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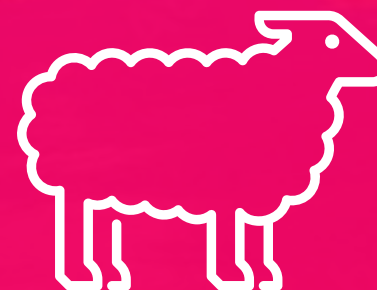
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Really Why ?



I Have a Gift !



Why Blood ?



How about John ?



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My Bible !

1. How can a Christian be consistent in reading the bible and always keep their hope and faith in God even when they can't.



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From where is **FAITH**?

So then

faith

comes by hearing,
and hearing by the
word of God.

Romans 10:17





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faith

/feɪθ/, noun:

*is complete trust
or confidence*



MUSTARD

Seeds of faith

rooted in

God's Word &

Promises



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How **FAITH** grows?



Without seed

there is
no faith
to grow



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Prayer & Bible Reading is not a gift ... it is a **Discipline!**



1. You need to **prioritize**
2. Set aside a **time** : when you wake , arrive from school ...
3. Find a trigger
4. Decide how **long** you will spend
5. Do it once, do it twice , ... and it becomes a **habit**
6. **Memorize** Bible verses & promises
7. **Declare** in Faith while you Pray



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the purpose is *clean & eternal life*



You are already

clean

because of the word
which I have
spoken to you.

John 15:3

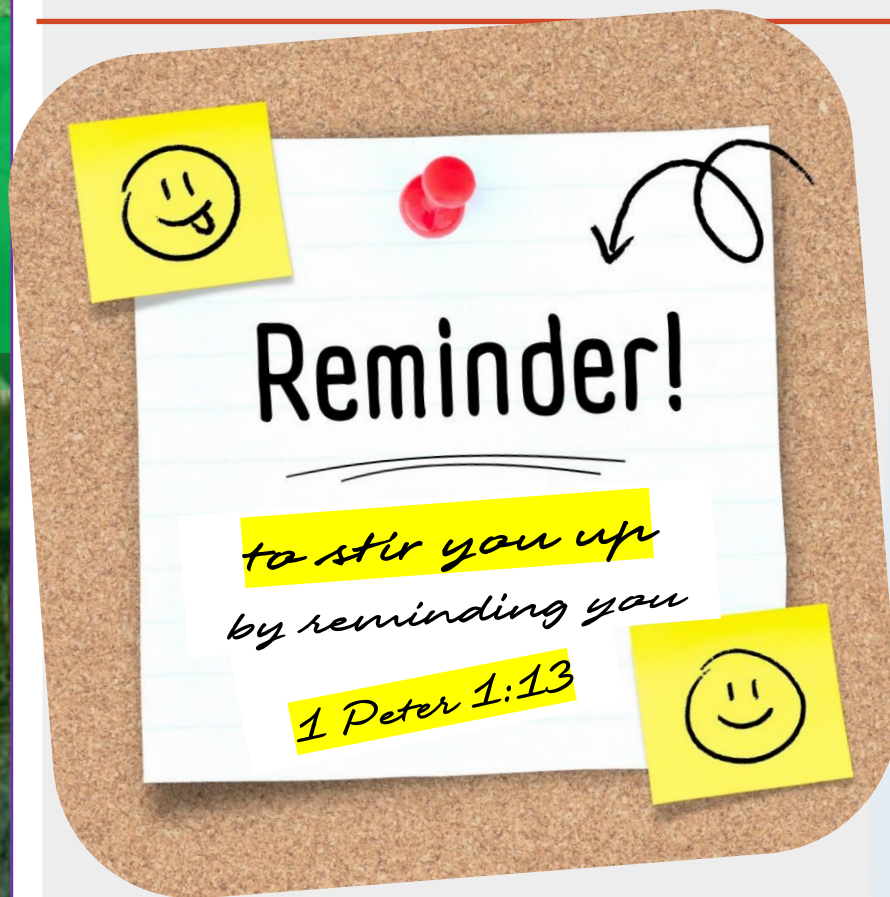


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Why read Bible repeatedly?



