### Is God's word trustworthy?

- The Bible has stronger manuscript support than any other work in classical history, including Homer, Plato and Aristotle.
- Secular historians confirm the many events, people, places & customs chronicled in Scripture.
- Archaeological discoveries repeatedly affirm its reliability and corroborate biblical details.
- The Bible records specific, detailed predictions of events that could not be known nor predicted by chance or common sense.<sup>2</sup>

"All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16

### Don't all religions lead to God?

"Religion is fallen humanity's attempt to reach up and become acceptable to God through what we do; Christianity, on the other hand, is a divine gift based on what Christ has done. He lived the perfect life that we could never live and offers us His perfection as an absolutely free gift."<sup>2</sup>

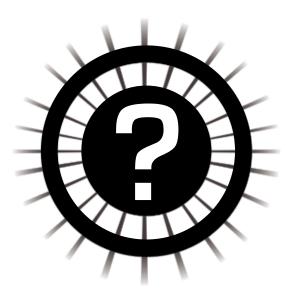
"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

### Doesn't science disprove God?

Increasing numbers of scientists are coming to the conclusion that the world looks designed because it really is designed. Once, science and christianity seemed light years apart. Yet today, not only do "the heavens declare the glory of God" Psalms 19:1, but those who explore them are discovering the fingerprints of a master intelligence on the finely tuned dials of the universe.<sup>3</sup>

# Questions?





Can there be more to life than this?

<sup>1.</sup> Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life* [Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2002]

<sup>2.</sup> Hank Hanegraaff, *The Bible Answer Book* (Nashville: J. Countryman, 2004)

<sup>3.</sup> Lee Strobel, *The Case for a Creator* [Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2004]

## SO — JUST WHAT IS MY PURPOSE IN LIFE?

"The search for the purpose of life has puzzled people for thousands of years. That's because we typically begin at the wrong starting point - ourselves. The purpose of your life is far greater than your own personal fulfillment, your peace of mind, or even your happiness. It's far greater than your family, your career, or even your wildest dreams and ambitions. If you want to know why you were placed on this planet, you must begin with God."

### You are not an accident!

Your birth was no mistake or mishap, and your life is no fluke of nature. Long before you were conceived by your parents, you were conceived in the mind of God. It is not fate, nor chance, nor luck, nor coincidence that you are here. You are alive because God wanted to create you!

# So how do I know what God's purpose is for me?

- God reveals his purpose for our life when we have a relationship with Him.
- When we give our hearts to God, He speaks to us through His Holy Spirit, the Bible, and through other believers.<sup>1</sup>

## Beginning a relationship with God is as easy as ABC...



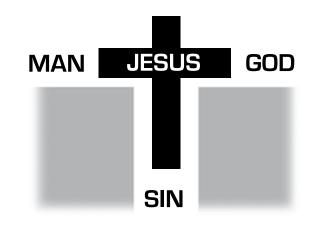
Admit that you have broken God's moral laws (also known as sin).

#### What is sin?

Sin is failing to do the things we should and doing those things we should not. It is the barrier between you and a satisfying relationship with God.<sup>2</sup>

#### 1 John 4-5

"Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin."



#### Romans 3:22-24

"This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for *all* have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

#### Romans 6:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

# Believe

Believe that God sent His son Jesus to Earth to become a perfect human being. Jesus lived a sinless life, and died on the cross for our crimes in order that we can be rescued for eternity. Most importantly though, is the fact Jesus rose from the dead, proving that He is God and demonstrating His triumph over death and the crimes of the world.

#### John 3:16-17

"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."

#### John 14:6

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

# Confess

Will you confess to God that you need Him, and want to lead a completely fulfilled life by following His will for you? Will you ask forgiveness for the wrong things you have done in your life, and confess that Jesus is Lord and has risen?

#### Romans 10:9-10

"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."