

# THE ANSWER

clear answers to spiritual questions



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## What is The Answer?

The Answer is an online free interactive four part course found on YouTube and is designed to help bring you 'clear answers to spiritual questions'.

This course will help:

- Those who are searching for spiritual truths.
- Those who have recently become a Christian.
- Those who want to make sure they understand the foundations of living the Christian life.

You can find an online PDF version of this workbook and the link to the YouTube series by visiting the website below:

**[www.victory.uk.net/answer](http://www.victory.uk.net/answer)**

Simply use this workbook or download the PDF version of this workbook to follow along. You can pause the video, write your own thoughts and give your own answers, it's as simple as that. Please note that the wording of this workbook is exactly how Pastor Andrew is talking in the video sessions.

In this workbook there is a section after each question called **'GO DEEPER'**. You can stop the video and take your time to study a little further on the subject.

## **Episode 1**

Hi my name is Andrew White. I am the senior Pastor of Victory Gospel Church here in Southampton, England and I want to bring you some answers. Maybe you were in one of our services and prayed the salvation prayer or perhaps you watched it online and have given your life to Jesus. However it is that we are connecting today, I want to encourage you as we look into these questions and answers, God is going to show Himself to be real in your life.

### **Question 1**

#### **Can I Trust The Bible?**

Well I want to say simply for myself, that the Bible is completely trustworthy. And of course, hundreds of millions of people have put their trust in the Word of God, in the Bible, to lead them and to guide them in and through their lives. Not only down through the ages but right now many millions of people have found that it works.

The Bible is actually made up of 66 different books which flow in a tremendous stream of life and hope for you. Not only is the Bible trustworthy but, as we study and look into archaeology, we see that there are thousands of manuscripts that prove to us that the Bible is authentic. The most notable is 'The Dead Sea Scrolls'. You can look into that for yourselves and find it to be true.

Let me give you a quote about the truth of God's Word. Chuck Colson the noted Bible scholar said:

**“The Bible's power rests upon the fact that it is the reliable, errorless, and the infallible Word of God.”**

I want you to take that into your heart today as you begin think about the Word of God.

The Bible itself says about itself in Psalms 119:160 (NKJ) **‘The entirety of Your Word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.’**

Think about that. It says the entirety of Your Word is truth.

So you can begin to expect the Word of God to be real in your life. Why don't you ask God to help you to understand it and to help you believe it. He will cause the person of the Holy Spirit to cause the Word of God to become real to you and faith to arise as you read God's Word.

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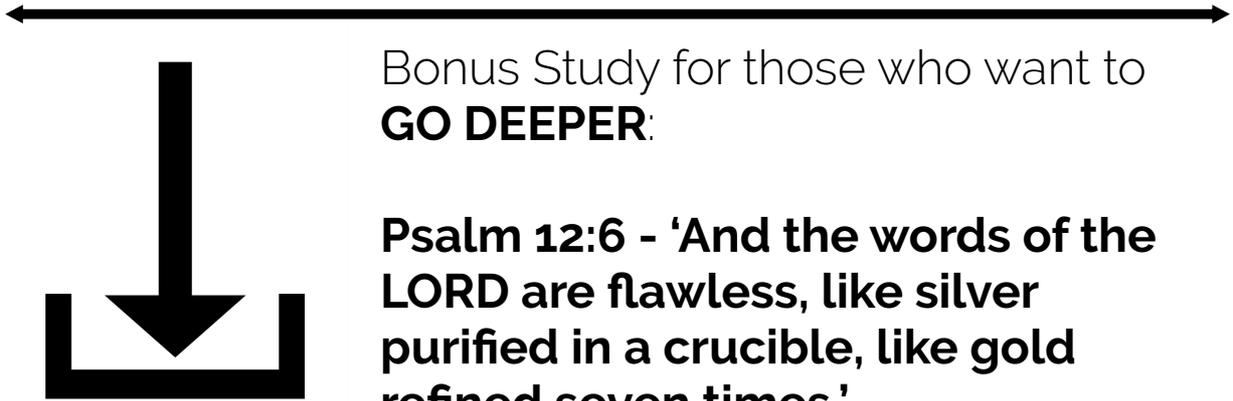
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**Psalm 12:6 - 'And the words of the LORD are flawless, like silver purified in a crucible, like gold refined seven times.'**

This is such a beautiful description of honesty and purity. The claim here is that God's Word is completely trustworthy. That's a huge thing to say, but if it is true then we can have great confidence and peace knowing that God will work everything for our good.