1 Peter 3

¹ .. stir up
your pure minds
by way of reminder



¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, since you know *this* beforehand, beware lest you also fall ✗ from your own steadfastness, being led away ✗ with the error of the wicked;

¹⁸ but grow ✓
in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.





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What to read on?

You can only
realize Father's Love
if you **know**

how much it
did **cost** Him 



*A father loves at
all times...*

Proverbs 17:17



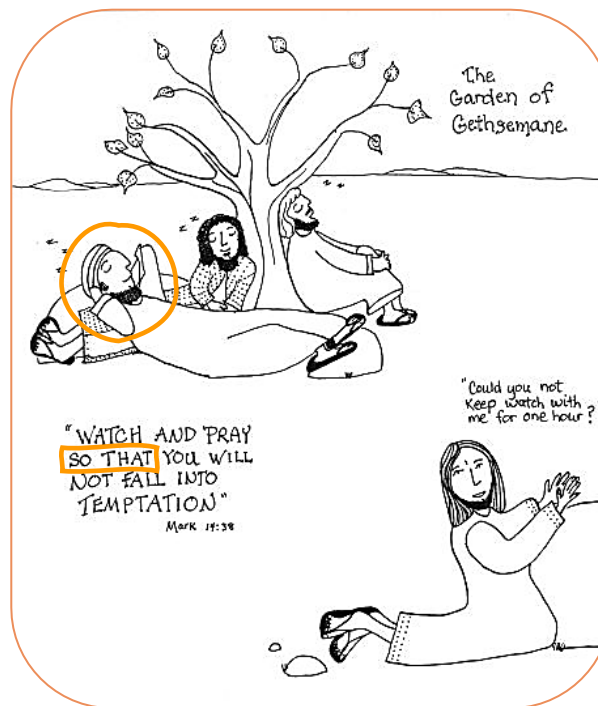
**I can pray
for help!**



*"And do not lead
us into temptation,
but deliver us from
the evil one."*

Matthew 6:13a

A few Quotes



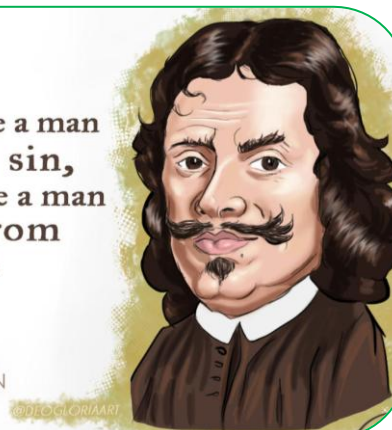
*"The Bible
will keep you
from sin, or
sin will keep
you from the
Bible"*

D.L. Moody
1837 - 1899

D.L. Moody

Prayer will make a man
cease from sin,
or sin will entice a man
to cease from
prayer.

JOHN BUNYAN



*But encourage
one another daily,
as long as it is called Today,
so that none of
you may be
hardened by sin's
deceitfulness.*

Hebrews 3:13



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conclusion



My Bible !

1. Faith comes by hearing the word of God
2. Faith can grow through regular prayer and reading
3. Faith can start as a mustard seed, you can stretch your faith
4. Have a genuine chat with God

*He appointed twelve that they **might be with him** and that he **might send them out** to preach.*

Mark 3:4





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My Questions



Really Why ?

1. Hello So my question is when we preach the gospel to people, some people accept God and some don't. For the ones that do accept God, it's because God was speaking to them. And it's also written that God choses us and it's not the other way around. God choses people. So the people who don't accept Jesus **isn't really their fault ryt?** I hope the question was clear. Also if I was a parent and I told my child, who I love very much that I would burn her if she didn't love me back. Would I be a good mother? Most people would say no. But isn't that what God is going to do. **He is going to put us in hell because we don't love them.** That's all thank you
2. hi so i have another question. **why did God create Satan knowing** he would rebel? as he is **omniscient.** alright thank u
3. not sure If I asked this already but **why did God create lucifer** if he knew he would rebel, since he is **omniscient"**



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Theodicy

God, in his foreknowledge, chose to allow evil is a complex theological concept with various interpretations.



