

WHAT IF...?

What if God is real? It's a common belief that God is not real; that God is a myth from an earlier time. So, just live your life, they say, and get as much enjoyment along the way as you can. But what if God is alive and well and residing in heaven right now? Actually, that's true. He's written a book about His creation, His love for people, and what He has done to make it possible for people to be in heaven. Hebrews 1:1-2: "*God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds*". But He also sets a very high standard for us that we could never live up to, because: "*All have sinned and come short of the glory of God*" (Romans 3:23). "*None can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him*" (Psalm 49:7).

What if I am really such a sinner that I'm already condemned? The truth is, you are. God says so in John 3:18: "*He that believes not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God*". But, thanks be unto God, He offers us this generous gift: "*the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord*" (Romans 6:23).

What if Hell is real? When I die, then what? God's generous offer is only available during your lifetime. After that it's too late. Eternity in Hell is the only option. "*Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord*" 2 Thessalonians 1:9.

What if Jesus is really God's Son? Millions have believed that Jesus lived, died on the cross, rose again and is in heaven now. He is the eternal Son of God, and one reason he died was to open a way for you to be redeemed by his shed blood. "*We know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know Him that is true, and we are in Him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God; and eternal life*" (1 John 5:20).

What if there is a sure way to avoid Hell? The Bible declares that there is. What are you going to take seriously, the philosophy of so-called "educated men", or the Truth of God? Consider John 14:6, spoken by Jesus: "*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life*". It's very dangerous to postpone a decision about this. Hebrews 2:3 says: "*How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?*"

This is not a new thing. This same message, drawn from what God says in His Word, has been presented around the world ever since Jesus began His ministry over 2,000 years ago. How generous and gracious God has been to tolerate mankind's disobedience all these years, patiently waiting for someone like you to take His Son as your personal Saviour. Believe on the Lord Jesus right now and you will immediately become part of that enormous company of those who have embraced God's great offer.

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