**Proverbs 30:5-6 - 'Every word of God is flawless; He is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.'**

What a massive statement that God's Word is flawless, and a stern instruction not to add our words and claim that they are from Him. These scriptures and others like them draw us to conclude that either the whole Bible is a lie or the whole Bible is true.

Ask God, who your heavenly Father is, to help you settle it once and for all so that you can trust the Bible and allow it to bring wisdom and direction to your life.

**PRAYER:** 'Dear Heavenly Father help me to understand the Bible. Help me to know in the depth of my heart that it is true and that it is straight from your heart to mine. As I read it may it create faith in me, Amen.'

## Question 2

### Who is Jesus?

Well, Jesus is God. So we have:

- God the Father
- God the Son (who is Jesus)
- God the Holy Spirit

Now three in one sounds very difficult to understand but actually you are three in one. You have:

- Your Body  
We are all very aware of our physical bodies.
- Your Soul  
That is your mind, that is what you think with. Your will, that's what you decide with and your emotions, that's what you feel with.
- Your Spirit

Just as you are three in one, God is also three in one. Let's look into the Bible to see some answers about who Jesus is and about the trinity.

In John 1:1-3 (NIV) it says these words:

**'In the beginning was the Word, (that is Jesus. His name in Heaven was 'the Word') and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.'**

Notice there, it says that the Word was God, and the Word was with God. So there we see the Father and the Son together.

Let's move down a few verses into John 1:14 (NIV). It says:

**'The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.'**

Here again, the Bible is talking about Jesus being the Word who was the Son and the Father, proving to us that Jesus is God and He is God's son.

I'm sure you know the story of how Jesus came and was born in a manger to the virgin Mary and to His father Joseph, His earthly father. That was over 2,000 years ago. The Word became flesh and dwelled among us.

Let's go to Matthew, that's the first book of the New Testament. Matthew 3:16 (BSB) says:

**'As soon as Jesus was baptised, He went up out of the water. Suddenly the heavens were opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and resting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!"'**

So here we see each person of the trinity. Jesus being baptised, the Holy Spirit coming upon Him as He comes out of the water and the Father speaking from Heaven.

Here we can see clearly today that the Bible makes it very clear that Jesus is God. He is our Saviour and He is our Lord. You can trust Him and you can know Him as your Lord and Saviour today.

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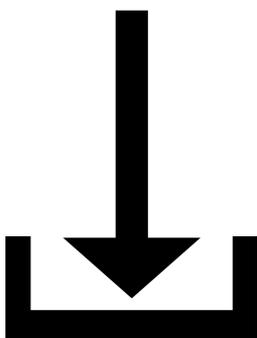
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**John 5:19 - 'Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing;**

**for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.” ’**

We see the complete unity here between God the Father and God the Son. When Jesus, who is God the Son, ministered on the Earth, He represented perfectly the will of God the Father.

We can know the will of God for our lives by looking at the life of Jesus. We see in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 4, that Jesus found the place in Isaiah that explained that God the Father had anointed Him with the Holy Spirit to do His will on the Earth.

**Luke 4:18-19 - ‘ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.” ’**

**PRAYER:** ‘Dear Heavenly Father help me to understand that Jesus is both God, and the Son and that the Holy Spirit used Him on the Earth to do Your perfect will.’

## Question 3

### Can I Have Eternal Life?

I want to tell you, **yes most definitely!** If you've not already prayed the sinner's prayer then you can pray it today. You can know beyond a shadow of a doubt that your life is safe in God's hands. Maybe you've prayed it but you weren't quite sure what you were praying and you want to really know in your heart that you have.

What do I do? You simply need to acknowledge that He is your Saviour. That He (Jesus) is sent from God to save you from your sins and to give you this gift of eternal life.

John 3:16-17 (NIV). Probably some of the most famous verses in the Bible gives us the truth of salvation. It says these wonderful words:

**“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.”**

So today, you can receive this gift of eternal life. How do we do it? We simply pray. You don't need to use complicated words. In fact prayer should not be formal, it should not be difficult. It's a conversation between you and your creator. You and your Heavenly Father.

