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Jesus willfully took the penalty that God's justice requires. So that we would not have to pay the ultimate price for our rebellion and sin

He made intercession for us.







# (Evidence of Hope - Evidence of A Creator)

#### The Bing Bang Theory Is Unreasonable

If there was a Big Bang in space that issued cats-dogs-horses-cows-seasons-the sun-the moonthe stars – all of this marvel of creation came from a big explosion – What caused the explosion & where did the material come from for the explosion & why is there such incredible order from this explosion? Every explosion everywhere creates chaos – not order.

We're spinning in space 1,000 miles an hour – going through space at 63,000 miles per hour & the sun is sending rays 93 million miles & it's just warm enough to ripen the tomatoes.

(How Blatant & Obvious Could He Have Made It?)

#### **Evolution Doesn't Make Sense**

If evolution was how animals & humans came to be – in the beginning, how did we see? But how could we see if we didn't evolve eyes yet? If you would believe that we probably didn't see but only felt, how could we feel or think to look for food if the brain hadn't evolved yet.

Which would of evolved 1st - Our Heart - Blood or Blood Vessels? If it was the heart - why would the heart evolve if there was no blood? If it was the blood - Why would it evolve when there was no heart to pump it around? And if there were no blood vessels - how did the blood get around the body to keep it alive, if there was no heart to pump it?

Atheist believe - That it was fortunate that after the Big Bang the earth just happened to form & began circling the sun. That gravity also came into being to keep us from spinning into space. They believe that it was fortunate that the atmosphere formed itself around the planet & that the sun ended up at just the right distance to support life. It was also an amazing coincidence that water appeared, and even more miraculously that inanimate matter somehow came to life. And then, inexplicably, that first simple cell reproduced itself & became increasingly complex to create all the plant, animal, and human life we see. They believe that it was just happenstance that over 1 million species evolved both male & female - Each with corresponding reproductive parts, and that thousands of different types of trees evolved to breath in our carbon dioxide & breathe out the oxygen essential for Life.

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# Ray Comfort-The Atheist Delusion

### Some Evidence To Consider of the Holy Bible

With over 40 different writers – over a time span of 1,600 years – 60 generations – From 40 different walks of life - writing 66 books of the Bible - in 3 different languages. The message remains the same without contradiction to itself. When they are brough together there is absolute harmony from beginning to end. There is No other book in history to even compare to the uniqueness of this continuity."

- Its historical and geographical accuracy Its Prophetic Accuracy The Bible is confirmed by Archaeology
- Its Survival No original manuscript of any ancient book exists today. The materials used in that era could not stand the effects of elements and time. For instance, we have only nine or ten good copies of Caesar's Gallic Wars, none made earlier than nine hundred years after Caesar. Tacitus, the greatest ancient Roman historian, wrote fourteen books of his histories; we possess only 4 1/2, none made earlier than the tenth century AD.
- By contrast, we possess five thousand ancient Greek manuscripts of the New Testament and ten thousand copies in other ancient languages. Fragments and parts of these copies date back as early as thirty years after the originals were written.
- Historical research can provide corroborating evidence for the Crucifixion of Jesus under Pontius Pilate (Tacitus mentions these details in Annals), but scientific disciplines cannot confirm that His death on the Cross satisfied God's wrath against sin. However, the abundance of finds matching Scripture perfectly that have already been found, show that the Bible was not just "made up".

The Bible's theme is quite unlike those found in other religions. Manmade religions teach that a man can earn salvation through various practices and good works. The Bible explains that man is sinful, deserving of God's judgment, and that no amount of good works could ever remove our guilt. God Himself solves our problem by becoming a man and taking our punishment upon Himself. Manmade religions are about what man can do for his god, but the Bible is about what God has already done for man.

#### The Bible is Life Changing. The seed of the Word of God is in this book.

If you're a scoffer, If you're a mocker & you come to the Bible saying I already know the Bible is not true, & now I'm going to move heaven and earth to try to prove what I have already decided is true – If you have that kind of heart – It's not going to change your life.

If you come to the Bible with an Honest and Seeking Heart, the seed takes root & will change your life.

