



THE DILEMMA OF GUESSES

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Have you ever looked up at the stars and been amazed at the design of creation and felt a desire to connect with something bigger than yourself?

The amazing design of our universe hints that there is a Creator.

The heavens tell of the glory of God. The skies display His marvelous craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make Him known.

Psalm 19:1-2

Creation proclaims a creator, but it is incapable of describing him or what he expects of us. Our lack of information leaves us in a...

dilemma of guesses

Dilemma 1

Can we REALLY know anything specific about God?...

We can only if God communicates to us.
The Bible says He has!

The Bible originated with God.

For no prophecy recorded in scripture was ever thought up by the prophet himself. It was the Holy Spirit within these godly men who gave them true messages from God.

2 Peter 1:20-21

The Bible is inspired by God.

The whole Bible is inspired by God
and is useful to teach us what is
true...

2 Timothy 3:16

Dilemma 2

Are my opinions about God true?

Most of us know that our guesses about God are just that – guesses. As such, they will never satisfy our longing to know who God really is. Since God desires for us to know Him, He made sure that He provided an accurate way for us to do that through the Bible. The Bible tells us what God is like. For instance...

God is love.

Let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God... for God is love.

1 John 4:7, 8

God is just.

God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad.

Ecclesiastes 12:14

God is all-knowing.

O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my every thought when far away... You know what I am going to say even before I say it.

Psalm 139:1, 2, 4

God knows everything. He knows our dreams, our desires, and our hidden hangups. He's seen all that is good in our lives and all that we wish we could forget.

Dilemma 3

What does God know about me?

All of us fall short.

For all have sinned; all have fallen short of God's glorious standard.

Romans 3:23

Everyone has sinned. We are all in the same condition.

What exactly is sin?

All of us have strayed away like sheep. We have left God's path to follow our own.

Isaiah 53:6

Sin is not just a list of inappropriate actions or bad habits. **Sin goes much deeper than that. According to Isaiah 53:6, sin is living independently of God.**

The consequence of sin:

For the wages of sin is death...

Romans 6:23

In the Bible, death has temporal and eternal consequences. Temporally, it refers to the fear, guilt, blame, aimlessness, frustration, and enslaving habits we experience now because we live independently of God. Eternally, it describes a permanent separation from God in a place called hell.

**Are you living independently of
God???**

Dilemma 4

Can death and its consequences be overcome?

Yes... because God loves you.

Jesus Christ is God's solution for man's sin and the solution for discovering God's abundant life.

Jesus Christ died on a cross for your sin so that you might escape the death your sin brings.

Christ also suffered when He died for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but He died for sinners that He might bring us safely to God.

1 Peter 3:18

Jesus Christ also was brought back to life by God. Because of that, He offers to anyone who believes in Him, abundant life.

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

John 14:6

I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly.

John 10:10

Jesus can give you life. To receive it, you must give up your life of independence and trade your sin for the life He offers...

But how?

Dilemma 5

How can I experience this life?

You can experience LIFE by receiving Christ's gift of forgiveness and life by faith.

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

I assure you, those who listen to My message and believe in God who sent Me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.

John 5:24

To receive Christ's gift of forgiveness and life, you must:

1. Admit your life of independence from God and acknowledge your need to have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

2. Ask Christ to save you from your sin and the death it brings. Trust Him to do as He promised.

3. Allow Him to take the leadership of your life so that you can follow Him to the better life He promises you.

And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. So whoever has God's Son has life; whoever does not have His Son does not have life.

Dilemma 6

How can I express my faith to God to receive forgiveness and eternal life?

Prayer is how you can tell God of your desire to accept His gift of forgiveness and life.

The following is a suggested prayer:

Lord Jesus, I admit I have lived my life without You. I admit I am sinful and in need of Your forgiveness. I choose to trust You to forgive me of my sins and give me life as You promised. Take the leadership of my life and help me discover the abundant life You have for me. Amen.

Does this prayer express the desire of your heart? If so, would you like to pray this prayer now?

But these things are
written so that you may
believe that Jesus is the
Messiah, the Son of God,
and that by believing in
Him you will have life.

John 20:31

So Where Do I Go From Here?

1. Read the Bible. A good place to start is in the Gospel of John.
2. Pray. Talk to God about your life.
3. Find a church that teaches the Bible and helps you learn how to keep growing.

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