I want you to follow along with this prayer. It's going to appear on the screen. I'm going to pray it nice and slowly. All you have to do is genuinely mean it in your heart and I promise you today that God will hear and answer your prayer and give you that gift of eternal life and that full assurance of salvation. Let's pray together, say this:

**SALVATION PRAYER:**

'Dear Heavenly Father,  
I come to You now, just as I am.  
I thank You that You sent Jesus to die for me,  
To take away my sin and give me eternal life.  
Wash me, cleanse me, set me free from my past.  
I will live for You and follow You, all the days of my life.'

Now let me tell you, the Bible says that you are now a new creation. That old things are past away and all things have become new. That you are a child of God. You can rest on complete hope and assurance that God has answered your prayer and you have stepped into eternal life in God.

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The Question  
**Can I Have Eternal Life?**

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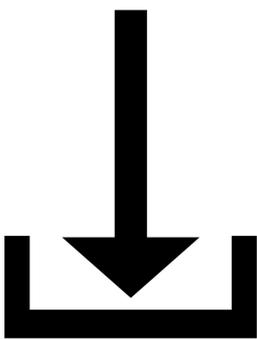
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As we continue in other episodes to look at some great questions and great answers, you're going to understand and know God working in your life. Let me pray for you right now:

Heavenly Father, I thank you for my friend who is watching and joining with me today. I pray that You will encourage and strengthen them. I pray that they will have the full assurance that Jesus is their Lord and their Saviour. Amen.

See you again on another episode of 'The Answer'.



Bonus Study for those who want to  
**GO DEEPER:**

**John 10: 27-30 - 'My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of My hand.**

**Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and the Father are one.'**

These words spoken by Jesus give us such confidence in His ability to not only save us but keep us.

The gift of eternal life is just one of the benefits of salvation. You not only have the joy of knowing your sins are forgiven and have a home in Heaven but also can experience God's love, kindness and goodness in your life every day.

It is God's grace that has saved you. You simply believed His word to you. That's called faith. That faith reached out to God's grace and the miracle of Salvation has taken place in your life. You are saved.

**Ephesians 2:8-9 - 'For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.'**

**PRAYER:** 'Dear Heavenly Father, help me to understand this wonderful gift of salvation that you have given me. Help me to be confident that you have saved me and given me eternal life.'

## **Episode 2**

Hi there! Welcome to episode two of 'The Answer'. Again, we are going to look into the Bible and are going to explore the questions people have when they give their life to Jesus and begin this walk of knowing God.

### **Question 4**

#### **How Do I Read The Bible?**

This may seem really obvious to people. You may think 'well I'd just start from the beginning', but actually that may not be the best way.

The Bible, as I've said before, is made up of 66 different books. It's actually in two sections, the Old Testament, starting with Genesis and the New Testament starting with Matthew.

In this walk with God it's really important for us to find out who Jesus is because He's the one who came to save us. Because of that it's good to really start in the gospel of Mark. That's the second book in the New Testament. Mark is quite a short book. It would take you only a few minutes to read, but it's not a competition. I don't want you to rush through it. Instead what would be better would be that every day you read one chapter. Get a pen and paper or somewhere for making notes and write down questions, write down your thoughts.

Now what you are really going to need is the person of the Holy Spirit to help you to understand the Bible. So I want to encourage you as you begin to read your Bible everyday, you can read it through on a tablet, on your phone, on your computer or go and purchase a Bible, I want to encourage you to ask the Holy Spirit to help you.

Pray a simple prayer just like this one...

**PRAYER:** 'Dear Holy Spirit, teach me everything you want me to know from what I'm about to read today.'

Let's look at a couple of verses in the Bible that talk to us about the Holy Spirit helping us to understand God's Word.

1 Corinthians 2:12-13 (NIV version) says these great words:

**' "What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught to us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words." '**

So my dear friend it's so clear that the Bible instructs us that the only way we're going to understand this is by the person of the Holy Spirit.

Where do you start?

So I mentioned about the different books and I mentioned the fact that we need to be starting in the gospel of Mark. One chapter a day. Alongside that I would recommend that you also read one of the chapters from the book of Psalms every day.

Psalms is a wonderful book. It's actually a collection of songs and poems. It brings to us a reality of what it is to live normal life with God's help and God's strength. It's filled with people's emotions expressing their struggles and trials but crying out to God.

So I would encourage you, read through the gospel of Mark at least three times alongside that read the book of Psalms. You will soon find that faith is created in your soul, for the Bible says that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God and you will find that the Bible becomes your companion, your strength and your help. So let's start reading the Bible.

