

# Building Your Relationship With God

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What Does The Bible Say?



# The Bible Is The Inspired Word of God

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READ: 2 TIM 3:16-17

Since There Is No Other Inspired Revelation From God To Man (Gal 1:8-9), The Bible Is Our Only Source Of Religious Authority.

**ISN'T THIS TRUE?**

# There Are Two Natural Divisions

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READ: 2 TIM 2:15

The Holy Bible (Word Of Truth)  
Should Be "Rightly Divided" As  
We Study, Shouldn't It?

Should We Obey Everything In Both The Old And New Testaments In Order To Be Saved? Should We Build An Ark? Should We Offer Burnt Sacrifices? Should We Make Three Annual Trips To Jerusalem?

# When Did First Written Law Die?

OLD TESTAMENT



Law Died At The Cross

NEW TESTAMENT



Christian Law Now In Force

READ: Romans 7:4; Colossians 2:14

“Dead To (First) Law By The Body of Christ” Rom 7:4

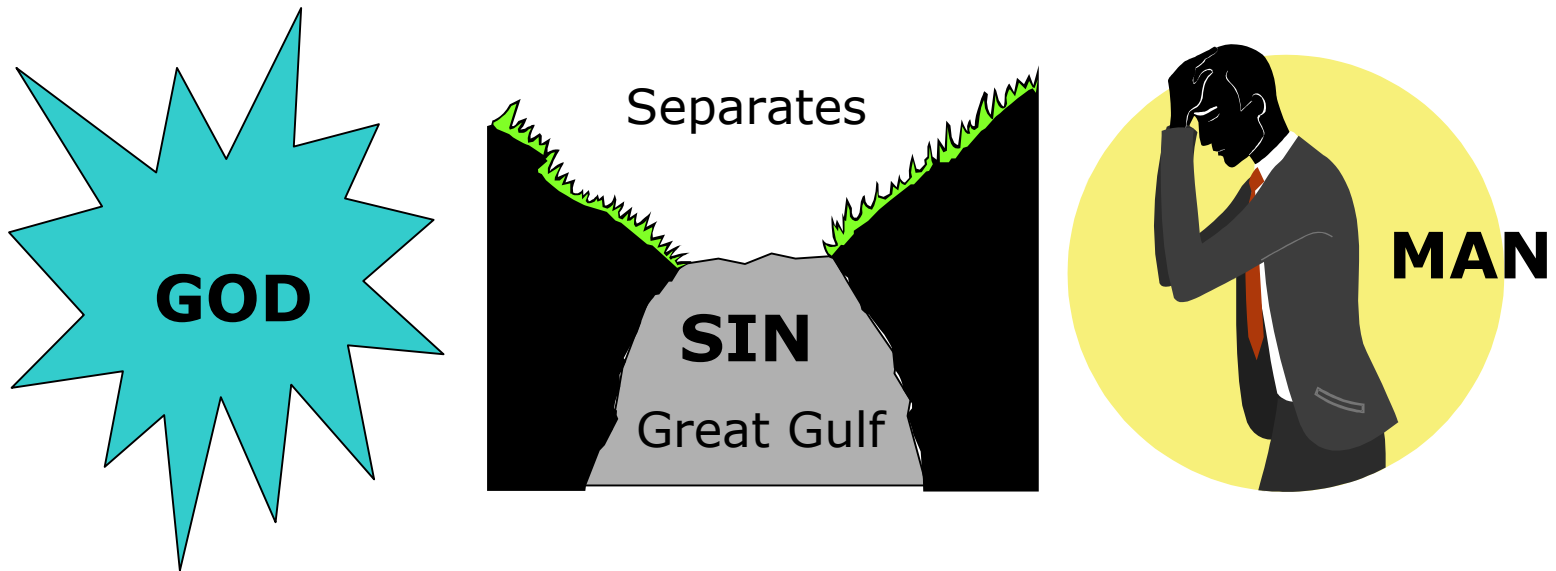
“Handwriting of Ordinances Nailed to the cross” Col 2:14

**Note:** There was no other written Law at the time of the Cross other than the Old Testament.

**GOD SPEAKS TODAY BY HIS SON! HEB 1:1-2**

# Our Great Spiritual Problem

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READ: Isaiah 59:2 "But your iniquities (sins) have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear."



