

I was raised on a farm, in a wonderful home, but not a Bible teaching Christian home. In 1951, at the age of 18, some friends told me the good news about Jesus. Soon thereafter, I trusted the Lord Jesus Christ 100% as my personal Savior.

It was also helpful for me to learn that it's one thing to have just "historical faith" that is... believe the historical facts about Christ. It's quite a different thing to have "saving faith" by placing our **total trust** in Christ alone for our salvation.

Do you realize **most** people are passing through life on Earth WITHOUT God's gift of eternal life? Christ is not their personal Savior, Lord and God.

For many people, money is their passion, their god. For others, materialism, fame, sex, sports or hobbies are their primary life focus, their god.

Do you agree these things should not be our god?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree we should consider the truths of the Bible, God's Word, that Jesus Christ IS GOD?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

It may be a shock for many people to learn that some day, "**Every knee shall bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.**" (Philippians 2:5-11) **For most, it will be too late!** At the predicted White Throne Judgment, even the unsaved dead of all ages will stand before God for judgment. Then, they will **ALL** be separated FROM God forever in the lake of fire (Hell).

And they'll be there with the knowledge that it was true... **forever haunted with the memory that Jesus Christ WAS and IS God.** He DID die on the cross to pay for their sins. But, in their lifetime they rejected God's gracious **GIFT** of salvation through Jesus Christ. Then, it will be **TOO LATE** for them... FOREVER. (Revelation 20:11-15)

What a **tragedy** that MOST people are **missing** the best GIFT ever offered to Earth People... that Jesus Christ is God... and can be **their Savior.**

## A WISE QUESTION FROM A TEENAGER

A teenager asked his dad, "**When should I accept Christ as my Savior?**" The dad replied, "**Just so you do it before you die.**" The teenager said, "**I don't know when I will die, it could be anytime, at any age.**" His dad agreed, "**Right and that's why the BEST time is now... while you are concerned because the Holy Spirit is speaking to your heart.**" Everyone, young or older, is only one heart beat from eternity. Don't wait. **Delay** is one of Satan's most deceptive tricks to keep people lost until too late.

Have you trusted Christ alone for your salvation? He died to pay **for your sins**. He loves YOU and wants to save YOU. He's waiting for you to trust His death, His shed blood as the **TOTAL PAYMENT** for your sins and salvation.

The Bible says, "**The wages of sin is death: but the GIFT of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**" (Romans 6:23) **What have you done about the GIFT of eternal life Jesus Christ paid for... and is offering you?**

YES, I do want God's gift of eternal life. I do believe Jesus Christ was and is God. Lord Jesus, I do believe you died for me and rose again to pay for my sins and my salvation. I trust you 100% and receive you as my personal Savior. Please help me depend on you as my GOD in my daily life, so you may be glorified through my life.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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# A GIFT For You



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A stone cutter was walking through a cemetery one day, when he saw a tombstone that read:

***All you people passing by, as you are now, so once was I. As I am now, so you shall be. Prepare for death & follow me.***

The stone cutter took a hammer and chisel from his tool bag and added a few more words...

***To follow you I will not consent, until I know which way you went.***

Like the tombstone message, what message would you like to leave on earth? Or, if you had the opportunity to beam back a message to people

on earth from space for example by satellite, what would it be?

***I wondered, what good news message could I leave or give as a GIFT to the people on Earth?***

Thinking about this... it came to me that one of the most important good news messages and questions for all people to consider is that...

**JESUS CHRIST IS GOD.  
Is He YOUR God?**

Many people would disagree. They'd say He was a prophet, a holy person, a good man, a teacher and an example for us to follow, **but not God.**

A humorous fictional story said Satan challenged God to a contest. Satan told God he could do anything God could do. God said, "OK, *let's see you create life.*" Satan reached down and got a handful of dirt. God stopped him and said... "No, *you can't use my dirt... get your own dirt.*"

- The Bible, God's Word teaches that Jesus Christ **was the God of creation, even dirt.** In the context of speaking about Christ, Colossians 1:16, 17 says, "*For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth... all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and by Him do all things consist (adhere).*"

- The Bible says Jesus Christ **was and is GOD.** The Old Testament, Isaiah 9:6 prophesying about Christ says, "*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*"

- In the New Testament, in Matthew 1:23 Christ's virgin birth was predicted, "*Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.*"

- In John 1:1 we read, "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*" The next verses through 29 clearly identify "the Word" as... Jesus Christ.

- **WANT MORE PROOF?** See John 10:27-30. Especially note verse 30: Jesus clearly declared, "***I and my Father are one.***" The people wanted to stone Jesus. **WHY? Because He so clearly proclaimed that He was God.** (Verses 31-33)

They did not realize He was Almighty Creator God, in the person of Jesus Christ, physically living among humans on Earth at that time.

This truth changed my life and eternal destiny when I learned and believed it many years ago...