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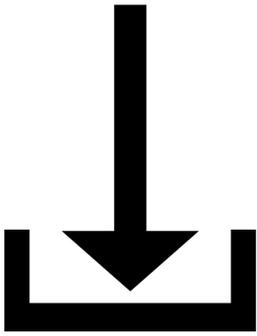
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The Question

**How Do I Read The Bible?**



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**Psalm 119:11 - 'Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.'**

A life of allowing God to speak into our lives through His Word the Bible will bring all kinds of blessing into our lives. Our moral compass is not set by our opinions or the worlds opinions but by what the Bible teaches us is God's heart.

Wisdom, peace, contentment, prosperity, health and joy all become available to us as we allow the Bible to become God's voice into our lives.

**Psalm 119:140** (Contemporary English Version) - **'Your word to me, your servant, is like pure gold; I treasure what you say.'**

**PRAYER:** 'Dear Heavenly Father help me treasure Your Word the Bible. I ask you to teach me your ways.'

## Question 5

### How Do I Pray?

Well I want you to start by throwing away all those religious ideas of formal prayers and long words. You're not talking to a God who is far off. You are talking to a God who loves you, who is actually your Father so talk to Him like your friend, your father, the person who you love the most.

You are going to need the Holy Spirit to help you to pray. He is longing to show you the joys and the beauty of what prayer can do for your life.

As we look in the Bible, we see in Matthew 6:7-13 (NIV), that Jesus gives us some instructions about prayer. It says:

**' "And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. This, then, is how you should pray:**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven  
our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from  
the evil one." '**

I think it's amazing that Jesus said don't keep babbling on, don't keep repeating prayers, but that's exactly what Christians have done. They've made this Lord's Prayer into something they say over and over again and it loses its meaning, it loses its relationship. But this is actually just an instruction of the different types of prayer we can pray.

So begin to express yourself to God. You begin to talk to Him and you will find that prayer will give you such peace and such hope. You'll be able to unburden your life and you'll also learn to hear the voice of the Father speaking back into your life causing prayer not to be a duty but a joy.

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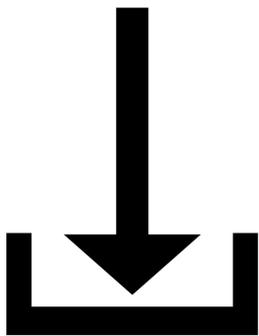
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**PRAYER:** 'Heavenly Father, I thank You again for my friend watching with me today as we're exploring these answers. And I pray that's as they begin to read your Word it will begin to be so real to them. As they begin to pray they will understand the relationship they have with You. I speak blessing and peace and joy and victory into your life in Jesus name, Amen.'



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**Psalm 116:1-2 - 'I love the Lord, for He heard my voice; He heard my cry for mercy. Because He turned His ear to me, I will call on Him as long as I live.'**

**Psalm 40:1-3 - 'I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in Him.'**

The Lord loves to hear us pray because it is a way we can fellowship with Him. He wants time with you. Time in worship, time in prayer and time in reading His Word.

So enjoy time with God. Let prayer be a pleasure not a chore. Be open, honest and real.

## Episode 3

Hi there! Welcome to episode 3 of 'The Answer'. We've got some great questions to get into today so let's push right in.

### Question 6 Will This Change My Life?

Well the good news is, this can change everything about your life, but God's not into control or manipulation. He wants you to open up and respond to Him.

In 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) it says these words:

**' "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" '**

That's you. That's me. We are 'the new creation', and He can bring transformation into every part of our lives.

Salvation is more than putting your hand up in a service. It's more than saying a prayer. It's about your whole nature, your whole life being transformed. You see, we are God's children. We can live how He wants us to live. We can love how He wants us to love. We can walk in the blessing and the goodness of God.

John 10:10 (NIV) says this:

**' "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." '**

The thief is the devil. Make no mistake about it he wants to destroy you with his lies. He wants you to think the way he wants you to think, yet Jesus has set you free from the lies of the enemy and given you the ability to have a brand new start.

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV) says the most wonderful words:

**‘ “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.” ’**

So Almighty God has these amazing plans for your life. I want to encourage you, surrender to His plan. It's by far the best plan that you will ever find and it will lead you down the road of success, peace, joy and blessing. Make your decision today, to follow His plan.

