

# WHERE DO YOU STAND WITH THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE?

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when you seek me with all your heart.**

*Jeremiah 29:13 ESV*

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## Introduction

This Toolkit is based on a document created in 2003 for use in a Saturday morning men's Bible study. Its purpose was to help us discuss and more fully understand **the biblical Gospel message of Jesus Christ**. In addition to being a useful resource for small group and class discussions, the original printed document was sometimes used as a ministry tool for sharing the Gospel with others.

My goal for this document is that it clearly presents the biblical Gospel primarily using Scripture. My approach for each page is to simply introduce the topic and then present applicable Bible verses. The page layouts are designed to be visually interesting and make it natural for the reader's eyes to focus on the Word of God. I have found this document to be an effective Bible study and ministry resource both in printed form and when projected onto a screen for teaching purposes.

This updated version includes a small section titled: *Who Is God?* This two-page addition challenges readers with three vital questions concerning their view of God. It then presents common answers that reflect the many spiritual beliefs about God that exist in our culture today. I added this section to help prepare the reader's mind for the presentation of the biblical Gospel message contained in this document.

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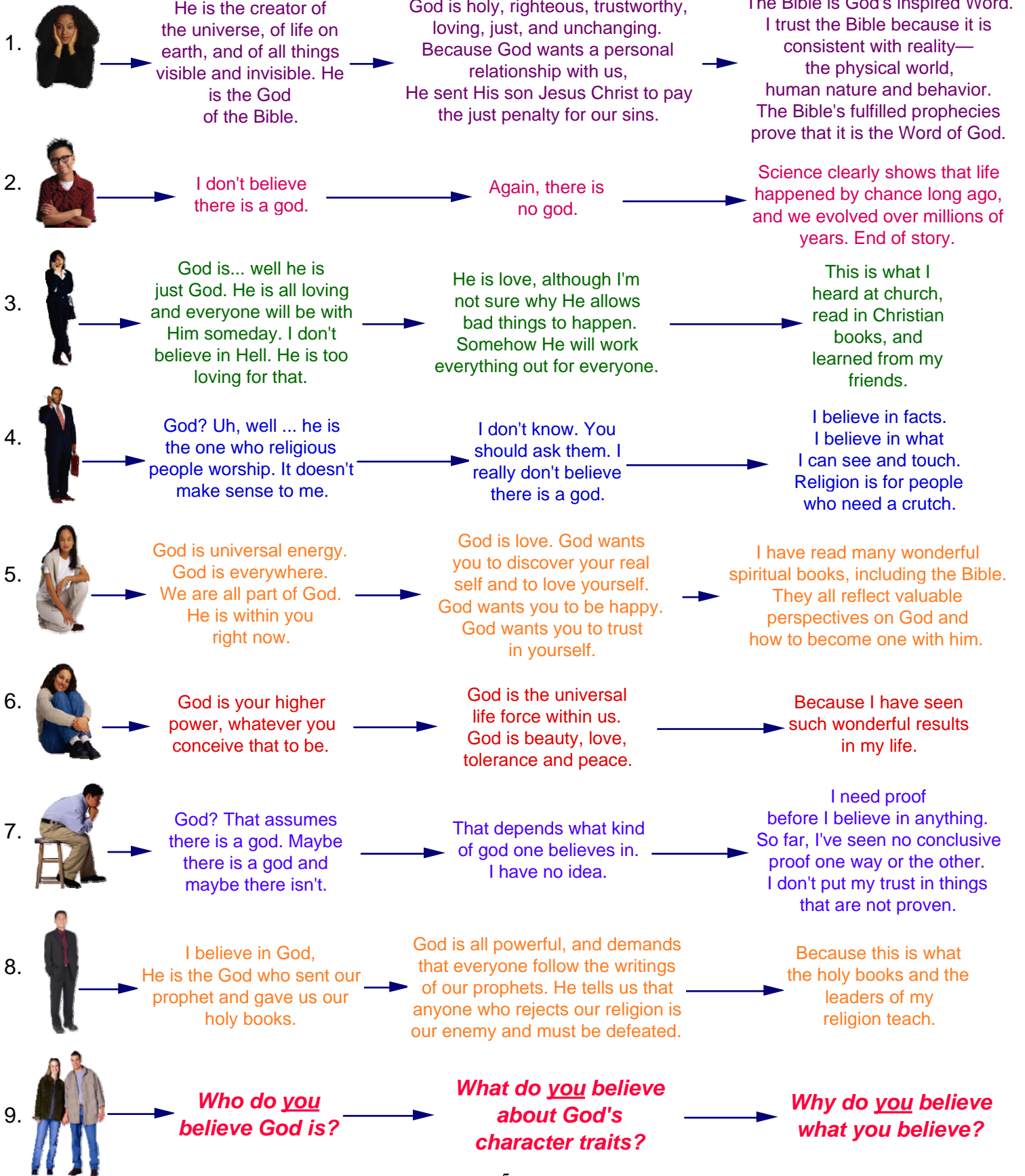
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# Who Is God?

