

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT CHRISTIANITY

1. How do you know that the Bible is God's Word when it was written by man?

Ans – Life on earth cannot be lived without faith. Everything we do, from our education to what we read and accept and eat are all done by faith. Some examples include:

We believe that Stamford Raffles founded Singapore because someone recorded it. None of us were there with Raffles, yet we believe;

We read the label on a carton of milk that says “low fat fresh milk”, so we buy it and drink it. We believe that it is what it says it is and did not send it to a laboratory to get it tested to confirm that it is really low fat fresh milk;

Our friends and family members tell us where they went and what they did, we were not there with them and yet we believe.

When it comes to the Bible we believe because God says He created the world. He was there. We were not. All the records in the Bible were written by God through man so that man can read, understand, and believe and be saved from his sins. The most convincing argument for believers that the Bible is the very Word of God and not man is that the ones who believed and received Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour experienced the power of the Word of God. What the Word says is true. An example of such an experience taught in the Bible is found in **Galatians 2:20** “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” This life that the Bible speaks of is found in every born again Christian.

Hebrews 11:6 “But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

2. Why do Christians say there is only one way to God through Jesus Christ?

Ans – Christians say it because their Lord Jesus Christ said it. **John 14:6** “Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**” What is the best way to find a way to the most beautiful and safest place on earth that no one has been to before (satellite technology is useless)? The best way is for someone from that place to come and show us the way! He came from there and therefore would certainly know the way back.

No one on earth knows the way to heaven. Jesus Christ came from heaven to show us the way. Therefore He alone knows the way to heaven! But He did not just show us the way; He is **THE WAY!** He is the way because sinful man cannot enter heaven even if Jesus Christ shows him the way. Heaven is a place for all who are holy and without sin. Man is full of sin. That is why Jesus says that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. His Way is True and it will lead you to everlasting life in heaven.

Jesus Christ made this way possible by dying for our sins. When we believe and accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord who died for us, all our sins are forgiven and washed away by God. We are now made holy in Christ and are fit for heaven instantly. **1 Timothy 2:5-6** “For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; **6** Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.” **Romans 10:9-11** “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. **10** For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the

mouth confession is made unto salvation. **11** For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.”

3. Jesus Christ is a historical figure walking on earth. Why do you say he is God?

Ans – Jesus Christ must be born like us to save us from sin and to destroy the devil who has the power of death over us. **Hebrews 2:14-15** “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; **15** And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.” The moment Jesus came down from heaven to become a man, He became a historical figure, i.e. He now exists in history. This proves His humanity.

When Jesus Christ walked on earth He did many miracles. These miracles include the calming of storms, wind and waves. These forces of nature obey only the Creator. They obey the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the Creator of the heavens and the earth. Jesus Christ cast out demons when He was on earth. Demons are angels who were cast from heaven to earth. God created them perfect and without sin but they chose to sin. These demons also obey only their Creator. They obey the Lord Jesus Christ.

Life and death are in God's hand alone. God gives us life and takes life away. Jesus Christ raised people from the dead. He is God who gives and takes life. Jesus Christ healed all diseases and there was no one who could not be healed by Him. These miracles could only be done by God. Jesus Christ did them all perfectly! He was fully God and fully man when He walked on this earth. It was the Son of God who is also the Son of Man who died for us. This means that His death is of infinite value.

That is why Jesus Christ is the Saviour of the world! He has the power to save the world if the world would receive Him as their Lord and Saviour.

4. If you say Jesus is God, why does John 3:16 say God sent his only begotten son to save us?

Ans - **John 3:16** reads, “**For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**” There is only one living and true God. But within the Godhead there are three Persons -- God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. They are all equal in power, essence and glory! God the Father sent God the Son to die on the cross for our sins. God the Son sent God the Holy Spirit to indwell all who are saved, i.e. born again in Christ.

The three persons in the Godhead have different economies of function in heaven. The Father did not die on the cross but the Son did. The relationship between God the Father and Jesus Christ is a Father-Son relationship. Just because it is a Father-Son relationship does not mean that God gave birth to the Son. The phrase “only begotten” simply means that God the Father and God the Son are one in essence, power and glory; it is not a matter of pro-creation.

5. If God is so good, strong and caring, why is there so much suffering in this world? Can God destroy the COVID virus?

Ans – The sufferings on this earth are caused by sinful man. When God first created man, man was perfect and without sin. Man was made in God's image thus giving him a free will. While

man was in this state of free will, he chose to disobey God and ate the fruit that he was forbidden to eat by God.

