

"EVIDENTIAL REASONS FOR FAITH"

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The Bible & The Christian Faith

Topic: The Bible & Gods Restoration Plan

Q. What is God's one and only plan for restoring mankind's relationship with Himself?

A. The gospel of Jesus Christ is God's plan to restore mankind. Every other system is rooted in man's ability to achieve eternal life, reach heaven, or commune with God through his own efforts or good works. If this were possible God never would have sent His Son. The scripture declares that all mankind is separated from God by sin. (Isaiah 59:2) All have sinned. (Romans 3:23) The payment of sin is eternal death (Separation) Roman 6:23. The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23) True Christians know they have salvation when they have believed the gospel of Jesus Christ. In 1st Corinthians 15:1-4 the gospel is outlined as follows: **1.** Christ died for our sins. verse 3. Which means that Jesus was put to death in our place, the innocent for the guilty. He was substituted for us to bring us back to God. This rendered full payment to release us from the sin debt. **2.** Jesus was buried and rose the third day, verse 4, in fulfillment that he is the resurrection, and will justify, and give life to those who turn to Him and receive Him apart from human works. Ephesians 2:8a

The Bible & Historical Accuracy

Topic: Jesus' Resurrection & Flavius Josephus

Q. Is there outside biblical testimony, and evidence that Jesus truly rose bodily from the dead?

A. Yes. Flavius Josephus, the Jewish historian of the first century wrote in Chapter 3. (63) "Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man; for he was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews and many of the Gentiles. He was the Christ.(64) and when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men among us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at first did not forsake him, for he appeared to them alive again the third day, as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him; and the tribe of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct at this day. "The Antiquities of the Jews" Book 18, Chapter 3. From The Works of Josephus, translated by William Whiston, Hendrickson Publishers, 1987

The Bible & Scientific Accuracy

Topic: The Bible and the Earth's Suspension

Q. Has the Bible accurately stated how the earth is suspended on nothing?

A. Yes. The book of Job said to be written circa 2000 B.C. At this period in ancient history one of the most advanced scientific theory's concerning the earth was our planet "as flat and rested securely upon the back of a gigantic turtle, who was slowly, plodding through a cosmic sea of some sort." But note the refreshing and accurate words of Job:

"He (God) stretches out the north over the empty place, and hangs the earth on nothing." (Job 26:7). This fact wasn't known by scientists of the world until the writings of Sir Isaac Newton. The Bible again is consistent with scientific evidence.

The Bible & Prophetic Accuracy

Topic: Prophecies by Jesus Christ

Q. What are some additional prophecies made by Jesus Christ ?

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1. Concerning his ascension. St. John 1:50, 51; St. Luke 24:51
 2. Concerning his transfiguration. St. Matthew 16:16:28; 17:1-9
 3. Concerning his resurrection. St. Matthew 17:22-23
 4. Concerning his resurrection. St. Matthew 17:9
 5. Concerning the Great White Throne Judgment. St Matthew 12:41-42; Revelation 20:11-15
 6. Concerning his disciples forsaking him. St. Matthew 26:31
 7. Concerning his Second Coming. St. Matthew 25:29-31
 8. Concerning his Second Coming. St. Matthew 26:64
 9. Concerning the destruction of Jerusalem. St. Luke 19:41-44
 10. Concerning Peter's martyrdom. St. John 21:18, 19

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