

Questions and Answers about Faith

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Q1. How can I be certain that my faith is real and I am truly forgiven?

Is there a specific feeling or experience that I should have to confirm my salvation?

- ▶ Mat 8:8 The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that **You** should come under my roof. But only **speak a word**, and my servant will be healed.
- ▶ A1. Rom 10:9 that **if you** confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, **you will be saved**.

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- ▶ A2. Bad things (sickness, war, death etc.) happen but for different reasons
- ▶ i) Luke 13;1-5 “.. 18 killed when a tower fell. “
Worse sinner? No !
“but unless you repent you will all likewise perish”
<we are mortal>
- ▶ ii) Because of my/others sin.
- ▶ < consequence of disobedience/affect others>
- ▶ ii) Psalm 119:67 “Before I was afflicted, I went astray...”
- ▶ Psalm 119:71 “It is good for me that I have been afflicted,
▶ that I may learn your statutes.” <learning God’s truth>

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- ▶ v) 1 Peter 3:18 “For Christ also suffered ...that He might bring us to God.” <closer to God>
- ▶ vi) 2 Cor1:4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. <Helping others>
- ▶ v) 2 Corinthians 4:17 “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory...”
<reward>

Q3 If God is sovereign and controls all things, what is the purpose of prayer and free will?

- Prayer is not man begging God to surrender to his will.
- Prayer is a man seeking, surrendered to and doing God's will.
- It shows the harmonious, trusting and loving relationship between God and man.
- "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Q4 *Can God create a stone He cannot lift?*

- ▶ **God is almighty**
- ▶ Jeremiah 32:27 “...Is there anything too hard for me?”
- ▶ **Yet God cannot...** <Act against His character>
- ▶ 2 Timothy 2:13 “He remains faithful, He cannot deny Himself”
- ▶ Numbers 23:19 “God is not a man that He should lie...”
- ▶ James 1:13 “ ...God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.”
- ▶ 1 John 1:5 “ ..God is light and in Him is no darkness.”

Q4 Can God create a stone He cannot lift?

- ▶ The Creator cannot be limited by His creation, but He became flesh as Jesus, then He was limited in the body and may not lift a stone and can even die on the cross.

Q 5 What is the purpose of life on earth?

Psalm 19:1 “The heavens declare the **glory** of God...”

Isaiah 43:7 “ Everyone who is called by my name, whom I have created for my **glory**...”

Romans 3:23 “...for all have sinned and fall short of the **glory** of God”

Q 6 Why does God allow Satan to exist if He knew that Satan would rebel and bring sin into the world?

- ▶ Genesis 50:20 “But as for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.”
- ▶ **God allows evil things to happen** (betrayal, suffering, poverty, death)
- ▶ God meant it for good!
- ▶ **in order to bring out the “Good Outcome”** (Humility, repentance, salvation, glorification)
- ▶ **To save many people.**

Q7 Why does science say that the earth was created millions of years ago?

Science is a systematic way of discovering how the world works.

Observing → asking questions → making hypothesis
→ testing ideas → evidence support

A study of the natural world without considering the supernatural factor

Q8 Is God's creation of the world in 6 days literal or figurative?

- ▶ Exodus 20:11 For **in six days** the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.
- ▶ Joshua 10:13 'So **the sun stood still**, And the moon stopped, ...So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day.'
- ▶ Isaiah 38:8 “Behold, I will bring the shadow on the sundial, which has gone down with the **sun on the sundial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward.**”
- ▶ Egg first or chicken first?
- ▶ 1 day old Adam was an adult.

What are the evidence that Jesus is the
Son of God?

His birth Prophecies fulfilled

His miracles

His Teaching His perfect Life

His Death His Resurrection