God warned Adam the first man that the moment he eats it he will surely die. Adam disobeyed God and he ate and he died. He died spiritually instantly. God in His grace allowed him to live 930 years before he died physically. The fact that God allowed Adam to live 930 years and did not strike him dead immediately was because of God's grace. Not only did God spare his life God also promised a Saviour, i.e. Jesus Christ, who would come from heaven to die for man's sins. If anyone will confess with their mouth and believe in their heart that Jesus Christ died for him and rose from the dead for his justification, he will surely be saved. This is the gospel that is preached today to save any sinner.

This gospel is preached in this world that is controlled by the devil who is called "the god of this world". What did the devil do? He has blinded the minds of man so that man will not believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and reject the love of God. **2 Corinthians 4:3-4** "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: **4** In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." He did this by using the luxuries of this world that God created. The devil knows that mankind is attracted to this world and so he spins the tale that a successful life is measured by the abundance of what one possesses. Thus sinful man will live till he dies, accumulating wealth, forgetting that naked he came into this world and naked he will die and leave this world. The devil wants as many sinners as possible to die in sin and join him in the fiery lake.

So the way to open the eyes of man to see the truth is to allow this world that sinful man has messed up by his evil, sin and wickedness to remain. The ugliness of this world will reduce man's attraction to it, just as no man will want to live in the area where the Fukushima nuclear reactor had leaked even if it is given free of charge. Before the disaster, the homes in that area were very popular, especially to those who worked in that area. The suffering that man lives with will remind him of his sins and the penalty of sin which is death. In this way he might see through the deception of the devil and turn to Christ.

6. Isn't Christianity just a psychological crutch?

Ans – The definition of a crutch is: a support that a man who cannot walk needs. He will fall to the ground without the crutch holding him up. The word "psychological" means "in the mind only and is not real". Is Christianity our crutch? The answer is a resounding YES! Christianity is Jesus Christ. Without Christ we will fall as we are all in sin. If we die in our sins we will be justifiably sent to hell by God. Thank God for this divine crutch who is every Christian's Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Is it a psychological one? Definitely not! Jesus Christ is the Creator of heaven and earth. He is more real than the sun that shines daily!

What is the crutch of sinful man? The thing or person that man leans upon the most is a crutch. In the case of the believer there is no better crutch than Jesus Christ, the Son of God. For without Him we are nothing and can do nothing that is of any eternal value. Thank God for this Crutch. **John 15:4-5** "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. **5** I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

7. All religions basically lead to the same place. It doesn't matter what you believe as long as you're sincere & you do more good works to mankind.

Ans – If the above statement is true, then heaven will be exactly like this earth. Look at what this earth is like. It is full of sin, evil and wickedness. All religions cannot lead to the same place because the founders are all different, their ways of worship are worlds apart, their beliefs to enter heaven are as different as night and day, and their versions of heaven and hell are as varied as there are thousands of different religions. If one were to differentiate all the religions of the world, there would basically be only two differences – the broad way and the narrow way. The broad way is the way where all the founders originated from earth, lived and died and remain dead. The narrow way is the one religion where the Founder came from heaven, lived and died and rose from the dead never to die again and has returned to heaven. He is Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Son of Man.

What a person believes determines his actions. Man is born in sin and all his actions including his motives are stained by sin. Therefore he can never do any good works that are absolutely good in the perfect-standard eyes of God. Man needs to be absolutely perfect and good forever to enter heaven. Heaven is a place where no sin or sinner is found. No man can enter such a heaven. However, in Christ Jesus who died for our sins, all believers are made holy and perfect and forever good. They alone can enter heaven, for they have been transformed from within which is evidenced by their lives of holiness and righteousness that is lived according to the Word of God.

8. When I talk to my god (idol), it answers my request. Why is it so?

Ans – Coincidences are not answers to prayers. There is only one living and true God who is the Creator of heaven and earth. Idols are created by man; man is their creator. Therefore idols cannot answer prayers at all, for they have eyes that cannot see, ears that cannot hear, hands that cannot move and feet that cannot walk.

9. Why are there so many different denominations within the Christian religion?

Ans – The many different denominations are evidence of the truthfulness of Christianity. The differences in the denominations can be categorized into two types. The first type of differences is the preaching of a false gospel of salvation whereby these churches are imitations of true Christianity. All who belong to these churches or have believed in the “gospel” from these churches cannot be saved. They are still in their sin. When they die in their sin they will sadly find themselves in hell. The second type of differences is the way of witnessing for Christ. For example, a Baptist church baptizes their members by immersion whereas Presbyterians baptize by sprinkling or pouring of water. Because of these differences, denominations are founded. The second type is allowed by God so that believers with the same understanding can worship together in unity and peace for Christ’s sake.