## Who Is God?

## What are God's Character Traits?

## Why do you believe what you believe?



**You will seek me and find me when  
you seek me with all your heart.**  
*Jeremiah 29:13 NIV*

**Jesus said to him,  
“I am the way, the truth, and the life.  
No one comes to the Father  
except through Me.**  
*John 14:6 NKJV*

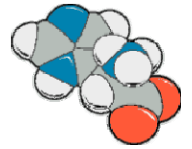
**“Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:  
‘I am the first and I am the last,  
And there is no God besides Me.**  
*Isaiah 44:6 NASB*

**For thus says the LORD  
that created the heavens;  
God himself that formed the earth  
and made it; he has established it,  
he created it not in vain,  
he formed it to be inhabited:  
I am the LORD;  
and there is none else.**  
*Isaiah 45:18 KJ2000*

**I am the Lord, that is My name;  
And My glory I will not give to another,  
Nor My praise to carved images.  
Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
And new things I declare;  
Before they spring forth  
I tell you of them.”**  
*Isaiah 42:8-9 NKJV*

**Remember the former things,  
those of long ago;  
I am God, and there is no other;  
I am God, and there is none like me.  
I make known the end from the beginning,  
from ancient times, what is still to come.  
I say: My purpose will stand,  
and I will do all that I please.  
From the east I summon a bird of prey;  
from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose.  
What I have said, that will I bring about;  
what I have planned, that will I do.**  
*Isaiah 46:9-11 NIV*

**After Jesus said this,  
he looked toward heaven and prayed:  
“Father, the time has come.  
Glorify your Son,  
that your Son may glorify you.  
For you granted him authority over all people  
that he might give eternal life  
to all those you have given him.  
Now this is eternal life:  
that they may know you, the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.**  
*John 17:1-3 NIV*

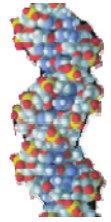


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## Where Do You Stand with the Creator of the Universe?



In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.  
*Genesis 1:1 NASB*



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The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. ...  
*Psalms 19:1-4 NIV*



For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.  
*Romans 1:20 NIV*



The hearing ear and the seeing eye, The Lord has made them both.  
*Proverbs 20:12 NKJV*

Your hands have made me and fashioned me; Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.  
*Psalms 119:73 NKJV*



"Thus says the Lord who made the earth, the Lord who formed it to establish it, the Lord is His name, 'Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'  
*Jeremiah 33:2-3 NASB*



And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.  
*Jeremiah 29:13 NKJV*





# 1. What is Your Relationship with Jesus Christ?



Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

*John 14:6 NKJV*

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

*John 3:16 NASB*

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

*1 Timothy 2:5-6 KJV*

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

*John 8:12 NKJV*

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

*1 Corinthians 15:3-4 NKJV*

I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father."

*John 16:28 NIV*

For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

*1 Peter 3:18 NASB*

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

*1 John 4:15 ESV*

## Who is Jesus Christ?



## What role do you allow Jesus Christ to play in your life?

Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

*John 14:23 NIV*

A Psalm of David.  
To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.  
O my God, I trust in You;  
Let me not be ashamed;  
Let not my enemies triumph over me.  
... Show me Your ways, O LORD;  
Teach me Your paths.  
Lead me in Your truth and teach me,  
For You are the God of my salvation;  
On You I wait all the day.

*Psalm 25:1-2, 4-5 NKJV*

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

*Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV*

Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?

*2 Corinthians 13:5 NASB*

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.

"Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'

*Matthew 7:21-23 NASB*

## Will Jesus Christ know you when you face Him?



"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

*John 3:18 NKJV*



## 2. The God of the Bible Desires a Personal Relationship with You for Eternity.

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.  
*1 John 4:9-11 ESV*



For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,  
*1 Timothy 2:3-6 NKJV*

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.  
*Romans 5:8 NASB*



For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.  
*John 3:16 NKJV*

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love.  
*John 15:9-10 NIV*



This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.  
*1 John 1:5-7 NKJV*

“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. “For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”  
*Matthew 11:28-30 NASB*



I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me.  
*Proverbs 8:17 NKJV*

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”  
*John 10:28-30 ESV*



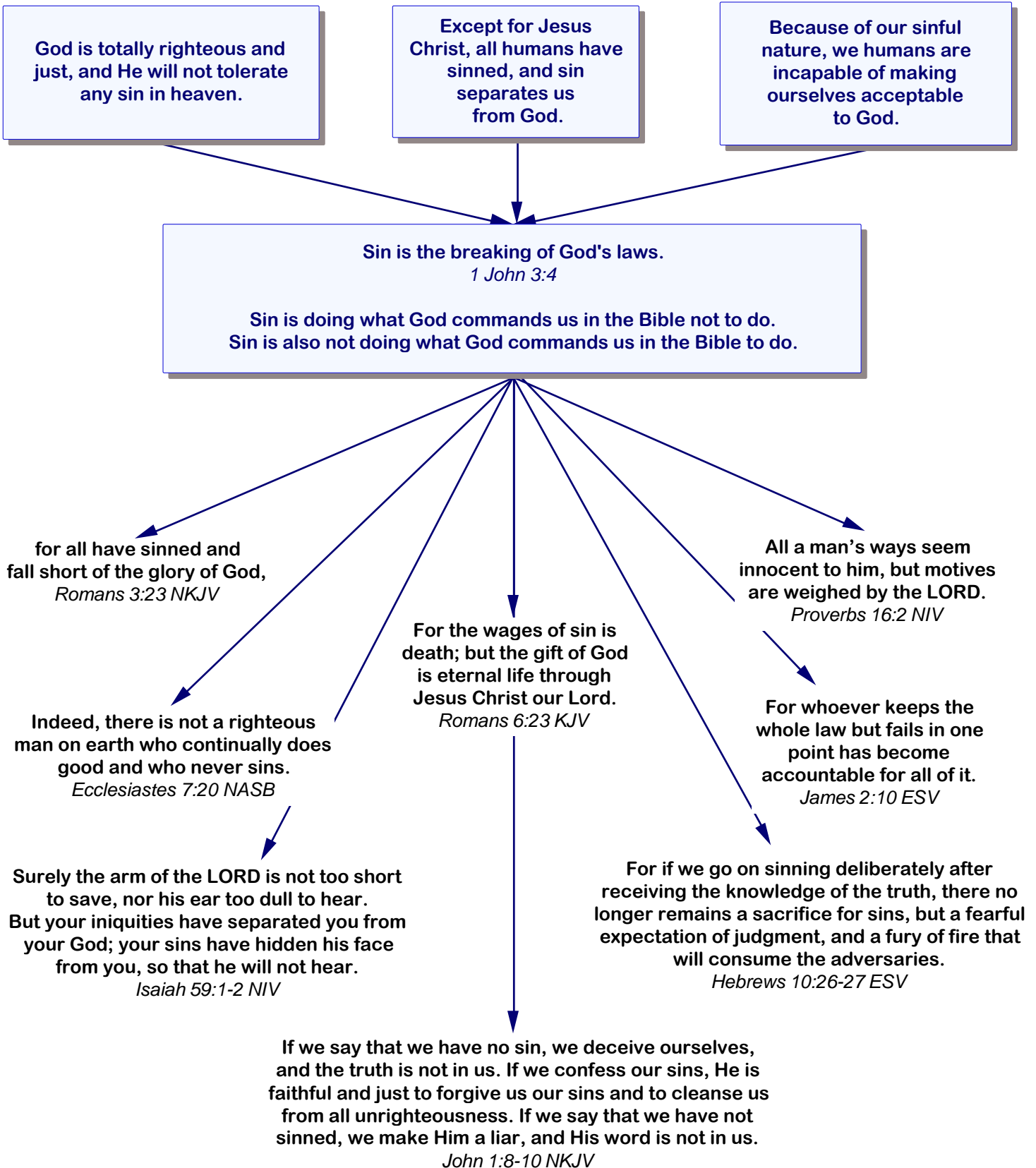
Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”  
*John 11:25-26 NASB*

However, as it is written: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him” -  
*1 Corinthians 2:9 NIV*



“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.  
*John 14:1-3 NIV*

### 3. However, There is a Serious Barrier That Stands in the Way: The Sinful Condition of Human Beings.



## 4. God Clearly States in the Bible What He Considers to Be Sin.

Sin is the breaking of God's laws.

