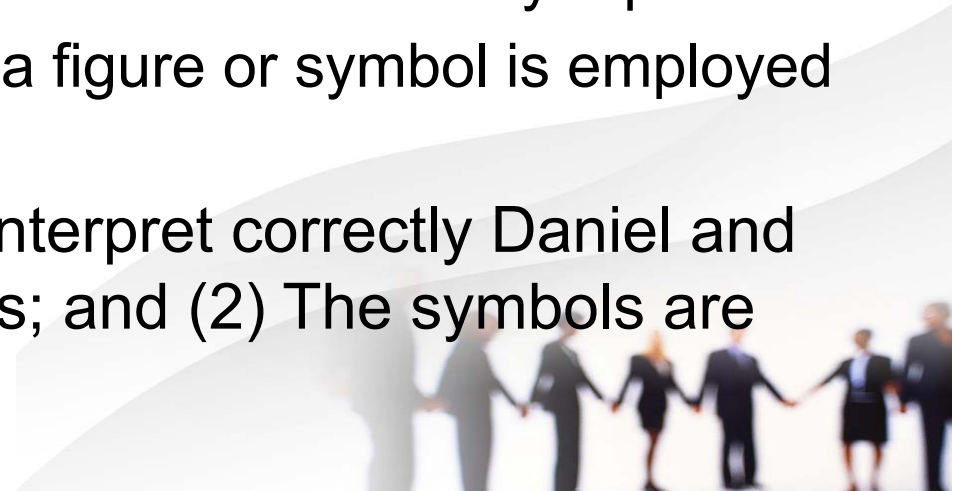


# Getting Started with Prophecy Questions

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# Questions and Answers

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**Divided Europe**



## Questions and Answers

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10. What will happen in the days of divided Europe? **God will set up his kingdom that shall never be destroyed**



## Lesson 8 – What Will The Next Life Be Like?



**Introduction:** Many people picture heaven as an imaginary cloud carrying imaginary spirits who are listening with imaginary ears to imaginary music from imaginary harps-and then we wonder why some people are not excited about going there! Today we will see what heaven is really like.



# 1. Where did the human race come from? Gen. 1:26-28 [The

Further-study verse is Ps. 8:4, 5]

## *Genesis 1:36-28*

- <sup>26</sup> And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
- <sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
- <sup>28</sup> And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth

## **Psalms 8:4,5**

- <sup>4</sup> What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
- <sup>5</sup> For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

**Answer: We are created in the image of God**



## 2. What kind of world did God create for our happiness-a real, tangible world; or a make believe, invisible world? Gen. 1:1, 11, 20, 24

*Genesis 1:1, 11, 20, 24*

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

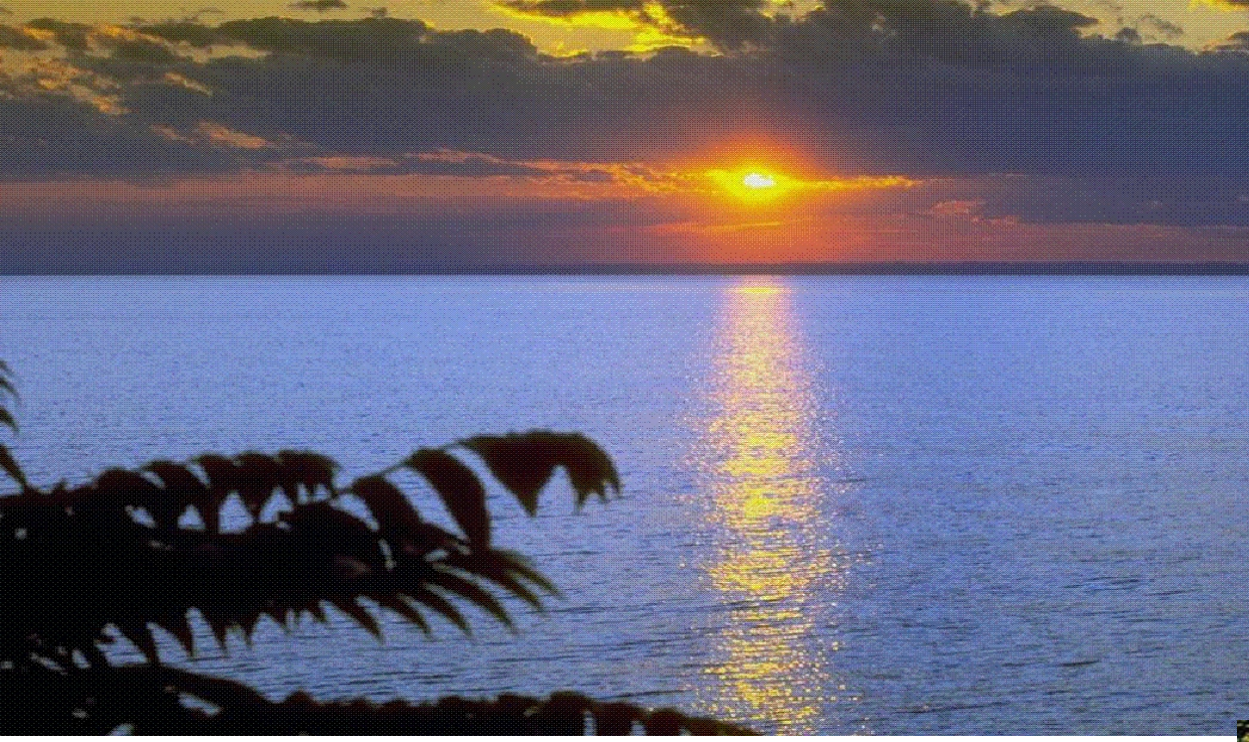
<sup>11</sup> And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

