

# 5 GREAT BIBLE QUESTIONS

## ① "WHERE ART THOU?"

GEN. 3:8-12

APPLY  
TO  
SELF

GOD ASKED ADAM - GEN. 3:9  
IN DARKNESS? - JO. 3:19  
UNDER SATAN? - ACTS 26:15-18  
WITHOUT GOD & CHRIST? - 2 JO. 9: EPH. 2:12  
IN THE BROAD WAY? - MT. 7:13  
OR IN LIGHT? - JO. 12:46: 1 PET. 2:9: 1 JO. 1:7  
WITH GOD? - 2 JO. 9  
IN CHRIST? - 2 COR. 5:17: GAL. 3:27  
IN NARROW WAY? - MT. 7:14



## ② "TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?"

PETER'S REPLY - JO. 6:66-68  
WORLD OFFERS "GOOD TIMES"  
CATHOLICISM - "POPE" & HIS AUTHORITY - MT. 15:8-9  
PROTESTANTISM - DOCTRINES & CREEDS OF MEN  
JESUS OFFERS THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE - JO. 6:68,63  
REST - MT. 11:28-30 TRUTH - JO. 14:6  
ETERNAL SALVATION - HEB. 5:8,9

## ③ "LORD WHAT WILT THOU HAVE ME TO DO?"

ARE YOU CONCERNED? YOU SHOULD BE.  
SAUL WAS - ACTS 9:6  
DO FATHER'S WILL - MT. 7:21  
KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS - JO. 14:15,21  
BELIEVE & BE BAPTIZED - MK. 16:16  
BE FAITHFUL - REV. 2:10

## ④ "WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?"

JAILOR ASKED - ACTS 16:27-34  
THOSE ON PENTECOST - ACTS 2:36-41  
SAUL OF TARSUS - ACTS 22:16  
CF. GREAT COMMISSION - MK. 16:15,16  
BE FAITHFUL - 2 TIM. 4:6-8

## ⑤ "WHAT DO TH HINDER ME...?"

EUNUCH ASKED - ACTS 8:36  
ONLY ONE THING COULD - ACTS 8:37  
FROM FAITHFULNESS SAME THING - MT. 6:33

Steve Hudgins, Via <http://executableoutlines.com/charts>

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



## COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00  
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00  
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00  
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

- [www.defendthegospel.com](http://www.defendthegospel.com)
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Men's Training Class, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evenings following services.



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## THE WORD OF LIFE

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In his first epistle, John tells us about the "Word of Life" (1 John 1:1). We have common phrases today about the word "word": "Have you received any word yet?" "I've just received word that..." These usually pertain to important matters, but there is no matter more important or essential to mankind than "The Word of Life." John shows us...

**The Word Bestowed.** It was John who gave us that famous verse, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..." (John 3:16). Here, as in John 1:1-2, he refers to Jesus as "The Word;" But why? The Jews had great respect for the concept of the "Word of God" (Deuteronomy 26:17, 18), and (we're told) the pagan Greeks taught a connection between deity and the concept of "The Word." Perhaps it's correct to conclude that John meant to use a term that all could relate to deity. In either case, Jesus is eternal, He was in the beginning before creation, and by and through Him all things created were created (John 1:1-2; Colossians 1:15-17). Further, It was through Him that God (The father) related His commands and will to man (Hebrews 1:1-3; John 14:6).

**The Word Beheld.** John tells us the

Word became flesh and dwelt among men (John 1:14). He wrote, "The life was manifested, and we have seen..." (1 John 1:2). We'll never know the exact number of people who saw the Lord while He was in the flesh, but John speaks of a special witness. Those holding a part of the office of "The twelve" were with the Lord before He died; but they were especially chosen from those who saw Him after He arose. They touched Him, handled Him, saw Him alive - Resurrected! (1 John 1:1). It was their witness and their declaration of what was seen (1 John 1:3) that ultimately brought you and me to the Lord. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29).

**The Word Believed.** Faith is necessary to fellowship with God and other believers (1 John 1:3). Of course it must be an obedient faith (Hebrews 5:8-9). It has been said that John's greatest desire was for saints to love one another. Perhaps, but could it not have been rather that men come to believe? After all, That's why he wrote his Gospel account (John 20:31). Regarding salvation, "Have you received Word yet?" Is it your greatest desire that others come to believe? 🔍

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# THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN

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*“Jesus said to him, ‘Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’”*

John 20:29

We often give Thomas a hard time by tagging him with the name “Doubting Thomas.” But what about “Believing Thomas?” After all, Thomas did come to believe and to spread the word. But, as per Jesus’ words, those who believe in Jesus as God’s Son without having seen Him are richly blessed. Did you ever think about these as including us? We believe based ultimately upon the testimony of those twelve men. And how blessed we are!

We are blessed if we act upon that belief. After believing, those in Acts chapter two asked what they needed to do (Acts 2:37). Peter didn’t respond

with, “There’s nothing more to do, you have believed, that’s all that’s necessary.” No! Peter said “*Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins*” (Acts 2:38; see Acts 22:16). Peter was simply stating what the Lord taught him to say in the great commission (Mark 16:15-16).

Those who do this today will be greatly blessed. We are blessed with the privilege of prayer. We are blessed with a more fulfilling life on earth by following God’s directions in the Gospel. We are blessed with the fellowship of other believers. And ultimately, we are blessed with eternal life (1 Peter 1:3-5)! We haven’t seen the Lord in the flesh, but if we remain faithful, we will see Him forever more in eternity (Revelation 2:10; 1 Thessalonians 4:17; 1 John 3:2). 🔍

## SERMON NOTES

*Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.*

**STUDY DAILY!**  
Acts  
17:11

### The Fall of Jericho

Introduction:

**THIS WEEK’S MESSAGE FOR OUTSIDE SIGN**  
(Thanks to anyone who can stay after services tonight and help change the sign.)

**ONE SIDE:**  
**SALVATION IS IN CHRIST**  
**2 TIMOTHY 2:10**

**OTHER SIDE:**  
**ARE YOU IN CHRIST?**  
**GALATIANS 3:26-27**



#### **DUTY LIST...**

##### **SUNDAY MORNING**

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Robert Johnson  
Reading: Joshua 6:1-5
- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Opening Prayer.....Sam Miller
- Lord’s Table:  
Lead.....Kenny Todd  
Serve.....John Nelson  
Serve.....Ben Reagh
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

##### **SUNDAY EVENING**

- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Lord’s Table.....Kenny Todd

##### **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Invitation.....Michael Pickford

**Home Bible Studies Available Upon Request!**

##### **GOD’S PLAN OF SALVATION**

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

**Obey Today!**