### Who Is The Christ - Jesus?

(Son of God - God the Son) - Who was voluntarily sent to be our Savior. Born of a virgin and lived a sinless life.

Healing the sick - Giving sight to the blind - Hearing to the Deaf - & Ability to the Crippled. He came to except the punishment for man's sin & to set us free from chains.

- At one moment He was hungry because He was fully Human. The next moment He miraculously fed over 5,000 because He was fully God.
- He could be thirsty because He was fully Human, but He could walk on water because He was fully God.
- Because Jesus was fully Human, He could grow in knowledge, but because He was fully God, He also knew what people were thinking.
- One moment Jesus Agonized on the cross & died because He was fully human. Three days later, He rose from the grave because He was fully God.

People often think that all God requires of them is to "believe" in Him. However, God does not require just belief (the demons believe & tremble); He demands obedience. We are to bow to the Lordship of the One who gave us life. He is the Lord & if the world refuses to bow to His absolute sovereignty now in mercy, they will bow later in judgment.

"Salvation" comes not by 'accepting the finished work' or 'deciding for Christ.' It comes by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, the whole, living, victorious Lord who, as God & man, fought our fight and won it, accepted our debt as His own & paid it, took our sins & died under them & rose again to set us free. This is the true Christ, & nothing less will do.

John says that He turns to hear the voice talking to him And His voice is like a trumpet - His hair was white as snow - His eyes were like a blazing fire & His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace.

It's interesting that in Revelations 1:12-15 John doesn't even know that it is Jesus that is with him. John, the one who walked closely with the Lord - The one who rested on Jesus at the last supper and the one who Jesus ask to care for his mother - And when he seen His Glorified body - John didn't even know who He was, and more than that, he was terrified.

#### <u>Modern Jesus</u>

Biblical Jesus

Avoids Negativity

Warns of Judgment & Hell

Gives Positive Reinforcement

Gives Salvation, Joy & Hope

Encourages You To Love Yourself

Demands Self-Denial

Preaches Only Love

Preaches The Holiness Of God

Excepts You Just how You Are

Meets You Where You Are, But Requires Repentance

# The Difference of Christianity

#### Salvation is Christs' Work & What He Done On The Cross & In The Tomb

In All other religions God is impersonal, but in Christianity we meet God in Jesus.

#### Christianity is a Relationship with God.

#### Every Religion Teaches Us to Earn Our Way to God

That you have to do something, There are systems of rules to appease their god. Christianity teaches that God came to us. (Romans 5:8) says, "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

To get into heaven, for example, in Judaism you have to be righteous and you have to engage in deeds of lovingkindness to others. To attain nirvana in Buddhism, for example, you have to walk the eightfold path. To get into heaven in Islam, you have to perform the five pillars, or other good works so that your good deeds outweigh your bad deeds in the final judgment. To achieve moksha in Hinduism, and to be able to be released from the cycle of death and rebirth, you have to follow one or more of the four paths that are described in Hinduism.

#### (Christianity is Different - Because HE DID IT. HE PAID IT ALL...)

Faith is the root of salvation & works are the fruit of salvation.

(Works Don't Produce Salvation – Salvation Produces Works.)

#### No other Founder of Faith has an Empty Tomb

The founder of Islam - Muhammad died & is dead.
The founder of Buddhism - Siddhartha Gautama Buddha died & is dead.
Christ is the only founder of faith who died & rose again.

John the Apostle said "He who has the son has the life. He who does not have the son does not have the life – These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the son of GOD in order that you may <u>KNOW</u>, that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:12-13

# Born Again - (Born From Above)

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Sinners are spiritually "dead", when they receive spiritual life through faith in Christ, the Bible likens it to a rebirth. Only those who are born again have their sins forgiven and have a relationship with God. Twice in Jesus' conversations with Nicodemus, Jesus stressed the truth that one must be born again to enter the kingdom of God (John 3:3, 5). Being born once makes us children of Adam, and we share Adam's corruption. We need a second birth – a spiritual birth to make us children of God. Faith in Jesus is the means by which one is born again. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

# What The Holy Spirit is Doing In His People

He produces in us a desire for repentance - A hatred of sin - He produces in us a desire to seek salvation & forgiveness - He produces in us a belief in the Gospel - A Love for the Lord Jesus Christ - A Desire to become a slave to the Lord Jesus Christ acknowledging Him as Lord - He produces in us a delight in the Holy Scripture - A longing for obedience - He produces in us Joy in trials & tribulations - Love of other believers, Desire for fellowship - Understanding of the Bible - Illumination of scripture - Inclination to prayer - Holy affections - A desire to praise - A heart of thanksgiving - Worship as a way of life And Increasing Christ likeness.

