



ANSWERS TO LIFE'S 7 MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

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HOW CAN I KNOW CHRISTIANITY IS THE RIGHT RELIGION?

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Introduction: Almost every religion in the world claims to offer the exclusive way to experience a relationship with our Creator and the assurance of life after death. Today we are going to discover three reasons we can say with confidence that Christianity is the “right” religion.

I. The Implications Of Inclusivism

II. The Objections To Exclusivism

A. Intolerant

B. Unnecessary

C. Troubling

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III. Evidence For The Exclusivity Of Christianity

A. The Uniqueness of Jesus Christ

1. Jesus claimed to be God

“Surely I am no more than a human apostle.” Muhammad, founder of Islam

John 10:30 “I and the Father are one.”

John 14:9 “Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’”

Mark 14:63-64 ⁶³ Tearing his clothes, the high priest said, ‘What further need do we have of witnesses? ⁶⁴ You have heard the blasphemy; how does it seem to you?’ And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death.”

2. Jesus claimed to forgive sins

Mark 2:5 “And Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven.’”

Mark 2:7 “Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming; who can forgive sins but God alone?”

Mark 2:10-12 ¹⁰ ‘But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins’—He said to the paralytic, ¹¹ ‘I say to you, get up, pick up your pallet and go home.’ ¹² And he got up and immediately picked up the pallet and went out in the sight of everyone, so that they were all amazed and were glorifying God, saying, ‘We have never seen anything like this.’”

Luke 19:10 “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

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3. Jesus claimed to conquer death

Matthew 16:21 “From that time Jesus Christ began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.”

Matthew 12:38-40 “³⁸ Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, ‘Teacher, we want to see a sign from you.’ ³⁹ But He answered and said to them, ‘An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign shall be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet; ⁴⁰ for just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.’”

Matthew 27:62-64 “⁶² Now on the next day, the day after the preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together with Pilate, ⁶³ and said, ‘Sir, we remember that when He was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I am to rise again.’ ⁶⁴ Therefore, give orders for the grave to be made secure until the third day, otherwise His disciples may come and steal Him away and say to the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last deception will be worse than the first.’”

4. Jesus claimed He would return to judge the world

Matthew 25:31-34 “³¹ But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; ³³ and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’”

John 3:17-18 “¹⁷ For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. ¹⁸ He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

John 8:24 “Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.”

John 8:12 “Then Jesus spoke to them saying, ‘I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.’”

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B. The Teaching of Jesus Christ

1. There are two possible eternal destinations for people

Matthew 25:46 “These [the unrighteous] will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

2. The majority of mankind will spend eternity in **Hell**

Matthew 7:13-14 “¹³ Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. ¹⁴ For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

Matthew 7:21-23 “²¹ Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. ²² Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ ²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.’”

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3. Jesus offers an exclusive way to Heaven

John 14:6 “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.”

John 5:24 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”

John 3:14-16 “¹⁴ As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; ¹⁵ so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.”

C. The Teaching of the New Testament

1. The example of Paul

Romans 10:1, 3-4 “¹ Brethren, my heart’s desire and my prayer to God for them [Israel] is for their salvation. ³ For not knowing about God’s righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. ⁴ For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.”

Romans 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

2. The example of Peter

Acts 4:12 “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

3. The example of Cornelius

Acts 10:2 “a devout man, and one who feared God with all his household, and gave many alms to the Jewish people, and prayed to God continually.”

Acts 10:42-43 “⁴² And He [Jesus] ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.”

D. The Unique Solution to Man’s Dilemma

Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Galatians 3:10 “For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, to perform them.’”

James 2:10 “For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.”

2 Corinthians 5:21 “He [God] made Him [Jesus Christ] who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

Ephesians 2:8-9 “⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

Next week: How Can I Know I’m Going To Heaven When I Die? Part 1