

WHO ARE WE?

Luke 19:10

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: Just exactly who are we? What is our true nature? Why are we here? Where did we come from? Where are we going? What's the meaning of our being here in the first place? Every generation of mankind has asked these questions and been given all sort of answers, but all answers have come from somebody else just like us. Where can a person go and find the truth about these questions? There is but one source that has all the answers and all His answers are the right ones and that is Jesus Christ.

I. JESUS ANSWERS LIFE'S QUESTIONS

1. What is life? Why is there suffering, evil and death?
 - Jesus introduces a person to his/her true self, one's true standards, his/her worth as the children of God, and reveals one's true destiny.
 - Jesus reveals life's real, true values and shows people what is real and not real.
2. Jesus teaches that the only way to understand life's questions is in the light of God.
 - This is the Father's world.
 - God placed people on this earth with a plan for each person to share in God's greatness by having a fellowship/relationship with Him.
 - We (all people) are made by the hand of God and given the ability to make moral choices.
 - No person is simply a body of flesh, but is a spiritual being created in the image of God.
 - Every person has the capacity for judging, knowing what is right and wrong.
 - Every person has the capacity for fellowship with almighty God.
 - Sadly, through the ages most people have become more animalistic than human, living only for their appetites and comfort, seldom lifting their eyes upward to see God.
3. Life's true meaning is found in knowing God.
 - *"...This is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God..." (John 17:3)*
 - All creation is numbered and people are held in the mind and heart of God and through His ordered world, God gives Himself to all His creation.
 - Hard times in life reveal God as Jesus by His example showed and endured the worst that the world could give Him and was victorious over sin and death.
 - Thus every person can also be victorious over sin and death by knowing God's Son, Jesus.
4. Jesus is everyone's example in turning everything over to God, the Father.
 - *"...My food is to do the will of Him that sent me..." (John 4:34)*
 - *"...Father, which art in heaven..."*
 - No matter what Jesus encountered, he accepted it in quiet confidence that God would get Him through it.
 - All life is accepted in obedience and trust in the heavenly Father

II. BELIEVE WHAT JESUS SAYS ABOUT PEOPLE

1. Every person is a living soul and God has made him/her for Himself.
 - The body is important for Jesus healed countless people with all sorts of illnesses, even raised the dead.
 - Jesus would take His disciples apart from the crowds to rest.
2. As important as the body is, it is not the most important part of a person.
 - The soul of a person is infinitely more important than the body.
 - *"...For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?..."*
(Matthew 16:26; 10:28)
 - The body will one day be laid aside, but the soul continues on.
 - The soul has eternal destiny in one of two places.
 - The unrepentant and unbelieving will suffer eternal separation from God upon their death.
 - If one accepts the Son of God, Jesus Christ, then there is an eternity with God, in heaven.
 - Life is preparatory, a training place, a place of eternal decisions, so which is more important?
 - One's body or one's soul?
3. Jesus says that there is a present purpose for the Father's children.
 - Goodness is possible and necessary for everyone.
 - *"...Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect..."*
(Matthew 5:48)
4. Jesus says that it is possible for every person to know peace and satisfaction while living here.
 - Jesus never lost His deep inner peace, He was united in a single, profound pure purpose.
 - Even at the cross, Jesus was absolutely at peace with what was happening.
 - *"...The peace of God, which passeth all understanding..." "....Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid..."* (John 14:27)

III. EVERY LIVING PERSON IS LOST TO SIN WHEN BORN INTO THIS WORLD

1. The worst thing in the world is not ignorance or misfortune or even death.
 - SIN is everything and anything that separates a person from God.
 - SIN loses everyone to love, to service, to fellowship, to God's plans for man
2. The answer to SIN is to be found.
 - Jesus told of a coin being lost but found, a sheep being lost but found, a son lost, but found.
 - To reach every person who is lost, Jesus has come and is willing to pardon and impart the power of a new life to whoever will turn to Him in belief.
3. Jesus can heal physically, morally, spiritually, any condition that a person may be in.
 - Peter denied Jesus but was forgiven.
 - The thief on the cross deserved to die of his sinfulness but Jesus forgave him.

CONCLUSION:

1. Who are we? Jesus is the only one who has all the right answers.
2. Every human being is made in God's image and God has a plan for every one.
3. The most important part about a person is his/her soul for it is eternal.
4. Jesus came to make the way for every person to be able to fulfill God's plan for him/her.
5. The meaning of the cross of Jesus is that although every person is lost, every person is loved by God.
 - That love sent God's Son, Jesus, to seek out every person and bring him/her to God to become one of His adopted children.
 - ***"...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..." (John 3:16)***
6. So, WHO ARE WE? Somebody that God loves dearly and wants to bring to His heaven.