Some believe that God's decision to allow evil stems from his desire to grant humanity free will, others suggest it serves a greater purpose, potentially leading to redemption or the manifestation of God's attributes, while still having Sovereignty and Control.



as parents still chooses to dot their babies though still knowing not what troubles they might bring



Really Why ?



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freewill or foreknew - how it all began?



Really Why ?



Some Angles
chose to
Rebel

no redemption for Angels

God gave both
Angels & Humans
freewill

¹³ And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. ¹⁴ Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. ¹⁵ These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

James 1



while
Adam & Eve
were tempted

Even angels long to look into these things. 1 Pet 1:12 (of salvation)



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Who's freewill ?



Really Why ?

Freewill is both
gift & responsibility of
choices



easily influenced

Good choices 👍



→ Relationship in Love

OWN
YOUR
ACTIONS

Whatever choice we take
we bear the responsibility
we can't blame others
like Adam & Eve did.

Job 31:33

...not even on the
snake



Bad Choices 👎



SOME DECEPTIONS

Devil uses to deceive the world

Is Devil & Hell for Real? Isn't it to scare children?

- **Devil is Real:** Jesus **taught to Pray & also Pryaed** to keep us from the Evil One. He called him the prince and god of this world, father of lies, accuser
- **Hell is Real:** Jesus taught more of the Hell. Jesus believe in it. From Jesus lips we get to know more about Hell... not from John, Paul or Old Testament.

AUP

Will Christians be sent to Hell ?

- Most mention of Hell is from Mathew which was written for Believers not for the unbelievers. Each context was given to disciples the **born-again believers**.
- Most books write about Hell for unbelievers. He got to fear hell ourselves. Jesus gave warning after warning ... 2x to Pharisees, not warning sinners, and rest of times he warned to those who left all to who follow him. e.g. in Matthew 10: Jesus said to missionary that you fear God who can destroy Body and Soul in hell.

AUP

If God has already decide to send someone to hell... like predestined... they will go. So why bother?

Predestination gives an **illusion** only whatever God intends that will happen ... so why pray
God does not assume ultimate responsibility of sending one to heaven or hell. You need to pray for the lost

AUP

If God is love how can He send all people to hell?

Arguments on **separating the attributes of God** and making it a whole of God by saying God who is love send any one to help, since God is just can he punish for all eternity for few year of vice/crime. Each of **God's attribute qualify the other**, God I not just love but **Holy Love**. His Holiness qualifies His Love. However much he loves us, His holiness can not allow sin to go for ever.

AUP

Why Did God create Hell? If God is Just how can He allow us to suffer for eternity for a few years of vice?

Hell was not prepared for Humans. Jesus says Hell is an Eternal Punishment prepared for the Devil and his angles in the Sheep and Goats parable. God prepared heaven for us. But there is **no difference in the destiny of humans who chose to follow Devil** will be in there forever. It is the same destiny... a everlasting torment

AUP

Why does not God destroy all evil and the Devil so we can live peacefully?

If God stopped all evil right away... we will not exist because **each one of us have evil in us**. Evil exists because of the evil we do. There is also ripple effect of the evil we do that impact others.

AUP



SOME DECEPTIONS

Devil uses to deceive the world



What about those who've never heard ?
Is Christ's sacrifice necessary for all?

- **Everyone knows** God exists through nature and consciousness
- OT saints who don't know Jesus can be saved by Christ's sacrifice which **Transends time**.
"Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" Rev 13:8
- God will get true seekers the truth about Christ **so they can be saved** (Acts 10 on Cornelius)
- It could be that **God so ordered** the world that those who never hear the Gospel wouldn't have believed & obeyed it anyway (Acts 17:26-27)
 - God is **Just and Fair** not to punish the innocent