He was born of a virgin that we might be born again.

He came to earth that we might go to heaven. He became the Son of man that we might become the sons & daughters of God...



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### Seeker Sensitive Churches

John 3:19 - Men in their natural state love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil, for everyone who does wicked things hates light and does not come to the light lest his deeds should be exposed.

These are the people that these church leaders are serving to find out how they should do church.

The church growth philosophy is unbiblical in that it completely goes against the gathering of the saints. They come together on Sunday to worship God, to sing praises to His glory and to be built up and edified through the teaching of God's word, they are to then go out and do the work of the ministry – But here in the seeker friendly movement the purpose of the gathering on Sunday morning is now to draw in the lost & cater to felt needs. This again is accomplished by watering down the message & appealing to lost mankind. Pastors are now pretty much entertaining the goats rather than feeding the sheep. This approach leads to major problems. One, being by watering down the message & catering to the flesh – Those who are in the church - who are truly converts are starved for truth. They become spiritually anemic.

The ramifications of these decisions & philosophy are endless & damaging to the church. As they water down the gospel and take out things like sin, repentance and the cross – They come up with another gospel – Then they share this watered-down gospel which says that if you don't want to go to hell repeat this prayer – when people obey these commands, they are assured they are Christians and their just led right into the system believing their ok – and the church is filled up with false converts.

Those who warn against the errors of the seeker friendly movement are not against outreach, or being evangelical, we are only saying we need to be biblical about how we go about these things.

#### If You Find Yourself In One Of These Churches

The 1\* thing you need to realize is there is not a perfect church out there, but there is a clear difference of a church guided & governed by scripture & one appealing to the lost through manmade philosophies.

As for the spiritual leaders in the household, we're not meant to try to fix the churches. We are to guide our family to a church that gives them the WHOLE TRUTH. We get it, all your family & friends go there, and they are all in their groups – and it's comfortable.

But, It's imperative that we are in a biblical church, It's an essential part of the life of the Christian. It is one of the means God has given the Christian to be guarded from the deceitfulness of sin.

But please understand the goal of the church and the importance of the Whole Truth being given.

It really is Life & Death!

### Counterfeit Christianity

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

When you think of Catholics what comes to mind? Do images of the Pope - Mary or Saints come to mind? Another question - If you ask a non-believer what their image of Christianity looks like you might receive a response that closely resembles your image of Catholicism. 1 in 5 or 20% of the world identifies with Catholicism.

# Jesus & The Father's Word

- + You are saved by faith & not by works. Ephesians 2:8-9
- + All who rely on observing the law (commandments) are under a curse. Galatians 3:10
- + Salvation occurs at the moment you believe the gospel. Ephesians 1:13
- + Jesus purifies sin. Hebrews 1:3
- + You can know for sure you are saved. 1 John 5:13
- + The sacrifice of Jesus is finished. John 19:30

# The Pope & His Church

- You are saved by faith plus works
- Obedience to the commandments is a condition for salvation
- Salvation is a process from Baptism through purgatory
- Purgatory purifies sin
- You are condemned if you claim to be saved
- The sacrifice continues in daily mass

Paragraph 20:27 of the Cataclysm of the Catholic Church says Catholics must Merit all the graces necessary for salvation. How do you merit the unmerited favor of GOD?

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Paul said in Romans 11:6 - If it is grace - It is not of works - Otherwise grace is not grace.