[Note: Our streams today are from the very waters God created; our trees are from the seeds of the trees He made. Rev. 4: 11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.





### 3. What did God think of His creation? Gen. 1:31 [James 1:17, 18]

#### Genesis 1:31

<sup>31</sup> And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

#### *James 1:17, 18*

- <sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.
- <sup>18</sup> Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

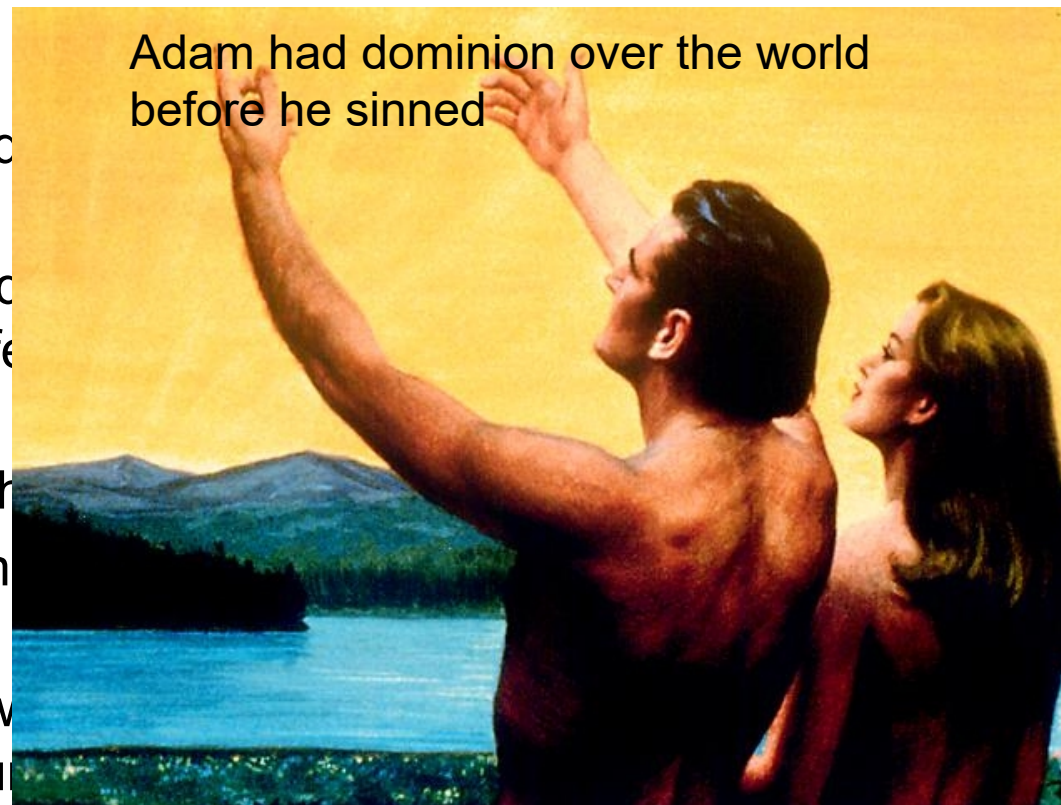




#### 4. God made the human family to enjoy this world forever if they would be loyal and trustworthy. But, since Satan had already rebelled in heaven, what provision for free choice did God give our first parents? Gen. 2:8, 9, 15-17