# The Bible Defines Sin

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**READ:** 1 John 3:4; James 4:17

- SIN IS “Breaking God’s Law”
  - Such As: Murder-Stealing-Immorality-Adding to God’s Word
- SIN IS “Not doing what we should”
  - Such As: Not Feeding The Hungry, Not Worshipping God, Not Loving Our Neighbor, Not Obeying The Gospel or Taking From God’s Word
- ALL HAVE SINNED (Rom 3:23)

**I REALIZE I HAVE SINNED -- HAVEN'T YOU?**

# WHY DID CHRIST DIE?

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ROMANS 5:8

**FOR MY SINS!**

**FOR MY FORGIVENESS!**



# The Plan For Forgiveness

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- Believe – John 20:31; Heb 11:6
- Repent (Change Mind) Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30
- Confess – Rom 10:10; Acts 8:37
- Be Baptized – Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; Mark 16:15-16



# Baptism?

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- **WHAT IS IT?**

- A burial in water – Acts 8:38; Rom 6:4
- Pictures Christ's Death – Burial – Resurrection  
Rom 6:4-5
- Couldn't Be A Sprinkling, Could It?

- **WHAT IS ITS PURPOSE?**

- Remission of Sins – Acts 2:38; 22:16
- It is The New Birth – John 3:3-5; Rom 8:16-17
- Places One In Christ – Gal 3:27; (Salvation Is In Christ – 2 Tim 2:10)
- Places One In The Church or Body – Eph 1:22-23; 4:4  
(Christ Will Save The Body – Eph 5:23; 1 Cor 12:13)



**HAVE YOU BEEN BURIED IN WATER FOR THESE PURPOSES?**

See Acts 19:1-5

# WHAT CHURCH WERE THEY ADDED TO?

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Building



Body of Christ

Matthew 16:18 --- Acts 20:28 --- Ephesians 1:22-23

**THIS IS THE ONE I WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF - DON'T YOU?**



# CHRISTIANS ARE BOUGHT

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- Christians Belong To God –  
1 Cor 6:19-20
- Christians Must Worship –  
Heb 10:25; Acts 20:7
- Christians Must Work – Titus 3:1;  
1 Cor 15:58
- Christians Must Be Dedicated –  
2 Cor 8:5; Rev 2:10; Gal 2:20

**BAPTISM IS JUST THE BEGINNING!**



# When Should One Be Baptized?

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- READ:
- Acts 2:41 – Same Day
- Acts 8:35-39 – As Soon As Taught
- Acts 16:30-33 – Same Hour

**Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments."**

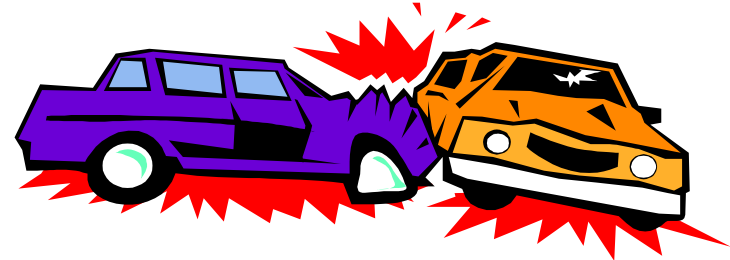
John 14:15

# WHAT'S THE HURRY?

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## Life Is Uncertain

(James 4:13-14)



We see & know of death daily.

## Christ Is Coming Again

(2 Thes 1:7-9)



I am the way the truth and the life, no man comes to the father except by me – John 14:6

He will come in the clouds  
Acts 1:9-11

# FORGIVENESS IS THIS SIMPLE FOR YOU

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**Do You Believe That Jesus Christ Is The Son Of God?**

**Do You Want Him To Be Your Savior And Master?**

**Would You Like To Be Baptized Right Now?**



# References for Plan For Forgiveness (Chart 8)

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## SAVED BY FAITH

John 3:16 – God so loved  
John 5:24 – Believer has eternal life  
Acts 10:43 – Believe for remission of sins  
Acts 16:31 – Believe and be saved  
Acts 15:9 – Purified by faith  
Rom 5:1; 10:9-10 – Justified by faith  
Gal 3:26 – Children by faith

## NOT FAITH ONLY

Matt 7:21-23 – Obey  
John 6:29 – Faith is work  
Gal 5:6 – Faith works  
Heb 5:8-9 – Obey  
James 1:22-15 – Doer, not hearer  
James 2:19-24 – Devils believe

## EXAMPLES OF FAITH

Heb 11

## REPENTANCE

Matt 3:1-2 – John  
Matt 4:17 – Jesus  
Luke 13:3 – Repent or perish  
Acts 2:37-38 – Jews  
Acts 17:30-31 – Commanded  
2 Pet 3:9 – All sinned

## CONFESSION

Matt 10:32-33 – Before men  
John 12:42 – Some would not  
1 John 4:15 – God abides in