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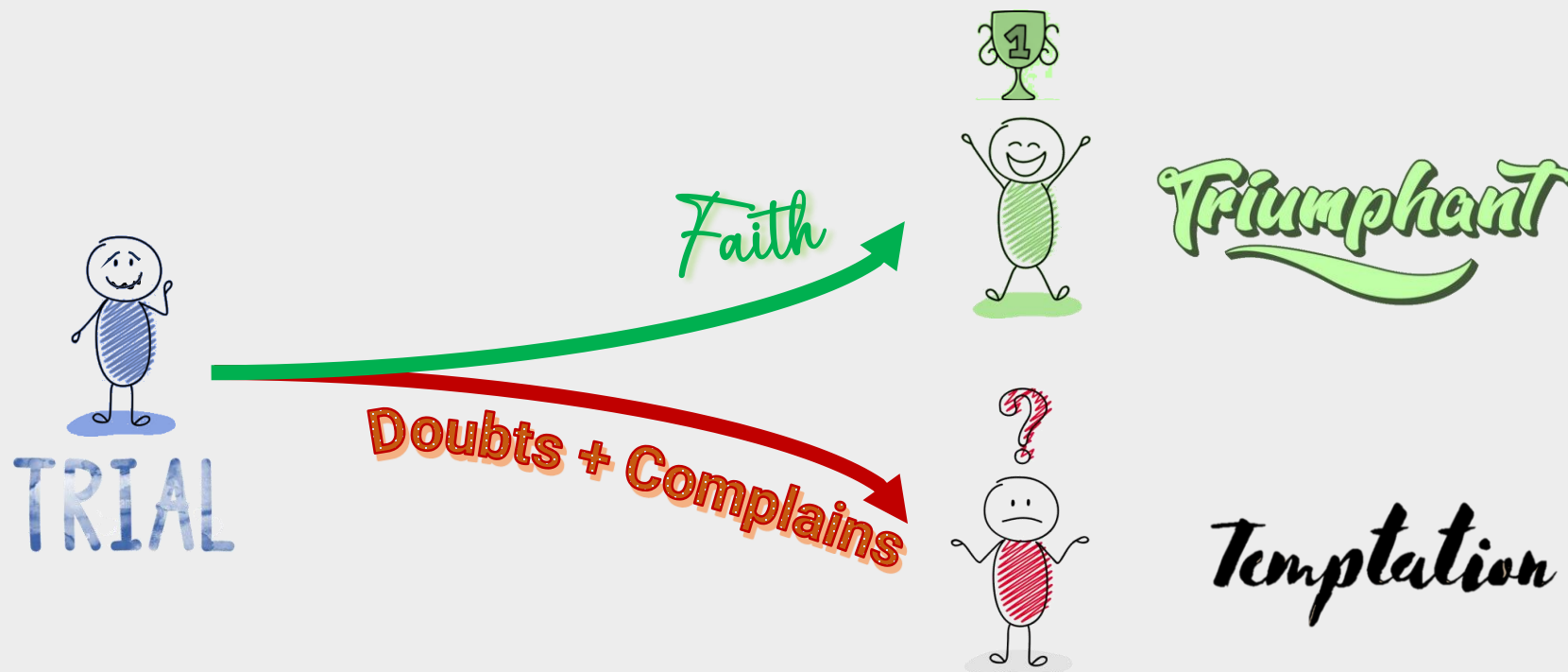