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### An Uncomfortable Truth

God used many people in the Old & New Testament to warn about Hell. Jesus spoke of Hell twice as much as He did Heaven. He Couldn't of made it any clearer & we Must Bring The Whole Council of God. (Romans 6:23)

What about those who have never herd the Gospel? In conscience & in creation - His evidence is everywhere. "For they too are without excuse" (Romans 1:20)

# (Light Received Increases Light. Light Rejected Increases Darkness.) The Bible says if you seek God, You WILL SURELY find Him. (Jeremiah 29:13)

Is Hell a fair & just punishment for our sins? Many people will answer this question with a resounding, "No!" Such thinking deserves a few responses.

This response reveals both a lack of understanding of the severity of the crime, and the character of the one against whom the crime has been committed. the punishment we receive is in direct proportion to the One we've offended. If you kill an ant, no one will care. If you kill a dog, some will care, and you might get arrested. If you kill a man, that's a real problem, and you're definitely going to jail - maybe for life. If you kill the President, you're most likely not going to live past that moment, because the Secret Service will probably respond with lethal force. Just punishment is determined by the value of the one offended. With our sin and rebellion, we have offended the One True Holy God whose value and worth cannot be measured, Hell, therefore, is not only just, it is also right.

Some want to believe that Hell is a metaphor, or to suggest that they will cease to exist.

The Divine justice of God requires there to be a Hell. Why would God allow His darling son to die on a Roman cross for a Hell that doesn't exist? He came to save us from our sins,

Why? Because the consequences of sin is judgment. You will never understand the significance of why Jesus died on the cross if you don't except the reality of Hell.

Maby you think Hell is a place for all the (Bad) people. The child molesters, Rapist and cold blooded Murderers. Perhaps the most frightening of all scripture - Many People who think they are saved or are to good to be dammed will hear the words "Depart From Me, I Never Knew You. You Workers of Iniquity". These people that have been religious to the core.

Some religions teach that you can be baptized or pay money to have a loved one saved after they have died. Mark It Down - Sin Brings Death Spiritually, Physically & Eternally.

# (Some Evidences of Noah's Flood)

You have 2 choices - You have a book written thousands of years ago giving an amazingly detailed account of a worldwide flood that wiped out virtually all life on earth, And on the other hand you have manmade theories, & in this case one that was only first postulated about 40 years ago due to the inadequacy of their prior non-catastrophic models that they knew didn't work.

One of these is constantly being proved true as more & more evidence is discovered over time, While the other was only invented after the evidence was unearthed. Sadly, the religion of evolution is one in which it's priest are constantly updating their outdated theories – while in the Bible we are given the Final, True & Unchanging Account.

Fossils are one of the best evidences of a global flood, especially where many fossils are found. For example, we don't find marine creatures, such as fish, clams, and corals, buried & fossilized on the sea floor where they once lived. Instead, we find most of them buried in sedimentary rocks on the continents, even on high mountains. For an animal to be fossilized – it must be buried quickly and completely.

**Exquisitely preserved fossils:** Only a global rapid burial explains the exquisite preservation of plants & animals. Slow burial over long periods of time would result in poorly preserved specimens.

# Significance Of Faith - What Is Faith

There are significant differences between generic faith in a person or thing & Biblical faith. In fact a person can have a broad, vague faith that God exists & still be miles away from the faith described in scripture.

The Bible tells us God is Holy, Loving, Righteous, Just, Merciful, Gracious, Generous, Faithful & Perfect.

True faith believes in & responds to the character of God. We believe that God is good even during tough times when it feels otherwise. We believe that God is Faithful even when we can't see how things will work out. We believe God is Holy when we're tempted to give into sin & that He is Just when it seems evil is going unchecked.

Without Faith, we simply cannot please God. Faith in God's character & promises motivates us to love & obey Him. When we don't have faith, we start to believe that He's not good, loving, and faithful. We start to think that He doesn't care about us & can't give us the Joy He promises. We begin to wonder if He'll really meet our needs & work things out for our good. Doubting God almost always leads to disobedience of God.

The World Tells Us "Seeing Is Believing"- But God Shows Us "Believing Is Seeing"

### Evidence of The Resurrection

The Resurrection – No other event in all recorded history has reached so far across national, ethnic, religious, linguistic, cultural, political, and geographic borders. The message spread with unreasonable success across the world. During just the first few centuries, it spread without political or military power, prevailing against the ruthless efforts of dedicated, organized and violent opposition. How did a small band of disempowered Jews in an occupied and insignificant territory of ancient Rome accomplish this unequaled act?? What happened so many years ago that reframed all human history?