##### *Genesis 2:8,9, 15-17*

- 8 And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east of the land of the east, and he formed the man whom he had
- 9 And out of the ground made a river that watered the garden; and the tree of life was in the middle of the garden; and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- 15 And the LORD God took the man, and he put him in the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.
- 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Eat freely of every fruit of the garden thou mayest freely eat:
- 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou



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[Note: Some understand this to mean that as soon as Adam and Eve sinned, they would come under the sentence of death. The KJV margin says: "dying thou shalt die." On the other hand, if God had not implemented the plan of salvation immediately, Adam and Eve would have died at once. Rom. 6:23] For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.



## 5. Our first parents failed, and what was the result? Rom. 5:12 [Gen. 3:6]

Romans 5:12

<sup>12</sup> Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Genesis 3:6

<sup>6</sup> And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Note: Man was kicked out of the garden of Eden.





**Sin separates  
from God.**

**6. God created a perfect world for human beings to enjoy eternally, but through sin they lost that inheritance. Who provided them a second chance to obtain that eternal inheritance again?**

**1 Peter 1:3, 4, 18, 19 [Isa. 53:46]**

### ***1 Peter 1:3-4***

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

- <sup>4</sup> To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.

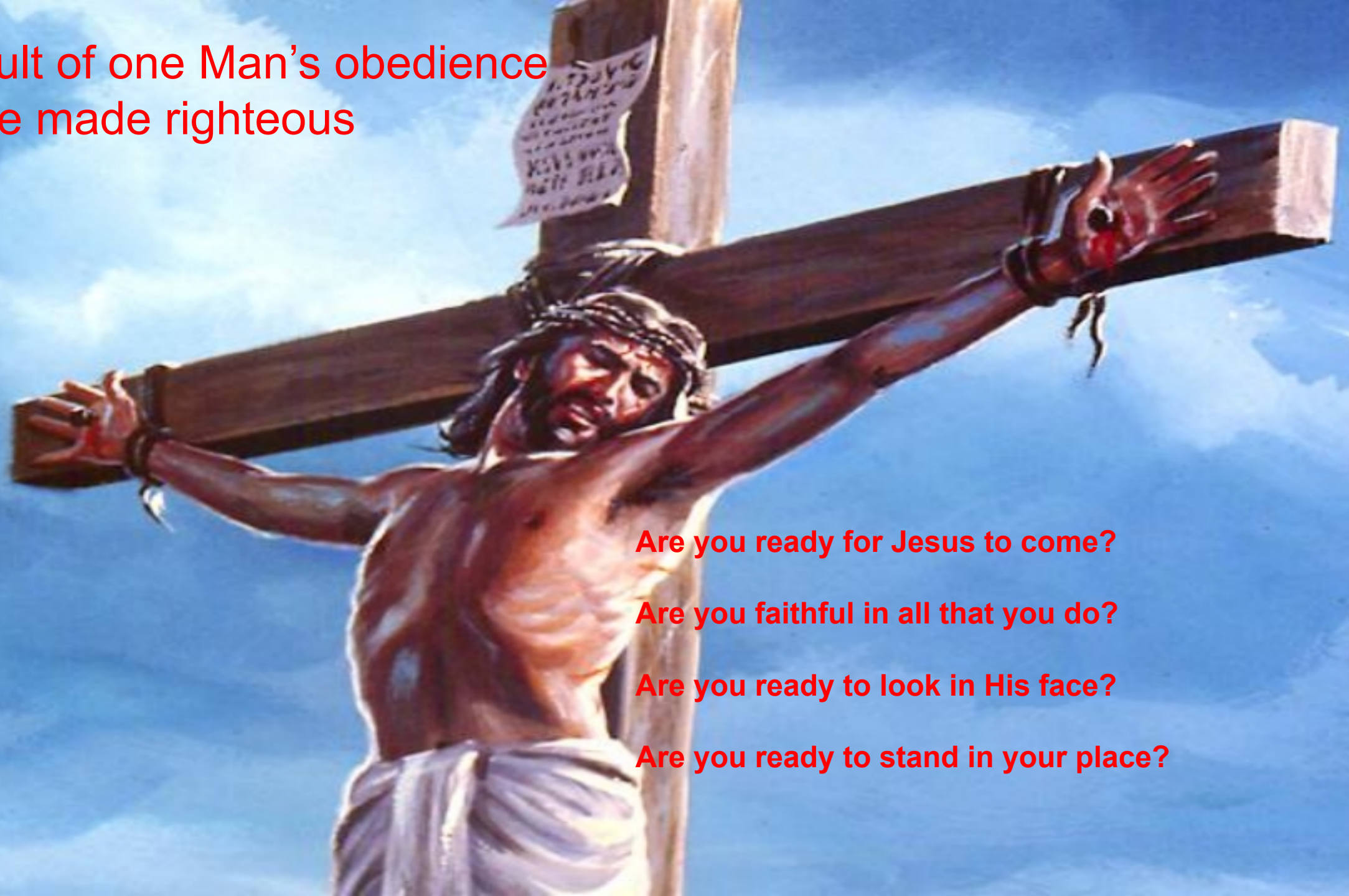
