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Questions & Answers

“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect” (1 Peter 3:15 NIV)

Why Would God?

Genesis 22:1-3 **1** After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” **2** He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” **3** So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

Hebrews 11: 17-19 **17** By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, **18** of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” **19** He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

James 1:2-3 **2** Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, **3** for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

Romans 5:3-4 **3** Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, **4** and endurance produces character, and character produces hope

(God’s tests prove and purify our faith. They cause us to seek Him and trust Him more. God uses Abraham’s faith as an example of the type of faith required for salvation) - Gotquestions.org

What Makes Your Religion The Right One?

(1) History/Science

Genesis 9: 7,18-19 **7** And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; Bring forth abundantly in the earth And multiply in it.” **18** Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham *was* the father of Canaan. **19** These three *were* the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated. (NKJV)

Ecclesiastes 3:11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. (NIV)

Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. (NIV)

(2) Free/Faith

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Galatians 2:16 yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

Galatians 3:11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”

Don't Force Your Religion On Me

1 Corinthians 11:1 Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. (NIV)

1 Peter 2:21-23 **21** To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. **22** “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” **23** When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. (NIV)

1 John 2:6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

Matthew 7:13-14 **13** “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. **14** But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. (NIV)

Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. (NIV)

So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life
(**John 6:67-68**)

(ESV Used Unless Otherwise Noted)