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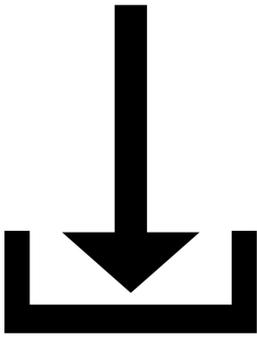
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**Romans 12:2 - 'Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.'**

This life that God offers can be incredible. It may be a journey that feels like it is going against the flow of this world but the benefits of a transformed life are immeasurable. You were never made to blend in so let God help you to stand out.

**Philippians 1:6 - 'And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.'**

In seeking to continue this transformed life we must fully understand that we cannot transform ourselves. It is God who started this work in us by His grace. We simply have to live a life that is surrendered to His perfect will and allow Him to challenge us and change us.

The more we are open to His leading, guiding and loving correction the more change we will see and greater the rewards.

**PRAYER:** 'Heavenly Father, I thank You and ask You to cause my life to line up with Your plan for my life. Show me through Your Word and through the Holy Spirit what areas of my life that need to change.'

## **Question 7**

### **Who Is The Holy Spirit?**

In episode one we saw that there was God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Let's go back to Matthew 3:16-17 (BSB) and explore these verses again:

**'As soon as Jesus was baptised, He went up out of the water. Suddenly the heavens were opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and resting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!"'**

The Holy Spirit comes to live inside of us the moment we ask God for that gift of salvation and we are born again. The Spirit of God comes to live on the inside of us.

1 Corinthians 6:19 (NIV) says:

**' "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own."'**

The Holy Spirit becomes your constant companion. He reveals to you who you are in God and who God is in

you. His power comes to live inside you and to transform everything about you.

John 16:13-14 says these words:

**‘ “But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that He will receive what He will make known to you.” ’**

The Christian life is impossible without the person of Holy Spirit. I want to encourage you to find out more about Him. Find out about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Find out about praying in the Holy Spirit or other people would call it praying in tongues. If you do this and the more you develop your relationship with God through the Holy Spirit, your walk with God will go to another level. Your faith will climb to a new dimension.

In the book of Acts in chapter 2 we find out how the early church experienced the power of God. So Jesus had died, He had risen from the dead and now He is ministering on the earth for forty days doing signs, wonders and miracles.

After forty days, He ascended to Heaven and He told the disciples that there would be a person who would visit them. The person of the Holy Spirit. This was God's promise for their lives and it would transform them.

Let's read Acts chapter 2 and verses 1-4 (NIV):

**‘ “When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from Heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.” ’**

Let me tell you, you can expect your life to be totally changed by the Holy Spirit. You can walk in miracles. You can see God do the most incredible things as you learn to listen to His voice, as you learn to be lead and directed by the Holy Spirit and see His power come and change you.

As a Christian, the Holy Spirit lives within you. So begin to develop this life in God through the person of the Holy Spirit and may it bring great change to you.

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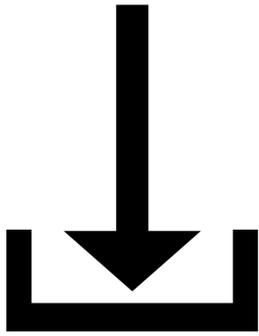
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**Romans 12:2 - 'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'**

The Holy Spirit has many roles in our life. One of them is to empower us to tell others the good news of the salvation that is found in Jesus. Romans 12:2 tells us that He the Holy Spirit will empower you.

You will find as you simply take the opportunities that the Holy Spirit gives you that it will become a joy to share your faith with others.

**John 14:26 - 'But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.'**

You can be confident the Holy Spirit will help you in your Christian walk. He will teach you and strengthen you.

## Episode 4

Welcome again to 'The Answer'. This is episode four. The last in the first series and I pray that this has touched your life as you continue to listen to answers to spiritual questions.

### Question 8 Do I Need To Go To Church?

The book of Hebrews, which is in the New Testament, chapter 10 verses 24-25 (NIV) gives us the answer. Let's look together right now:

**' "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the day approaching." '**

Church is the place where you can grow in your walk with God. Where faith can be established in your life. It's a place where you can experience God's presence in worship. You can learn to be part of a community. You can learn to be part of this thing called the family of God.

Of course in every family, there can be difficulties and any church can never be the perfect church because it's got people in it just you and just like me. So in your church that you go to you may find that there are difficult people. People that are hard to get along with but that's all part of the process of growing in God.