### **Isaiah 53:4-6**

- <sup>4</sup> Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
- <sup>5</sup> But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
- <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**Answer: Jesus became our substitute and He provided us a second chance to eternal inheritance.**



**As a result of one Man's obedience  
all can be made righteous**



**Are you ready for Jesus to come?**

**Are you faithful in all that you do?**

**Are you ready to look in His face?**

**Are you ready to stand in your place?**

## 7. What kind of life has Jesus promised to give back to us? John 10:10

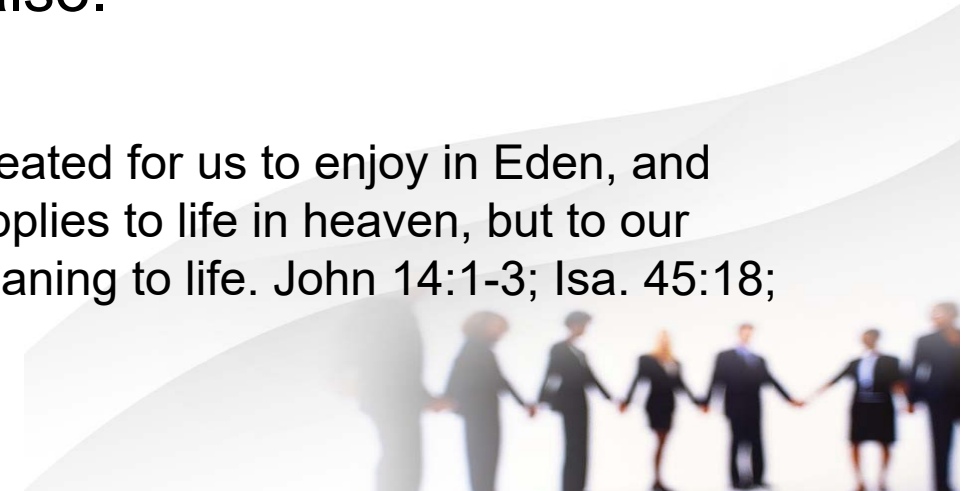
*John 10:10*

<sup>10</sup> The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

*John 14:1-3*

- Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
- <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
- <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

[Note: Jesus promised a MORE abundant life (one of reality such as He created for us to enjoy in Eden, and which He said was “very good”), not a LESS abundant life. This not only applies to life in heaven, but to our present life as well. Right now God promises to give us peace, joy, and meaning to life. John 14:1-3; Isa. 45:18; Mark 10:29, 30]



## 8. How long will this “more abundant” life last? John 10:27, 28 [John 3:16]

### John 10:27-28

- <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:
- <sup>28</sup> And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

### John 3:16

- <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**Answer: Forever and always**



**9. We have seen that God made man a tangible being to enjoy things, and God said it was “very good” (Gen. 1:31). What will the next life be like? Isa. 65:17, 21, 22, 25 [Rev. 21:4; 22:1,3]**