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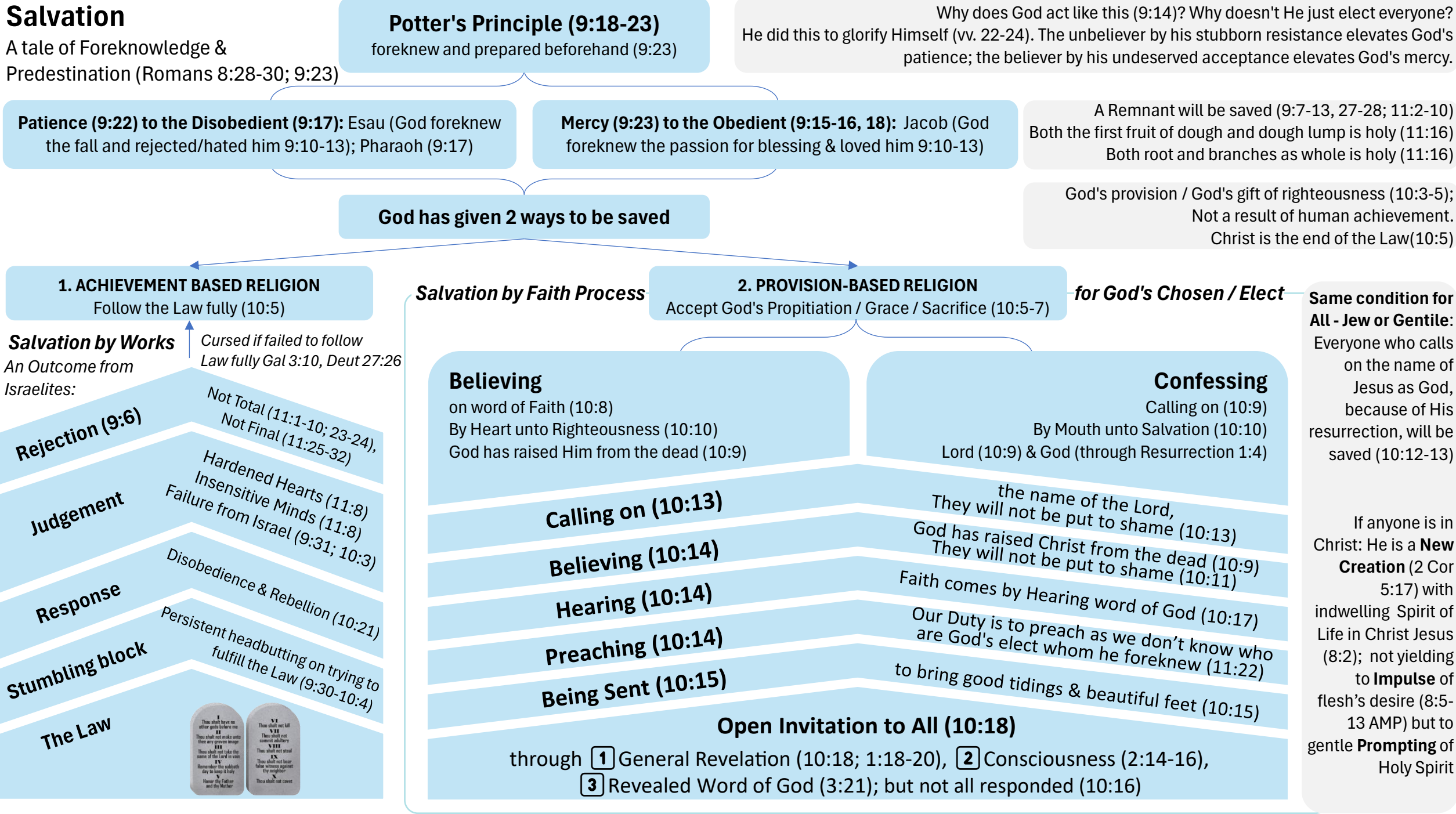