- Accounts of the Resurrection include inconvenient and unflattering details, that make most sense as attempts to reliably record what had happened, free from embellishment. They do not fit expectations of a fabricated account. For example, women are the first witness of the Resurrection. In a culture that did not admit the testimony of a woman as valid evidence in court, this detail is surprising. Likewise, all the disciples, the leaders of the early Church, flee as cowards when Jesus is taken.
- After Jesus' violent death, His followers were frightened and scattered. Then, something happened that grew a strong, bold, and confident belief that resisted & sustained, murderous opposition. Unlike other movements with executed leaders, once they came back together, they did not replace Jesus with one of his family members. Their resistance was entirely non-violent and devoid of political power. Yet they were all suddenly willing to die for what they saw. What changed them?
  Why was there not evidence at the time to undermine their belief? What convinced them that Jesus was inconceivably greater than his family?
- The disciples did not go to some obscure place where no one had herd of Jesus to begin preaching about the resurrection, But instead began preaching in Jerusalem,

  The very city where Jesus had died & been buried. They could not have done this if

  Jesus was still in the tomb No one would be foolish enough to believe a man had raised from the dead when His body lay dead in the tomb for all to see. As Paul

  Althaus writes, The resurrection proclamation "could not have been maintained in Jerusalem for a single day, for a single hour, if the emptiness of the tomb had not been established as a fact for all concerned." (Continued Nex Page)

#### Our Lord Led Captivity Captive

The very triumphs of His foes - He used for their defeat. He compelled their dark achievements to sub serve His end, not theirs. They nailed Him to the tree, not knowing that by that very act they were bringing the world to His feet. They gave Him a cross, not guessing that He would make it a throne. They flung Him outside the gates to die, not knowing that in that very moment they were lifting up all the gates of the universe, to let the King come in. They taught to root out His doctrines, not understanding that they were implanting imperishably in the hearts of men the very name they intended to destroy. They thought they had defeated God with His back to the wall, pinned, helpless and defeated: they did not know that it was God Himself who had tracked them down. He did not conquer in spite of the dark mystery of evil. (He conquered through it) James Stuart - Scotland

# (Evidence of the Resurrection Continued)

• The Roman army was the most formidable military of its time with a brutal internal system of discipline... Roman soldiers who abandoned their posts faced summary execution for dereliction of duty. A few goat-herders were never going to overpower those Roman soldiers. Nobody, much less the disciples had any belief that Jesus was going to be resurrected! Despite everything that Jesus had taught them they still ultimately believed that the Messiah was going to be a military/political figure in the mold of King David who would rid the Jews of the Roman occupation. When Jesus was judicially executed (& died) they believed it to be over! Hope was gone... And to believe these same individuals were going to take on the Roman Army to remove Jesus from His tomb. For what Purpose? Do you believe these individuals would really accept life-long persecution and eventually martyrs' deaths in order to defend what they knew unequivocally was a lie?

The Evidence is compelling, Faith in Jesus is reasonable and is certainly not without evidence. So, We are left with an invitation.

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When Jesus was voluntarily sent, died on the cross for our sin & they herd the message of the greatest love of all - And then rejected that - Mark It Down - God Loves His son & He saw Him brutalized beyond what our minds can comprehend - For you & for me, then for us to reject that - all that's left is the Judgment & Wrath of God.

That's Not what God wants. God wants people to come to Him. You have the opportunity Right Now. To repent that your sins may be forgiven in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

# The Average person Lives To Be 77 Years Old

At 20 Years Old - That Is About 20,805 Days Left
At 30 Years Old - That Is About 17,155 Days Left
At 40 Years Old - That Is About 13,505 Days Left
At 50 Years Old - That Is About 9,855 Days Left

At 60 Years Old - That Is About 6,205 Days Left
"So Teach Us To Number Our Days, That We May Gain A Heart Of Wisdom." Psalm 90:12