

"Forever, oh Lord, Your word is settled in heaven" (Psa 119:89).

Man's questions and God's answers:

Occasionally we get reports of people saying they don't read the Bible because they don't think they can understand it. Jesus said, "Seek and you will find" (Mt 7:7). Take a few minutes today and read the scriptures that answer the questions below. You'll be surprised how clear God's word really is, and you'll wonder why you've been putting off reading it.

"Does God exist, and did He create the Universe?" (Gen 1:1; Acts 17:16-31; Rom 1:20-25).

For something to exist, something always had to exist. The law of Biogenesis: All life comes from pre-existing life.

"Is the Bible the complete and final message from God?" (2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:16-21)

The apostles, like the Old Testament prophets, penned the New Testament by inspiration of the Holy Spirit. (John 16:12-13; 2 Pet 1:3; Jude 3).

"What is the relationship between truth and freedom?" (John 8:31-32; 17:17; 1 Tim 2:1-4).

"Whoever commits sin is a slave of sin," Jesus said. Truth will set man free from the consequences of his sin, which is spiritual death or separation from God (Jn 8:34, 24).

"Is it necessary to know and obey the truth?" (1 Pet 1:22-25; 2Thess 1:7-9)

Belief in God and Christ by mere mental assent is only part of the plan of God to set man free from the consequences of his sin -- the truth revealed in the gospel must be obeyed.

"Of what does the gospel of Christ consist?"

Facts to believed: (Rom 1:1-4; 1Cor 15:1-4)

Commands to obey: (Mt 28:18-20)

Promises to trust: (Col 1:5)

Doctrine to instruct: (1Tim 1:8-11)

"What can the gospel of Christ do for me?" (Rom 1:16-17; 1 Cor 15:2).

Salvation for the soul necessitates one's continuous and steadfast attention to the facts, commands, promises and doctrines of the gospel.

"What will God do when I obey Christ?" (Ac 2:38, 47; Eph 2:13-22; Co 1:13-14).

Membership in the Lord's church (or citizenship in His kingdom) is only a foretaste of the glory to come for a child of God. The everlasting kingdom in Heaven awaits those people who are in Christ today (2 Pet 1:10-11).

Undoubtedly, many of you read this column like any other column in the newspaper. But as you can see, you will need a Bible in-hand to benefit from what is presented above. I challenge you to study your Bibles and search the truth; compare what you've always believed to what the Word actually teaches. If we can assist you, please let us know.

