



I. **Who is He and What is His Standard?**

A. **Creator** • Isaiah 43:13,15

Hebrews 11:3 Created out of nothing

Acts 17:24-28 Creator of man

Acts 7:49,50 Creator of all things

B. **Light**- deals with God's legal and moral attributes.

Revelation 15:4 Holy-separated from evil

II Corinthians 9:9 Righteous- God does what is right

C. **Love**- God is Personal

Genesis 1:26

John 3:16

I John 5:16

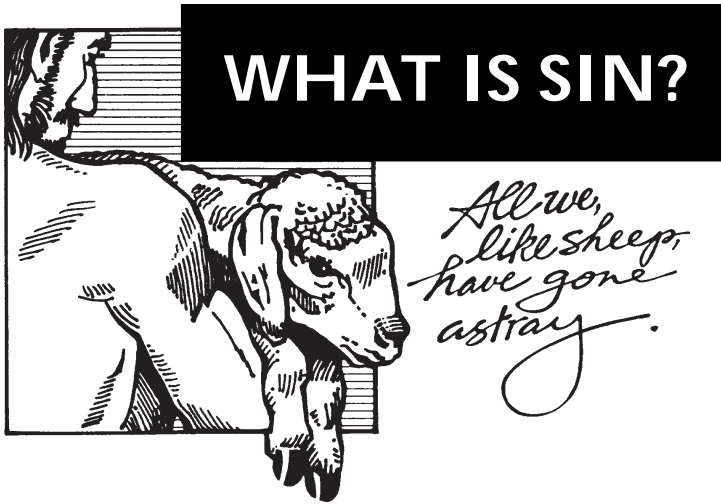
D. **God's Standard**

Matthew 5:48

I Peter 1:16

Luke 10:27

Question: Why is James 2:10 a fair verse?



II. *Sin Defined, Manifested and Its Consequences*

A. **Sin Defined** • I John 3:4

B. **Sin Manifested**

1. Playing God
Romans 1:21,28
Isaiah 59:13

2. Fighting God
Romans 8:7,8
Isaiah 64:6
Jeremiah 17:9

C. **Sin- Consequences of:**

1. Death- Death is the separation of two elements which when joined together are life.

a. Physical death
James 2:26

body/soul

Symptoms of physical dying:
disease, pain, bodily suffering,
etc.

b. Spiritual death
Isaiah 59:1,2

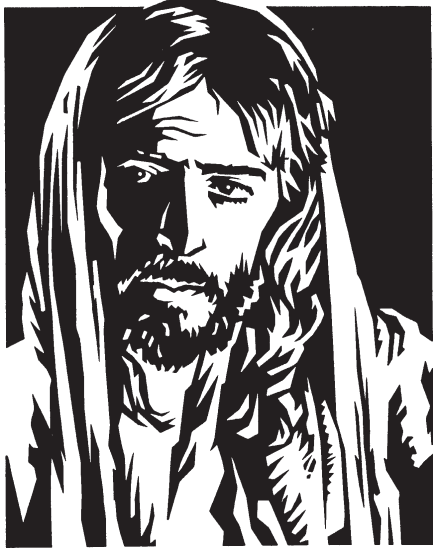
man/God

Symptoms of spiritual death:
hatred, wars, injustice,
selfishness, etc.

Ezekiel 18:4

II Thessalonians 1:8,9

Question: How can God be light (holy & just) and still love sinful man who has rebelled against Him?



WHY JESUS?

III. *Christ: Prophet, Priest and King*

A. **Prophet-** The role of the prophet was to reveal God to His people.

John 1:18

Hebrews 1:1,2

John 7:16

B. **Priest-** The role of the priest was to represent the people to God by: sacrificing for the people (Hebrews 7:27), interceding for the people (Hebrews 7:25) and helping the people (Hebrews 2:18).

I Peter 2:24

II Corinthians 5:21

Hebrews 9:11-14

C. **King-** The role of the king was to rule and thereby represent the authority of God.

Philippians 2:9-11

Acts 2:32-36

Hebrews 1:8

D. **Atonement-** To satisfy God's justice and thereby appease His wrath.

Romans 3:25

Hebrews 2:17

I John 2:2

I John 4:10

Question: If Jesus is prophet, priest, and king, does that mean that everyone is a Christian?



WHAT SHALL WE DO?



IV. *Trust: The Necessary Response*

A. **Hear**- Romans 10:17-receiving a message

B. **Believe**- deals with the intellect

1. We must have adequate reason to believe
Luke 1:4
Acts 17:23
2. Belief alone cannot save
James 2:19
Luke 8:26-28

C. **Trust**

Proverbs 3:5
Isaiah 12:2

1. Trust implies repentance
Acts 3:19
Acts 26:20
Colossians 3:5-8
Psalm 51:4
II Corinthians 5:15
2. Trust implies total dependence upon, thereby excluding works
Romans 11:6
Ephesians 2:8,9
3. Trust implies total commitment
Mark 10:21,22
John 7:17
4. What results?
 - a. sonship John 1:12
 - b. new life II Corinthians 5:17
 - c. justification Romans 5:1; Romans 8:1,2

D. The validity of your faith is not in how much you believe or even in the fact that you believe. The validity is in the object of your faith.

1. The **basis** for your salvation is **not** that you believe in Christ or even that you prayed to ask Christ to take control of your life.
2. The **basis** for salvation is in the finished work of Christ in His life, death and resurrection. Salvation is by grace plus nothing. Faith is the **means** not the basis.
3. Professing Christ with the lips is important (Romans 10:9,10) However it is not the basis for salvation.