

Come and hear real answers

Sunday 10:00am

All welcome – We'd love to meet you!

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ANSWERS

TO LIFE'S ULTIMATE QUESTIONS

Issue #9

Is there an Answer?

What is the purpose of ANSWERS?

The truths easily found in the Bible, and believed by Christians throughout time, provide clear and lasting answers to life's greatest questions. "ANSWERS" is a series of leaflets outlining the simple but essential facts about the only Living God and our relationship to Him.

Is there an Answer?

In our last pamphlet we addressed the fact that mere human inspired “religion”, however sincere, can never solve man’s sin problem. This is for at least three reasons: “Religion” can never satisfy God, “Religion” can never remove sin and “Religion” can never change man’s sinful nature. Is there an answer to the problem of human sin?

A Loving Answer

Yes there is!—and God has provided it. The central message of the Bible is summed up in these words: *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

A Fair Answer

We saw earlier that a just and holy God must punish sin. But the Bible also tells us that *God is love*. While God hates sin he loves sinners and longs to forgive them. But how can a sinner be justly pardoned when God’s law demands his spiritual and physical death? Only God could solve that problem, and he did so in the person of Jesus Christ. *The Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world.*

A Unique Answer

God the Son became a man by taking upon himself human nature. Although Jesus became fully man, he remained fully God: the Bible says that *in Christ all the fulness of the Deity lives in bodily form*. He remained as completely God as if he had not become man; he became as completely man as if he were not God. Jesus Christ is therefore unique and the Bible confirms this in many ways. His conception was unique; he had no human father but was conceived in a virgin’s womb by the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit.

His words were unique: people were *amazed at his teaching, because his message had authority*. His miracles were unique: he went about healing every disease and sickness among the people, and on several occasions even raised the dead. His character was unique: he was *tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin* so that God the Father could say of him, *‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.’*

A Perfectly Planned Answer

Notice that last sentence! This means that as a man Jesus kept the law of God in every part and therefore was not subject to sin’s double death penalty. Yet he was arrested on a trumped-up charge, sentenced on false evidence, and eventually crucified at Jerusalem. But his death was not a ‘freak’ or an unavoidable accident. It was all part of *God’s set purpose and foreknowledge*. The Father sent the Son for the very purpose of paying sin’s death penalty, and Jesus willingly came. In his own words, the purpose of his coming into the world was *to give his life as a ransom for many*. His death, like his life, was unique.

This makes it vital that you understand what happened when Jesus died, and what his death can mean to you.

The next pamphlet in this series will ask:

“Why the Cross?”

This leaflet has been based on the booklet "Ultimate Questions" by John Blanchard. A free copy is available upon request.

Relevant Bible Verses:

*John 3:16 1 John 4:8 1 John 4:14
Colossians 2:9 Luke 4:32 Matthew 4:23 Hebrews 4:15
Matthew 3:17 Acts 2:23 Matthew 20:28*