

TRUTHS

Finding truth is a Quest. We know the Holy Bible is true. The purpose of the Divinely inspired Bible is the inerrant message of redemption. But pastors, teachers, parents, friends, even Satan's influence can mislead us. Many other people have input on the word, the message of God. We can rest assured that God protects it so His intended message comes through to us today both loud and clear.

Isaiah 55:11 NASB So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

The truth certainly has arrived in the matter for which it was sent. The simple message of the Holy Bible is the revelation of God being the Great Redeemer. God introduces Himself as Creator God. He discloses His redemption to Adam and Eve. He prophecies the Messianic message over the debased Serpent.

The Old Testament is following the bloodline through to Jesus the promised Messiah.

The Messianic work is recorded in the New Testament.

Satan has modified God's message into making God a micro-managing tyrant. The Jewish religion developed into such arguments as how many angels can stand on the head of a pin.

In the days of Noah, there were not any Bibles. God saw the people were evil and wicked. He intended to wipe them out and start again. What did God expect? They knew not to be evil and wicked.

Thousands of years later the prophet Micah asked a rhetorical question.

Micah 6:8 He has told you O man what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to Do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?

Today many self-righteous Christians are so bound by their religion, that they know an entire litany of additional things required by God. Satan surely enjoys adding to the scriptures.

Let us identify the foundational truths

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1. God is transcendent. He is beyond the human ability of understanding through logic and reasoning. He must reveal Himself to mankind. When man tries to understand God, these physical and logical approaches result in countless religions. Fallen angels are spirit beings that masquerade as God. They are false gods.

2. God is spirit. God is the All-Mighty-One. He is all powerful. Before Him, there was nothing. As such He has created everything from nothing, that is creation, *EX NIHILO*.

Initially He had to create eternity. He had to create the spiritual realm and ultimately, He created the physical realm.

God created good and righteousness. Evil is the antithesis of righteousness. It is the absence of good.

Everything in the reality that He made, or called forth, into this universe, was pronounced, was proclaimed as being good.

3, Introduction of evil

Satan introduced the knowledge of evil in the garden of Eden. We, having a free-will intentionally turn from righteousness. Doing so we are now face-to-face with evil. We either walk into the light, or we are walking in darkness.

God's head angel, Lucifer, like all angels, was created with a free-will. Satan saw the other side of creation. He saw the antithesis of the good universe. That reality is the ability to formulate an evil action. This knowledge, that is taught by Lucifer, allows him and any of his followers to imagine the action or the doing of something evil. We have to intentionally choose to do evil.

God after spending time [not really time, God does not exist in time] enjoying His creation. Now God is going to create His epitome of creation. God will now make a man in His own image.

In the Garden of Eden. God told Adam and Eve to avoid eating the fruit that would give them the knowledge of how to do evil. We create evil ourselves. We create evil in our own mind. We either do righteousness or we develop a plan that is not righteousness. We decide,

#1. Not loving God and

#2. Not loving our neighbor.

In our own mind we are conceiving how to do unrighteousness, it is just evil.

Adam and Eve now had knowledge of how to be disobedient. They fell from only knowing how to do good. Now they know how to do evil. In the physical realm, mankind now knows how to do the opposite of what God programmed into our minds to be doing.

Adam and Eve rejected the earthly paradise, they thought there was more.

God will destroy the lush earth through His curse on the earth. In the next era, He will have an inhabited paradise, a new heaven and earth. There will not be a lucifer in the new earth. There is no tree of the knowledge of evil. Lucifer and his minions will be banished from heaven. They will not have access to God's paradise.

God recognized that as being a curse on His entire creation. Being made with a free will, they intentionally chose to do evil.

God placed a curse on mankind. He placed a curse on His creation. He knows people will never be able to live up to His standards. He must redeem individuals. God will redeem a new earth.

4. The Redeemer God. The Bible is the written record of God's revelation to mankind. He reveals Himself to us as being the redeemer of mankind and of all of His creation.

Jesus the Messiah is the fulfillment, of the Divine Redemption.

God used holy men to write in the various books that compose the Holy Bible.

5. The Trinitarian God. His revelation to man presents Himself as being a Trinity. Trinity is a transcendent term. The trinity aspect is beyond human understanding. It is a spiritual concept that must be accepted by faith. It God the Father of life, God in bodily form is Jesus, God the Holy Spirit indwells our body.

6. God seeks fellowship. Mankind tastes evil and loses fellowship with God. Jesus is the slain Son of God who provides redemption for our debt of sin. Jesus rose from the dead, and through Him we have eternal life. We must accept God's grace and God's redemption.

The promise to believers is the abiding Holy Spirit who brings comfort, peace, joy, power, understanding, divine wisdom, and so much more.

7. The promise of eternal life in righteousness. This current era will close. God will create a barrier between His righteous realm and the evil realm. Evil, will be barricaded away from God's new "good creation."

This is God's plan. That is the message clearly arriving today. The message arrives infallible and inerrant.

The following is another statement of facts that many Orthodox Christians accept

Seven facts of Christianity

These fundamental doctrines are held by orthodox churches. Churches that do not affirm these teachings are considered to be missing the mark. They would be teaching heresy to deny these fundamental truths. Groups that teach heresy are referred to as being a "cult."

1. God must show (must reveal) Himself to mankind. He is beyond knowing by investigation, meditation, or speculation. His revelations are recorded in the Holy Bible.

2. There is only one true God. He has demonstrated Himself as the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.
3. Man is God's creation. [The creation is not God.]
 - a. Man has a nature that tends to do evil.
 - b. The evil is unrighteousness, it is sin. Sin separates man from God.
4. God takes the initiative to recover the fellowship. Jesus, the Christ, is the son of a virgin yet fully divine. His death is the vicarious payment for our sins.
5. Each person must personally repent of their sin. They will accept the forgiveness of Christ's shed blood. Failure to do so leads to eternal doom.
6. The physical body of Jesus arose from the dead. He now dwells with the Father in heaven. His followers shall also join Him in the eternal state.
7. The church is the community, the physical organization, where believers in Jesus assemble together. The church observes the ordinances of baptism and communion, and group worship.