Really Why ?

freewill or foreknew?

We live triumphantly by faith in God's *Promises*, even if don't find Explanations







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conclusion

1. God foreknew the evil but allowed freewill based on His omniscient and love
2. God is patient with all give opportunity for all to be saved
3. God is just and will allow the humans who chose to follow devil to follow him to eternal punishment



Really Why ?

*The Lord is not slow
in keeping His promise,
as some understand slowness.
Instead He is patient with you,
not wanting anyone to perish,
**BUT EVERYONE TO
COME TO REPENTANCE.***

2 PETER 3 : 9



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1. What are the rewards we get in heaven?



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ACTIVITY
TIME





What's my drive for **Reward**?

1. KNOWING GOD Himself and trusting His Promises

Genesis 15:1: I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward. AMP adds [for obedience]

Psalms 16:11: You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.



2. FAITH

Hebrews 11:6: And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

3. JOY I have told you these things so your joy may be made full *and* complete *and* overflowing. John 15:11

Jeremiah 15:16: When I discovered your words, I devoured them. They are my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God of Heaven's Armies.



4. Energized to OBEY:

Nehemiah 8:10b: the joy of the LORD is your strength!

You are most fulfilled when you serve others, and less contend when serving self

5. ENDURANCE: **Ephesians 6:7-8:** "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free." ref: Col 3:23-24; 1 Pet 2:18-20 (even to those who are harsh); Hebrews 10:34 (joyful accepted the plundering, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven.)





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My Crowns



1. The Incorruptible Crown

Awarded to those who demonstrate self-control and perseverance in their spiritual race. 1 Corinthians 9:25

2. The Crown of Rejoicing

Given to those who faithfully share the Gospel and lead others to Christ.
1 Thessalonians 2:19-20; Philippians 4:1



3. The Crown of Righteousness

Bestowed upon those who have eagerly awaited and loved the appearing of Jesus Christ. 2 Timothy 4:8

4. The Crown of Life

Promised to those who faithfully endure trials and temptations, even unto death.
James 1:12; Revelation 2:10



5. The Crown of Glory

Reserved for faithful spiritual leaders who humbly and willingly shepherd God's flock. 1 Peter 5:2-4

Casting Down Crowns

The righteous (represented by the 24 elders) humbly cast their crowns before God's throne, acknowledging that all glory and honor belong to Him alone. Revelation 4:10-11





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conclusion

1. Just see what motivates your desire for Rewards
2. If we do things to show other to get their appreciation, we already have received our reward
3. Do the service as unto the Lord and He will reward you.
4. Let not your left hand know what your right hand is doing.



Remember Rebekah?



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1. Who Baptised John the Baptist



How about
John ?



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How about
John ?

Baptisms in **Bible**...signifying deliverance



Baptism of Moses

The Israelites' passage through the Red Sea, referred to as a "baptism into Moses," signified a transition from Egyptian slavery to freedom under God's guidance:

^{1b} ...that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea.

² They were **all baptized into Moses** in the cloud and in the sea. 1 Corinthians 10

Baptism of John (for Repentance)

John obeying God's plan for man's forgiveness of sins, acknowledging repentance, preparing the way until Jesus, the Son of God, arrived.

⁴ Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the **baptism of repentance**, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." Acts 19:4



Baptism of Jesus after resurrection

"Great Commission" was given by Jesus Christ to his disciples and charged them to do two things; "TEACH all nations" and "BAPTIZE".

¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them **in the name** of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" Matthew 28:18-19



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Jewish Customs



Ritual Baths (Mikva'ot):

In ancient Judah, bathing involved both ritual baths (mikva'ot) for purification and regular bathing for hygiene and social reasons. Public bathhouses, influenced by Greek and Roman culture, also existed, even in places like Masada. Additionally, biblical accounts mention bathing as a ritual act for purification from impurities.

Baptism of Proselytes (conversion to Judaism)

"Baptism of proselytes" is a ritual immersion called **tevilah** in a **mikvah** (ritual bath). It's a crucial step for non-Jews converting to Judaism, symbolizing spiritual rebirth & making the convert ritually pure and a member of the Jewish people. This conversion process accompanied along with circumcision for males and sacrifices.



Baptism of Essenes group during John's time

During John the Baptist's era, baptism was rooted in Jewish ritual washing and practiced by the Essenes for initiation and purification. While sharing similarities, John the Baptist's baptism was distinct, focusing on repentance and preparing for the Messiah, rather than the Essenes' regular, communal immersions. It was assumed John lived among Essenes.



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How about John ?

Baptism of John, for **Repentance** *(turning away from sin)*



Only 1 person named as The Baptist in Bible because of his role to Baptizing in Water
John focused on Repentance & Forgiveness and Messianic Expectation
It was temporary "Until He [Jesus] Came"

"Behold, I will send My messenger, who will prepare the way before Me. Then the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple—the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight—see, He is coming," says the LORD of Hosts. Malachi 3:1

People sought to flee from Wrath of God

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"



Jesus disciples too organize Baptism of Repentance, until Jesus Death, Burial & Resurrection.

