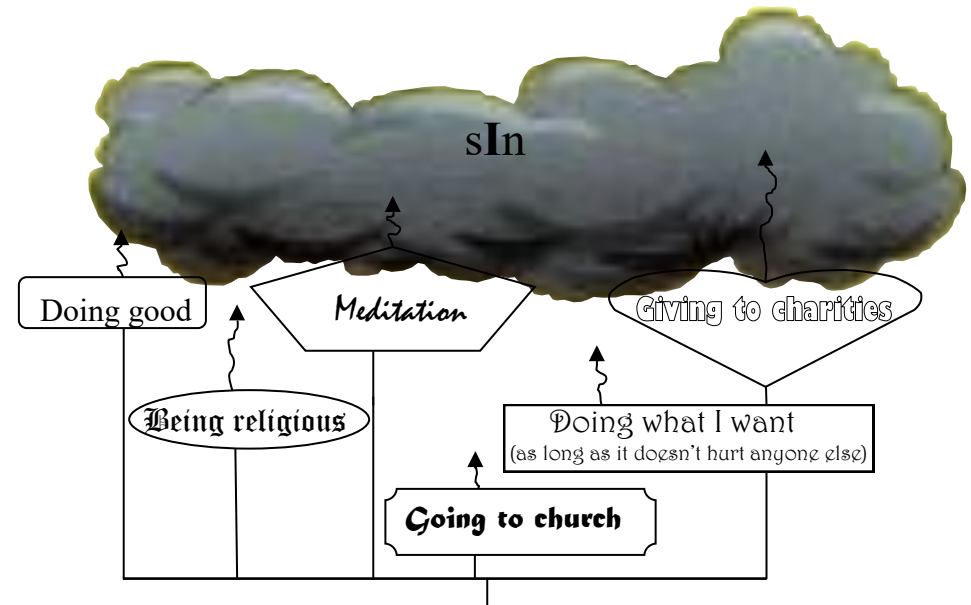
Try to imagine a place void of all things good, kind, lovely, gentle (some of the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal.5:22-23) - as “**Whatever is good and perfect comes to us from God.**” (Jam.1:17) Strip all the good God things away and leave only regret (realising that you blew it – rejected God and Heaven), add fear, contempt, shame, pain, agony, anguish, terror, torment, and utter horror – and you’re getting close to the image of Hell that God wants us to have.

The above is a summary of the following verses:
 Matt.3:10-12, Matt.22:13,
 Matt.24:48-51, Matt.25:30,
 Matt.25:41 & 45, Mark 9:43-48,
 Luke.12:5, Luke.13:22-28 Luke
 16:19-31, Jn.3:36, 1Thess.1:10,
 2Thess.1:7-9, 2Peter.2:4 & 17,
 Rev.14:10-11, 15:7, 16:19, 19:15,
 20:10&15, Jer.10:10, 17:4, Job
 10:21-22, 18:5-21, 20:25-26,
 Is.66:24, Dan.11:36, 12:2, Na.1:2

Research these verses to realise how expansive, detailed and vivid the descriptions & warnings are about Hell or request from the person who gave you this booklet the article: **The Guilt of Sinners & the Reality of Hell** for a more detailed study on what the Bible has to say on this serious topic.



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ME

We can't **make** or **buy** a stairway to heaven. People's hopeless ladders of "good works" always fall short and don't deal with our sin.

We are Doomed -

and there is nothing we can do about it!

But...