## **Isaiah 65:17,21,22, 25**

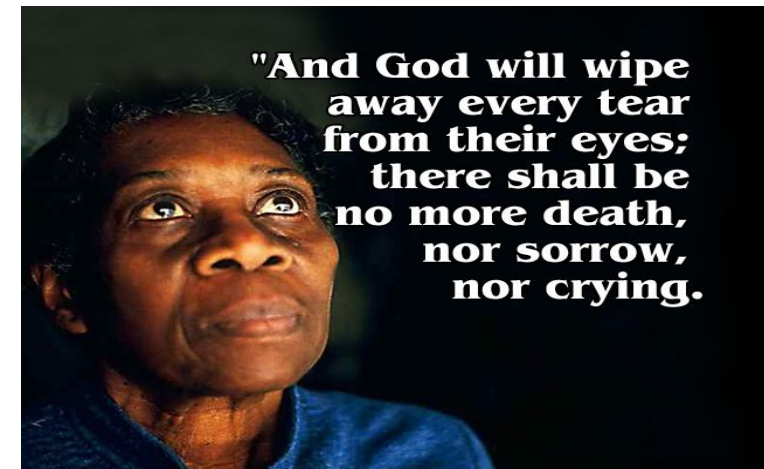
<sup>17</sup> For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

<sup>21</sup> And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

<sup>22</sup> They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

## **Revelation 21:4**

<sup>4</sup> And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.





## 10. Since “it is appointed for men to die,” and to lay to rest these tangible bodies (Heb. 9:27), how will we become “real” people again? 1 Thess. 4:15-18 [John 5:28, 29; 6:39, 40; 11:24]

### **1 Thessalonians 4:15-18**

- <sup>15</sup> For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.
- <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
- <sup>17</sup> Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
- <sup>18</sup> Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

### **John 5:28,29**

- <sup>28</sup> Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,
- <sup>29</sup> And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

**Answer: The righteous will be raised from the dead by Jesus and so shall we ever be with the Lord.**





**11. How do we know that we will be resurrected to a new life? Who went through the portals of the tomb and was resurrected as an assurance to us that we will be resurrected too? 1 Cor. 15:20, 23 [Col. 1:18; Rev. 1:5; Phil. 3:10, 11; 1 Cor. 15:12, 19]**

### *1 Corinthians 15:20-23*

- <sup>20</sup> But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.
- <sup>21</sup> For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
- <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
- <sup>23</sup> But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

### *Colossians 1:18*

<sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

### *Revelations 1:5*

<sup>5</sup> And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

**Answer Jesus Christ the Faithful and True Witness.**



# The righteous



## 12. Since we will be resurrected as Jesus was, what was He like after His resurrection?

**Luke 24:33, 43** [Matt. 26:29; I Cor. 15:17, 23; Phil. 3:20, 21]

*Luke 24:33, 42, 43*

<sup>33</sup> And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

- <sup>42</sup> And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.
- <sup>43</sup> And he took it, and did eat before them.

*Matthew 26:29*

<sup>29</sup> But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

*Philippians 3:20, 21*

- <sup>20</sup> For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:
- <sup>21</sup> Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

**Answer: Jesus was like He was before He was resurrected, so will we when we are resurrected from the graves!**



## 13. Will we know each other after our resurrection? 1 Cor. 13:12

*1 Corinthians 13:12*

<sup>12</sup> For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

Note: The soldiers recognized Jesus after His resurrection. When Mary first met Him after that event, her eyes were too tear filled to see, but she recognized His voice. Jesus hid His identity from the two men on the road to Emmaus so He could teach them truth, but they recognized His mannerisms when He blessed the food. The disciples and all others recognized Him when they saw Him. He was the “same Jesus” (Acts 1:11)! We, too, will be the same people when we are resurrected, and we will be recognized by our friends. [Luke 24:30, 32; John 20: 16, 19, 29; Isa. 66:22]

**Answer: Yes, we will be known as we are also known.**



## 14. It took Jesus' death to provide this abundant, real, eternal life. What does it take on our part to receive this treasure? Matt. 13:44 [ Matt. 16:24, 26]

### *Matthew 13:44*

<sup>44</sup> Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

### *Matthew 16:24,25, 26*

- <sup>24</sup> Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.
- <sup>25</sup> For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.
- <sup>26</sup> For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

**Answer: It takes our everything to serve the Lord and receive this treasure. Jesus said, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.**