I baptize you with water for repentance, but after me will come One more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Matthew 3:11

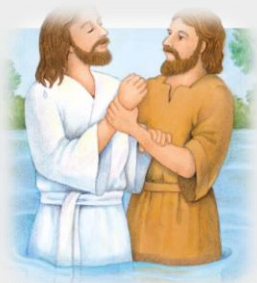


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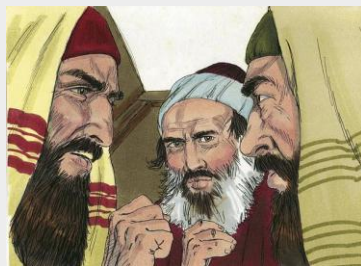
How about John ?

Baptism of John, **attested** by Jesus



13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. 14 But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” 15 Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this **to fulfill all righteousness.**” Then John consented. Matthew 3:13-15

10 Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven: “**You are my Son**, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” Mark 1:10-11; Luke 3:21-22



“The baptism of John was from **what source, from heaven or from men?**” And they began reasoning among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Then why did you not believe him?’” Matthew 21:25

29 (All the people, even the tax collectors, when they heard Jesus’ words, **acknowledged that God’s way was right**, because they had been baptized by John. 30 But the Pharisees and the experts in the law **rejected God’s purpose for themselves**, because they had not been baptized by John.) Luke 7:29-30



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How about
John ?

So, who baptized John ?



Influence of the Essenes?

Essenes were a Jewish ascetic sect living near the Dead Sea, known for strict adherence to ritual purity and frequent immersions.

There's no definitive proof that John was an Essene or was directly taught by them. There is a sharp distinction in the purpose, message and patterns by John.

Source of Authority

Directly from **God** ("sent by God" - John 1:6; "word of God came to John" - Luke 3:2); fulfilling prophecy (Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1).

Dressing/Appearance

Dressed in **camel's hair with a leather belt** (Matthew 3:4; Mark 1:6), symbolizing austerity and prophetic tradition (like Elijah).



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Baptism of Jesus

Jesus is Baptizer in Holy Spirit.

And afterward, I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your **sons and daughters** will **prophesy**, your old men will dream dreams, your **young men** will see visions. Even on My menservants and maidservants, I will pour out My Spirit in those days. Joel 2:28-29



Baptism represents **Union with Jesus in His Death, Burial & Resurrection.**

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection. Romans 6:3-5



John's Baptism Vs Essenes Practices

Feature

John the Baptist's Baptism

Essene Practices

| | | |
|------------------------|--|---|
| Primary Purpose | A one-time "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins " (Mark 1:4; Luke 3:3); moral & spiritual cleansing. | Repeated ritual washings (mikva'ot) for ritual purity and maintenance of communal holiness. (known from historical texts like Dead Sea Scrolls) |
| Audience/Scope | Ministered publicly to all Israel (Matthew 3:5-6; Luke 3:7-14); a call to the entire nation. | Primarily for members of their closed, separatist community ; internal to the sect. (known from historical texts) |
| Source of Authority | Directly from God ("sent by God" - John 1:6; "word of God came to John" - Luke 3:2); fulfilling prophecy (Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1). | Based on their sectarian interpretations and communal traditions. (known from historical texts) |
| Prophetic Emphasis | Radically eschatological ; preparing for the imminent arrival of the Messiah and God's judgment (Matthew 3:7-12; John 1:29-31). | Focused on daily discipline and purity within their community, though they had end-times beliefs. (known from historical texts) |
| Distinguishing Element | Explicitly pointed to the Messiah's baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire as a greater future event (Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33). | No such concept; their washings were the culmination of their own purification rites. (known from historical texts) |
| Nature of Act | A transformative, public declaration of turning from sin (Matthew 3:6). | A routine, communal act of maintaining purity within the sect. (known from historical texts) |
| Dressing/Appearance | Dressed in camel's hair with a leather belt (Matthew 3:4; Mark 1:6), symbolizing austerity and prophetic tradition (like Elijah). | Wore simple, often undyed, coarse garments (linen or similar material); known for humility and not changing clothes until worn out. (known from historical accounts like Josephus) |



Thank you!

& GOD BLESS YOU

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The document is about providing arguments and evidence for the existence of God and addressing questions about free will and God's plan in relation to human actions and events.