What's really important is you find a church where they preach the word of God straight from the Bible. A church where the praise and worship is filled with the life and love of God. A church where they preach about the grace of God. Where they preach in healing and salvation and deliverance and the power of God is seen every time you gather together.

Now church is supposed to be a support network. It's supposed to be a place where people can come along side and encourage you. So you're going to need to get involved. You're going to need to do more than just turn up every now and then but get right into the life of the church.

In the book of Romans 12:3-5 (NIV) we read these words:

**' "For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." '**

So you belong to the body of Christ. You are important and there is a church that needs you to hook in and be part of what they are doing. Find out about their vision. Find out about their calling and be part of the answer in that church.

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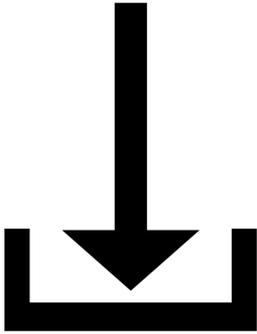
**Do I Need To Go To Church?**

**My Answer:**

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Bonus Study for those who want to  
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**Acts 2:46-47 - 'Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.'**

The Church is God's answer to build us up and strengthen our lives. God wants us to connect to each other as well as to connect with Him. To learn to love and support each other through good times and bad times.

**Ephesians 2:19 - 'Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household.'**

We are literally His family so forget about any differences you see and remember we all have the same Father the same saviour and the same helper.

## Question 9

### What Is Baptism?

In episode one we saw that Jesus was baptised in water and how the Holy Spirit came upon Him in Matthew 3:16 (BSB). Let look there again:

**‘ “As soon as Jesus was baptised, He went up out of the water. Suddenly the Heavens were opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and resting on Him. And a voice from Heaven said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!” ’**

We see here that for Jesus it was important at the start of His ministry, to be baptised. I'm not talking about a baby being sprinkled with water. I'm talking about full immersion right down into the water. That's what happened with Jesus.

What was He doing? He was saying 'God, I'm committed to you. I will fulfil your plans and purposes.' It's part of your journey and my journey. Make that decision. It's about surrendering your whole will and your whole life to Him. It's also an awesome experience.

In Acts 2:38 (NIV) Peter said these words:

**‘Peter replied, “Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” ’**

Baptism doesn't save you from your sins. Jesus saves you from your sins. What baptising does do is it identifies with God. It's a great opportunity to bring your family and friends together. For them to hear your story of how Jesus has changed your life and for you to step into this next dimension of obedience to God. I promise you it will be one of the greatest days in your Christian walk. You'll be so fulfilled and so full of joy as you take this next step into baptism.

I want to encourage you to think about that. To pray about that. To talk to your Pastor and find out about getting baptised. It's really vital as you seek to move on in your relationship with God.

The Question  
**What Is Baptism?**

**My Thoughts:**

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**My Answer:**

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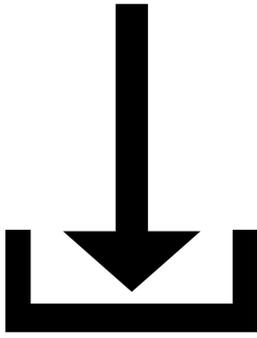
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I pray that through these episodes your life has been built up and strengthened and that you will keep pursuing God because the more you press into Him, the greater transformation you will find and you will experience the joy of salvation, the thrill of knowing that your life is safe in God's eternal hands. May you be strengthened today.

**PRAYER:** 'Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus I thank You that the answer is not a theory. The answer is a person. The answer is Jesus. For my dear friends right now I pray as they continue in this walk they will discover the joy of knowing You in every dimension of their life. Strengthen them, build them up and encourage them I pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.'

I want to encourage you to watch his through again maybe two or three times. Let it get right down deep on the inside of you. And we'll see you again on another series of 'The Answer'.



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**GO DEEPER:**

**Colossians 2:12 - 'Having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through your faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.'**

The Imagery of baptism represents us being buried in the death that Jesus died and just as He rose again we rise from the water with His new life.

We are saying we want to die to our own will and our own plans. We are acknowledging that God's ways are better than our ways. We are saying to God, 'I lay down my life and I am raised up in the Your power.'

**Ephesians 4: 4-6 - 'There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.'**

The act of being baptised also makes a declaration that we belong to the family of God. We are one, united in God's love and secure in His free gift of salvation.

Thank you for being part of **The Answer**.

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- Have recently become a Christian
- Desire to understand the foundations of Christian life

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