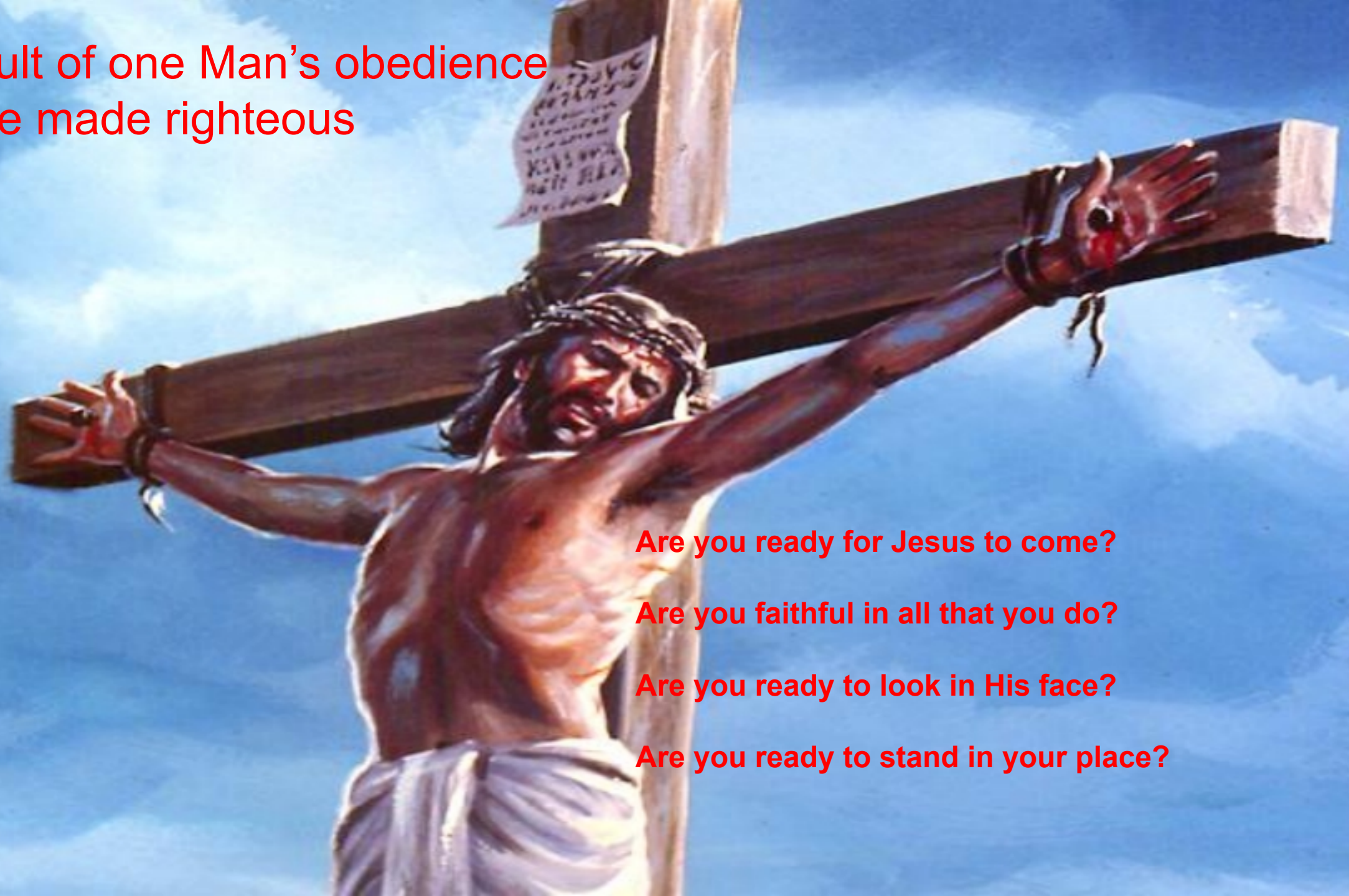
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- **Commitment:** God made us real human beings, to enjoy a real creation. Jesus came to restore this abundant life to us; but the parable in Matthew 13:44 says it takes all to buy the field. The field containing the treasure represents the Holy Scriptures, within which are hidden the treasures of the gospel-Jesus Christ and eternal life. The Bible teaches that it takes all to become a follower of Jesus, but this treasure is worth far more than everything we have. Will you make an entire surrender of your life to Jesus today that you may obtain this treasure?



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