

Life is fragile. None are promised tomorrow. We experience all too often the brevity of life. The Bible describes our physical life as a vapor:

**“Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. For you are just a vapor that appears for a little while, and then vanishes away.” James 4:14**

The body dies, but man has a spirit, or soul that survives the death of the body and is eternal.

Jesus affirmed this distinction between the physical body and man’s soul when He taught His disciples:

**“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” Matthew 10:28**

There is a final justice. No evil will go unpunished. A conscious eternity awaits all. Heaven or Hell.

Jesus describes man’s ultimate destiny:

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

Choices we make in this life will determine our eternal future. Although God has revealed Himself in creation, conscience, scripture and the person of Jesus Christ, many foolishly challenge God and His character.

Famous militant atheist Richard Dawkins says:

**“Religion teaches the dangerous nonsense that death is not the end.” (*Science in the Soul* p. 237)**

Dawkins has an unrestrained hatred for Christianity and the Bible, which makes him somewhat of a celebrity among scoffers. His multimillion copy book *The God Delusion* declares this extensive, convoluted list of ridicule against the character of God:

**“The God of the Old Testament is arguably the most unpleasant character in all of fiction: jealous and proud of it; a petty, unjust, unforgiving control-freak; a vindictive, bloodthirsty ethnic cleanser; a misogynistic, homophobic, racist, infanticidal, genocidal, filicidal, pestilential, megalomaniacal, sadomasochistic, capriciously malevolent bully.” (*The God Delusion*, p. 31)**

God’s benevolent kindness and longsuffering is displayed towards all people, even the unrepentant sinner. However, He will not be patient forever and has determined a day of judgment:

**“Because of your hardened and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath, when God’s righteous judgment is revealed.” Romans 2:5**

The God who speaks declares we all have an appointment with death and with God as judge:

**“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.” Hebrews 9:27**

Most people are of the opinion that man is basically good and the masses will make it to heaven. Jesus tells us the situation is radically different:

**“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.” Matthew 7:13,14**

You must enter the “narrow gate” to have eternal life and few find it. The majority are on the easy, wide path which leads to misery and destruction.



Richard Dawkins 1941-

Our problem is that God is good. Beyond good. The Bible says that God is “Holy, Holy, Holy” (Isaiah 6:3). God is not only righteous, pure, and just but is unique and altogether “other.” He is transcendent, outside of creation and of humanity’s full experience, perception or grasp. And yet He chooses to reveal Himself and be known and loved by the creature. A paradox beyond human reasoning.

God has clearly revealed we are all sinners. Not only do our lives condemn us by words, actions, and thoughts, but the Bible condemns all of mankind as sinners by nature.

The fallenness of mankind is seen throughout Scripture and is clearly seen in the world today. A propensity and disposition to sin. A bent towards evil from birth:

**“Even from birth the wicked go astray; from the womb they are wayward, spreading lies.” Psalm 58:3**

Sadly, even our God-given conscience does not deter us. We are content in our sins and have no fear of God. In reality we are in bondage to sin and its consequences:

**“All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23**

**“None are righteous, not even one.” Romans 3:10**

We are in a helpless, hopeless condition unable to provide the remedy for our sins. But God in His kindness and grace would personally pay the price for the sins of His people. A substitute. Someone to be punished on my behalf. A sinless Savior of infinite value and worth to take my place. This Savior is God in the flesh:

**“For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.” Colossians 2:9**

Jesus the Son of God would become the one responsible for my sins. He would be the satisfaction of God the Father’s righteous anger.

**“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.” Romans 5:8,9**

The Lamb of God became a “curse” on our behalf. The justice of God the Father was satisfied in Christ.

**“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree’” Galatians 3:13**

Jesus did not stay in the grave. As He said many times He would be crucified and rise from the dead. The resurrection of Jesus proves Jesus was who He claimed to be and that God accepted His atonement for sinners. He indeed defeated death and was raised for our justification, and that one day we too will experience a new body.

One of the many evidences of the resurrection of Jesus was when He appeared personally to His disciple Thomas. Thomas had doubts that anyone could rise from the dead:

**“Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” John 20:27**

The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus is called the gospel. He takes my sins, and I get His righteousness:

**“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” 2 Corinthians 5:21**

Before conversion the Lord was distant, now He is near and makes His home within my heart:

**“Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will follow My word; and My Father will love**

him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling with him.” John 14:23

We call this transformation being born again:

“Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” John 3:3

Through hearing this message we call the gospel, the Holy Spirit transforms a dead heart and makes it alive. Previously, the things of God made no sense. We were spiritually dead and in a hopeless and helpless condition:

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.” Ephesians 2:4,5

This work of the Holy Spirit is always accompanied by two other saving graces, repentance and faith. We now truly repent and believe in faith. The Apostle Paul sums it up like this:

“I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.” Acts 20:21

A heart that desires to turn from sin and self. We surrender to Jesus not only as Savior, but as Lord of our lives. Jesus describes a true Christian:

“And He was saying to them all, If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it.” Luke 9:23,24

Salvation is all of the Lord and not of works:

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8,9

The Bible promises:

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Romans 10:13

This message is URGENT! Life is fragile. Don't put this decision off. No one is promised tomorrow. The Bible says:

“Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” 2 Corinthians 6:2

Call upon the Lord Jesus today to save your soul. Repent and Believe. Trust in Him as your treasure and delight.

The evidence that you are truly saved is that there will be an ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in your life. A maturing process of a true child of God. An ongoing repentance and

belief. We become more and more conformed to the image of Christ. He is truly our delight and treasure.

The Apostle Paul describes this new life:

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, this person is a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

As a true disciple of Christ you'll desire to join a local Bible-believing church and be baptized in obedience to the Word and as a witness to the world. Watch out for false churches who teach this action washes away your sins, or that it is a requirement to be saved.

Beware of the cults like Mormonism and Jehovah's Witnesses. And finally, share this gospel message often with family, friends and the world.

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Romans 10:17

“How then are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? How are they to believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher?” Romans 10:14



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# the Narrow Path

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and difficult that  
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