

FINDING GOD

Many today are looking for God because they feel there is something beyond their own mortal existence. Something within them yearns for something greater than themselves. They look for Him in many places, believing He is many things. For instance, some are beginning to proclaim today that “God is the Universe,” or that “God became the Universe.” Those that put their trust in that thought will be disappointed, because God did not become the Universe, rather He created the Universe. “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1 The Bible). God is not the Universe. He is above, beyond, and forever separate from the universe. But He is always near to His creation.

Some, on the other hand, are looking for God in ancient philosophies, or ancient mysticisms. Seeking God is good, but they will not find Him in those things either. Others believe they will find Him in ancient mythologies, which they believe are filled with vestiges of the truth. They too will fail, for God is not there. In the end they will find themselves disappointed and lost. But they search because they know that there must be more to life than simply being born, then dying. And that is what worries them—dying. That is what frightens them—death. They wonder to themselves, “What comes next?” That is what propels them onward to seek the answer to their yearning, to that empty gnawing down deep within their hearts. They are searching for truth, for an answer that will dissolve all worry, that will calm all fear, and that will bring a lasting peace down deep within. But what is that answer? What is truth?

That is the question that millions and millions, if not billions of people have asked themselves repeatedly. “What is truth?” They intuitively know that truth will bring an answer to all their nagging questions of existence, of heartache, and of conscience brought into turmoil by the destructive nature of sin—sometimes it is the sin we commit ourselves, and sometimes it is the sin others commit against us with hate. Oh, how hate and sin have destroyed lives and robbed us of our peace and surety. Is there no answer? Is there no hope? Is there no peace? Is there no truth? Indeed, there is, but it is not found in the Universe. Nor is it found in an ancient philosophy created by human wisdom. Nor is it found in an ancient myth, thought to contain some element of truth. It is found in a Person who long ago stood before a Roman official by the name of Pilate (who would shortly crucify Him), and who asked that Person that very same question, “What is truth?”

He asked that question because this Person, named Jesus of Nazareth, had just declared to him the following—“*I have come into the world, to testify to the Truth. Everyone who is of the Truth hears My voice.*” In other words, Jesus said there is an answer to that question, which He gave in another place when He succinctly declared, “I am the Truth!” Jesus of Nazareth came to this world over two thousand years ago to tell everyone who was searching for truth and who was searching for God, that He was the answer, that He was the

Truth! He came to boldly declare that the answer is found in Himself, not in a decaying Universe, not in an answerless philosophy, not in an ancient mythology, but in Himself, the One who was sent by God, with love, to this dying world—“For God so loved the world, that He gave His Only-Begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (Gospel of John 3:16).

But that was not all! Jesus declared so much more. He also said—“I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me” (Gospel of John. 14:6). You see, dear fellow human being, you are loved by God, so much so that He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to answer all your questions about what truth is—He is the Truth. But He also sent Him to answer all your questions about finding God—He is the Way to God! If you follow Him, you will find God! Your search will end. But in the process you will also find that Jesus is also the Life, a Life that will counteract the awful effects of hate, a Life that will heal the destructive nature of sin and death. His Life will heal your soul. How?—By faith. If you believe in Him and believe His word, He will save you from all your fears, from all your nagging questions, from all your endless searching. He will forgive you of every sin and will give you everlasting life, a life that is abundant and free. He died on the cross for all our sins. He bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we would not have to bear the awful penalty of those sins (which is eternal death apart from Him). He died, so we might live! And He rose from the dead, so we might have hope! He conquered death, and then offered to us His victory over death—if we only believe! Salvation is in a Person and that Person is the LORD Jesus Christ. If you seek Him, you will find your answer; if you seek Him, you will find the Truth; if you seek Him, you will find God!

Consider these other true words of Jesus; listen to His voice; believe in Him and you will find peace: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world: he that follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the Light of Life” • “I am the Resurrection, and the Life: the one who believes in Me will live, even if he dies” • “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent” • “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” • **Also listen to His disciples, those who knew Him well:** “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” • “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved” • “If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and you believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved” • “There is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved.”

We encourage you to pray to the LORD Jesus Christ right now—quietly in your heart, or out loud. He will hear you. He is alive! Tell Him you believe in Him. Confess your sin and failures to Him and He will forgive you and save your soul from death. Through Him you will find the true God and everlasting peace.