

Church?

1. The church was created by Jesus Christ (Matthew 16:18).
2. *The* church means all people everywhere who have trusted Christ as Savior (Ephesians 1:22–23).
3. A church is a local assembly of Christians who meet for worship, fellowship, and training (Acts 16:5; Matthew 28:18–20; Hebrews 10:23–25).
4. Church membership is not a door to Heaven or a step toward salvation (John 10:9).

Baptism?

Biblically, no one should be baptized until he first calls on Jesus Christ to be his Savior. Baptism cannot cleanse from sin or impart eternal life. Immersion into the water and rising up out of the water is a symbol of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. God's order is first, salvation; second, baptism as a visible testimony of faith in Christ (Acts 2:41; 10:47–48).

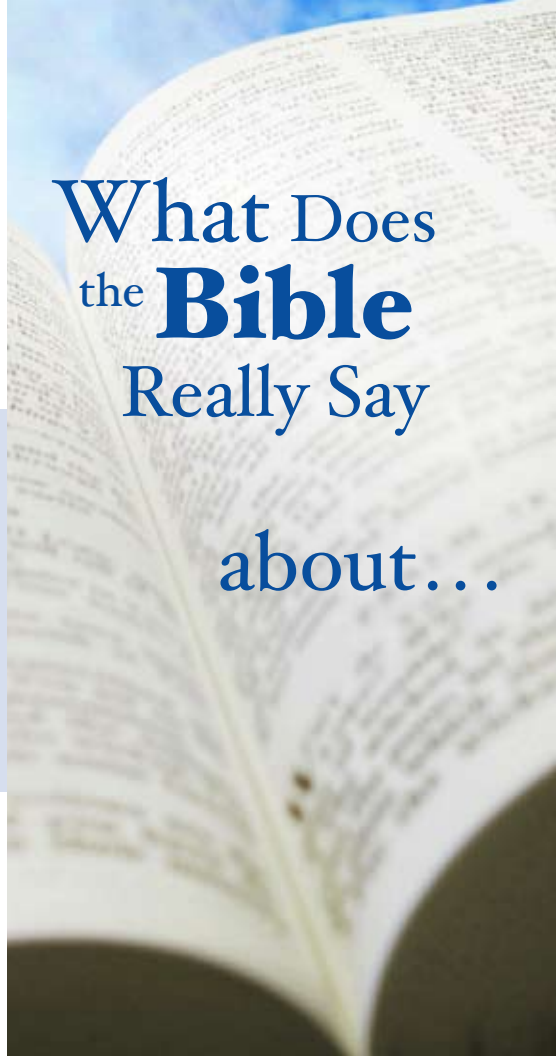
Your Choice?

1. It is now up to you to let Jesus Christ save you (Matthew 16:24–26).
2. Any time "later" may be way too late to decide, "... *Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation*" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Please ask Jesus Christ right *now* to save you! "*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved*" (Romans 10:13). God promised!

Becoming a Strong Christian?

1. Follow Jesus by studying and obeying the Bible (1 Peter 2:2).
2. Pray for guidance and for power to be obedient (Philippians 4:6–7).
3. Go to an active, Bible-teaching church on Sundays to worship and serve God with other Christians (Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:1–47).
4. Tell others about Jesus every day (Acts 2:47).



What Does
the **Bible**
Really Say

about...

Itself?

1. The word, “Bible” comes from the Greek word, “biblos”, which means “book.”
2. Specific claims, such as in I Thessalonians 2:13, prove the Bible is not man’s work, but God’s, *“When ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God”* (2 Peter 1:21; Hebrews 4:12).
3. More than eight hundred times the truths recorded in the Bible are coupled with, *“saith the Lord.”*
4. The Bible is God’s instrument to impart eternal life to believers (1 Peter 1:22–25; Romans 10:12–17; Ephesians 1:13; James 1:21; Acts 10:22, 44; 11:14).
5. The Bible is the revelation of who God is and what His plan is for us in this life and the next (John 10:35).

Jesus Christ?

1. Miraculously conceived by the Holy Spirit without a human father (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18–23).
2. God in human form (Hebrews 1:8; Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 1:23; John 14:9; Colossians 1:15; 2:8–9; Hebrews 1:1–3).

3. Perfectly pure and sinless (John 8:46; 2 Corinthians 5:21).
4. Creator of man and the universe (John 1:1–3; Colossians 1:13–17; Genesis 2:7).
5. Shed His blood on the cross as the only remedy for our sins (Matthew 26:28; Acts 20:28; Romans 3:25).
6. The only Savior of the sinful human race (John 14:6; Acts 4:12).
7. Risen again from the grave and alive today! (1 Corinthians 15:1–5; Matthew 16:21; Romans 8:34).
8. Returning from Heaven at any moment to take Christians home to Heaven (John 14:1–6; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; 1 Corinthians 15:50–52).

Heaven?

A place as real as any place in this world. Somewhere high above the earth, the place of God’s throne, and the future eternal home of all real Christians. It is a place of indescribable beauty and glory! (John 14:2 [14:1–3]; Psalm 103:11; 11:4; Revelation 21:24 [21:1–27]).

Sin?

1. Any lack of conformity to God’s will as shown in the Bible, whether it is ignoring what God says to do, or doing what God says not to do (1 John 3:4; James 4:17).

2. Some sins of our society are rebellion against God and other proper authority, anger, hatred, murder, pride, jealousy, greed, profanity, lust, adultery, lying, theft, drunkenness, drug abuse (Exodus 20:1–18; Romans 1:16–32).
3. God hates all sins—inward attitudes and outward actions (Romans 1:18; Psalm 11:5; 9:15–17; Proverbs 6:16–19; Romans 1:18; 6:23; Matthew 25:41, 46).
4. Only God (no preacher or priest) can forgive sin (Luke 5:20–21; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 10:11–12).

Hell?

As real as this world, a place of literal fire and horrible eternal torment prepared for all unbelieving sinners (Matthew 18:8; 25:41; Luke 16:22–24; Revelation 20:15).

Salvation?

1. A free gift from God, not a reward for good deeds done for God, church, charity, or society (Romans 4:5; 5:15–18; 6:23).
2. Eternal life and deliverance from the penalties of sin are provided only by God’s grace (Titus 3:5–7; Ephesians 2:8–10).
3. Immediate and everlasting forgiveness of all sins comes only by God’s grace (Titus 3:5–7; Ephesians 2:8–10).