

YOU ARE

LOVED

*Word of Life*

# I. How am I loved?

1. You are a thinking, feeling, emotional being created in the image of God, and you were created with individual features and abilities that God Himself gave you. Nobody knows your individuality and distinct abilities more than God.
2. You were created to live in a world not only to experience the beauty of God's creation, but also to display the magnificence of God through the exercise of your unique giftings and abilities. The environment is hard and challenging, but through God you can do amazing things!
3. Even though you may not have known God, He has cared and continues to care for you. He has protected you in this world, even though you may have had great difficulty, and He has also provided for you in accordance with what He has planned for you.
4. Also, God now gives you the opportunity to draw near to Him, to actually know Him - to see and understand

how He works, and to one day see Him and be with Him. When we draw near to God, our lives are greatly enhanced. He helps us with our difficulties and complexities. Our joy and happiness is greatly increased as well as our peace of mind and soul. He gives us His Spirit to be our personal guide not only in this life, but for eternity. All of this begins by coming to hear and follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

## II. Evidence of God

1. There is no such thing as “nothing.” “Nothing” has never existed. If it did, there would still be “nothing.” No evolutionist has a credible explanation in this area. Even the smallest organism to begin a “random mutation” had to come from some place. Albert Einstein believed the universe was created by a massive intelligence (*see T. Aquinas, “The Necessity of God”*).
2. The circumstantial evidence is overwhelming. Just as every invention has a designer, the universe and everything in it (working together in sync) is all circumstantial evidence of an intelligent creator. Many

scientists have found evidence of this not only in the fossil record, but also in the study of creation (*See ICR - Institute of Creation Research*). God Himself is reflected in creation, and especially in mankind.

3. Physical evidence for God is seen in the nation of Israel. The history of the nation of Israel, including its origin and relationship with God has always been visible and open for examination. Discoveries in archaeology (including the Dead Sea Scrolls) have repeatedly affirmed the credibility of the Old Testament.
4. Physical evidence for Jesus Christ is vividly seen in the Church. The historical records from the age of the apostles number around 30,000, including around 5,000 complete or almost complete copies of the New Testament. This far outnumbers other historical documents from this period, and it comes from a time where writing was a lot more difficult.
5. The survival and growth of the Church is also “physical evidence”. Thousands of Christians were courageous enough to proclaim and practice their faith

in the face of death. For many, relief did not come until the third century under Constantine's "Edict of Milan" (*Eusebius*). However, many Christians in recent times still meet under the threat of death. In spite of massive oppression, the Church of Jesus Christ continues to grow as our Lord predicted.

### III. Drawing near to God

1. Read and follow the words of Jesus. Our Lord has miraculously preserved His teachings and testimony in what is known as the New Testament. New Testament bibles are easily obtainable today. Word of Life would be happy to provide a copy to anyone upon request. Call 888 441-2151 or 925 726-4007.
2. Not only must we hear God's Word, but there must be prayer. You must open your heart to God in private and talk to Him. Ask God to forgive all of your wrong doing, and share with Him all of your questions and concerns. Ask God to help you follow His Word, and especially to give you His Spirit - the Holy Spirit. You



cannot draw near to God without forgiveness, the receiving of His Word, and the Holy Spirit.

3. Water baptism represents the forgiveness of sins, and cleansing from God. It is also a public witness of our commitment to follow Jesus Christ, and our resurrection to a new life - a life that begins now - and a life that we now live to the glory and praise of God.
4. The new life will be difficult at first, and we will be persecuted as our Lord was persecuted, but God has promised to help us through this transition. Jesus said in Matthew 19:27,

“And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields because of my name will receive a hundred times more and will inherit eternal life.”

In closing,

Everyone who makes this commitment to Jesus Christ draws near to God. It is the beginning of a relationship that will last forever. He will help you to avoid many

problems, accomplish much good to His glory, and eventually bring you to Himself for eternity.

**Titus 2:11-14**

**11** For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. **12** It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, **13** while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, **14** who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.



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