*1 John 3:4*

Sin is doing what God commands us in the Bible not to do.  
Sin is also not doing what God commands us in the Bible to do.

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

*Ephesians 4:31-32 ESV*

And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

*Mark 7:20-23 ESV*

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

*Galatians 5:19-21 ESV*

Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.

*James 4:17 NASB*

Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

*Matthew 22:37-39 NKJV*

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

*Philippians 4:8-9 NIV*

### The Ten Commandments:

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. *Exodus 20:1-2 ESV*

1. "You shall have no other gods before me. *Exodus 20:3 ESV*
2. "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. *Exodus 20:4 ESV*
3. "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. *Exodus 20:7 ESV*
4. "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. *Exodus 20:8 ESV*
5. "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. *Exodus 20:12 ESV*
6. "You shall not murder. *Exodus 20:13 ESV*
7. "You shall not commit adultery. *Exodus 20:14 ESV*
8. "You shall not steal. *Exodus 20:15 ESV*
9. "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. *Exodus 20:16 ESV*
10. "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's." *Exodus 20:17 ESV*



## 5. If You Truly Desire a Personal Relationship with the Creator God, He Has Provided Only One Path for You. It Is Through the Lord Jesus Christ.



Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

*John 14:6 NKJV*

But the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.

*Galatians 3:22 NIV*

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

*John 3:16 NKJV*

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

*Romans 5:8 NKJV*

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

*2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV*

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit,

*1 Peter 3:18 NIV*

“Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.

*Matthew 10:32-33 NIV*

“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

*Matthew 7:13-14 NKJV*

For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand.

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

*John 3:34-36 ESV*

And He said to them, “You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.” Then they said to Him, “Who are You?” And Jesus said to them, “Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning.

*John 8:23-25 NKJV*

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

*1 John 2:1-2 NIV*

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

*1 Timothy 2:5-6 ESV*



## 6. If You Truly Desire a Personal Relationship with the Creator God:

1. Seek the holy God of the Bible with all your heart.
2. Repent of your sins.
3. Believe that Jesus Christ is truly the Son of God who came to earth as a man.
4. Believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay the just penalty for all your sins, was buried, was bodily resurrected, and is now with the Father in Heaven.
5. Trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior and your Lord.

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

*John 5:24 ESV*

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

*1 Corinthians 15:3-4 NASB*

For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

*Romans 10:12-13 NIV*

This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

*Romans 3:22-24 NIV*

And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

*1 John 5:11-13 NKJV*

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?”

*John 11:25-26 NKJV*

that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

*Romans 10:9-10 NASB*

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’

This is the first commandment.

*Mark 12:30 NKJV*

Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it—I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while —yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance.

For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

*2 Corinthians 7:8-10 NIV*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments.

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

*1 John 5:1-3 NASB*



## 7. If You Truly Desire to Be a Faithful Follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, Trust In and Obey What the Bible Teaches.



All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

*2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV*

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

*2 Peter 1:20-21 NIV*

I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

*Revelation 22:18-19 NASB*

Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.

*Deuteronomy 4:2 NKJV*

As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.

*2 Samuel 22:31 NKJV*

But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

*Luke 11:28 NKJV*

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

*James 1:22 NKJV*

But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

*Matthew 4:4 NKJV*

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

*Hebrews 4:12 NASB*

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

*Psalms 19:7-9 NKJV*

The entirety of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.

*Psalms 119:160 NKJV*

Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

*Acts 17:11 NIV*

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

*Deuteronomy 6:5-7 NKJV*

And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

*Luke 24:25-27 ESV*

# A MindEquip Book for Serious Christians and Those Earnestly Seeking the Creator God

Are you are in a Christian teaching role? Are you involved in a small group Bible study? Would you be interested in a family devotional resource that teaches foundational truths of the Christian faith? Are you in a place in your life where you would simply like to further explore what the Bible teaches about God and the eternal relationship that He would like to have with you? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, I encourage you to consider my book:

## *Equip Your Mind with the Word of God* *Volume 1* *Foundational Truths for Living*

This book includes 41 topical chapters and focuses on what the Bible says about the following three foundational subjects:

- Section 1: The Bible
- Section 2: God
- Section 3: Humans Beings

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- How do you equip my mind with the Word of God?

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