

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

HOW CAN I KNOW THAT GOD HAS FORGIVEN ME?

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PART 1: BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT GOD

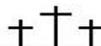
Humans know very little about God; the Bible does not say why God decided to create the Universe. We have descriptions of God's throne and where He rules from but we don't know much about His environment. The only information we have to go on is some basic truths found in the Bible.

GOD IS ETERNAL

- God is eternal and does not have a beginning. He has always existed! **Isaiah 45:5, 21-25; 46:8-11; Hebrews 13:8**
- In **Isaiah 43:10**, "YAHWEH" is the Hebrew word for God meaning existent and eternal.
- In **John 1:1-4**, Jesus is equated with Yahweh. This lines up with what God spoke to Moses in **Exodus 3:13-15**, and was later repeated by Jesus in **John 8:52-58**.

ELOHIM MADE A DECISION TO CREATE A PHYSICAL WORLD

- The Bible does not tell us any discussion that took place between God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit as to why they decided to create physical world apart from the spirit world they live in. The Bible simply tells us that God made a creation. **Genesis 1:1**
- The planet earth was selected to have a special type of physical life based upon water and electricity. All plant life was designed to reproduce itself with a built-in DNA code. The animal kingdom was designed to function by chemical reactions (taking in food) and regulated by a computer using electrical impulses. Insects have a microchip that governs their behavior but there is no ability to learn or adapt. They cannot think for themselves or respond to the outside environment. Their microchip is very limited, whereas, higher forms of animals respond to love or hate and have the memory capacity to remember good or bad things. Man has a sophisticated computer which is used by the soul to express thoughts, emotions and exercise a free will. Animals cannot sin because they were not given a free will and have no concept of right or wrong. The animal kingdom was created to submit to man, but due to sin, Satan got the capacity to control the animal kingdom to a degree. **Genesis 1:20-25**
- God created man to rule this living physical world. Man was created in the image of God, in that he was triune, with a body, soul and spirit. The soul is eternal; it has a beginning but no end. **Genesis 1:26-31**



THE MYSTERY

Before the universe was created, God created spiritual beings, which are known as angels, the holy ones, the stars of heaven or sons of God. Again, God does not tell us how or why He did this and how long ago it happened; the Bible only gives us some limited information. Let's take a look at what we can glean from the Bible:

- ❑ God informs Job that the angels were in existence when he created the earth.
Job 38:4-7
- ❑ The angels were created with a free will, but if an angel decided to rebel against God and sin as a result, there would be no redemption for them.
Matthew 25:41
- ❑ Lucifer was an anointed cherub, which is a high ranking angel with access to the very throne room of God. He was in charge of leading other angels in the worship of God, but one day he made a decision that he did not like his position, so he made plans to dethrone God and take His place.
Ezekiel 28:11-19; Isaiah 14:12-17

SUMMARY

- ❑ Angels are created beings that are eternal. They were created with a free will but there was no redemption they sinned.
- ❑ Humans are created beings with a soul that is eternal and can never die. Man was created with a free will and the possibility to be redeemed if he would turn from his sins and repent. **Isaiah 55:6-11**

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?