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IF YOU WERE GOD

EPH 2:1-7
Pg 1241

GEN 1:27 SO GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE; IN THE IMAGE OF GOD CREATED HE HIM; MALE AND FEMALE CREATED HE THEM.

I. 1.) How would you design a man?
2.) How would the person you design mature and grow? 2 PET 3:18 Pg 1295
3.) How would you treat a person like you?
a.) We are all equal in God's sight.

A.) Would you make man with a physical dimension?
1.) God did.
a.) You have a body with its drives, appetites, and personal appearance.
~~b.) We are all equal in God's sight.~~

B.) Would you make man with a social dimension?
1.) God did.
a.) You have associations with everyone around you.
good + Bad TIT 2:11-14 pg 1270

C.) Would you make man with a mental dimension?
1.) God did.
a.) You have thoughts, attitudes and mental abilities.
~~MK 9:20-27 pg 1062~~ I CRON 28:9 Pg 504

D.) Would you make man with a spiritual dimension?
1.) God did.
a.) Do you ever go to God in prayer?
b.) Does He have any significant part in your life?
JAMES 5:16 pg 1287

II. A.) "I CAN DO IT MYSELF!"
1.) If that's your answer for the physical, mental and social dimensions, you are most likely right.
a.) You're alive in these areas.
b.) You can grow and improve yourself.
2.) In the spiritual area, God says that unless He lives in you, you are dead.
a.) Eph 2:1-3 pg 1241
b.) Phil 4:19 BUT MY GOD SHALL SUPPLY ALL YOUR NEED ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES IN GLORY BY CHRIST JESUS.

B.) If you were God, you'd be unsatisfied with a partial person.
1.) God designed this area of your life for Himself, and you will never know a complete life until you allow Him to fill that void. Rom 8:11 Pg 1178

ALOW THE SPIRIT INTO YOUR LIFE → a.) As you allow Him His place, He will help you in the other three areas of your life.

IJN 3:22 Pg 1298 → AND WHATSOEVER WE ASK, WE RECEIVE OF HIM, BECAUSE WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, AND DO THOSE THINGS THAT ARE PLEASING IN HIS SIGHT.

III. FOUR FACTS YOU CAN COUNT ON

A.) FACT #1 "With God you count.

1.) He says so very emphatically in the Bible.

a.) Jn 3:16-17 pg 1122

1.) To get the real impact of how important you are, replace "the world" and "whosoever" with your name.

TO GOD

b) ~~Jn 3:16-21~~

B.) FACT #2 Sin separates you from God.

1.) God cannot treat you as a friend because of the barrier between you and Himself.

EARLIER I SAID WE WERE EQUAL IN GOD'S SIGHT UNTIL WE ERROR FROM HIS WORD.

a.) This obstacle is sin.

1.) Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

2.) God created us to have companionship with Him, but we've rebelled! (ADAM & EVE) Rom 5:12 Pg 1195

~~Rom 5:12~~ ~~Pg 1195~~ a.) The attitude is the root idea of sin.

LK 5:31-32 Pg 1086 → 1.) Sin is a lack of faith in God.

ACTS 8:22 REPENT THEREFORE OF THIS THY WICKEDNESS, AND PRAY GOD, IF PERHAPS THE THOUGHT OF THINE HEART MAY BE FORGIVEN THEE.

→ 2.) It is selfishness, pride and the breaking of God's moral law in your thoughts or conduct. ← MK 7:20-23 Pg 1062

3.) As a result of the sin barrier, man is separated from God.

a.) Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

4.) Man often tries by his own effort to get over the barrier through religion or being good. But no man has ever gotten to God on his own. God had to initiate the communication.

I PET 4:18-19 Pg 1291

C.) FACT #3 Jesus Christ is our only way to God.

1.) God Himself became a man, Jesus Christ.

a.) Through His perfect life and His death for our sins, He now becomes your door to God.

1.) Jn 14:6-7 pg 1140

D.) FACT #4 You must ask Jesus Christ into your life. HE HAS ALREADY ASKED YOU TO COME TO HIM- MT 11:28-30 pg 1025

1.) God, in Jesus Christ, wants to be your personal friend.

2.) He wants to give you a full life, but you must decide.

a.) Rev 3:20-21 pg 1308

3.) He wants to become involved in your life, but He will do so only as you invite Him to. REV 3:19

4.) Honestly, can you think of a good reason for not recieving Christ?

a.) John 1:12-13 pg 1119

b.) John 14:21 pg 1140

II. Conclusion

A.) You can begin the Christian life if you =

1.) admit you need God (YOUR LIFE IS NOT COMPLETE)

2.) turn from your sin. (ALL HAVE SINNED)

3.) believe that Jesus Christ died for you & I BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD

4.) invite Him into your life.

UNLOCK THE DOOR AND LET CHRIST IN

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IF YOU WERE GOD, WOULD YOU PERMIT THIS PERSON TO ENTER HEAVEN?

IF HE LOOKS & ACTS LIKE YOU, WOULD YOU LET HIM IN HEAVEN?

JESUS SAID JN 14:15 IF YE LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.