

**He lives- April 12, 2026**

## **I. Introduction-**

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25

If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9-10 NLT

Lord; kyrios, this title is given to: God, the Messiah, the one who has, the power of deciding

Saved; sōzō, to rescue from danger or destruction Live it out!

Q: "I am the resurrection and the life, Do you believe this? -Jesus

### **A. Baptized into the life of Christ life-**

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like

His. Romans 6:3

Baptized: baptize, to immerse, to submerge, to cleanse by dipping

If; ei, a primary particle of conditionality, (if this condition is true, then this is the result)

### **B. Jesus' invitation to His disciple to baptized into Him -**

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Mathew 16:24

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

**Live it out:** Have I decided to be deny myself and to crucified with Christ so that He can live in me?

### **B. Two reasons to lay down our life and take up our cross and follow Jesus -**

#### **1. The God and religion that is the "Truth"-**

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. John 8:31

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. I John 4:1

#### **2. God's demonstrated love for us- a personal God we could trust-**

We have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. I John 4:16

## **II. Truth and faith have a foundation-**

### **A. Faith has a foundation in truth and evidence-**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. Hebrews 11:1 & 6

Faith; pistis, a guarantee of truth in matter considered

Assurance; hypostasis, that which has a firm foundation, that which has actual existence

Conviction; elegchos, a proof, that by which a thing is proved, evidence

### **B. The foundation and the evidence for our faith in Jesus-**

#### **1. Prophecy and history-**

Set forth your case, says the LORD; bring your proofs, says the King of Jacob. Let them bring them, and tell us what is to happen. Tell us the former things, what they are, that we may consider them, that we may know their outcome; or declare to us the things to come. Tell us what is to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods; do good, or do harm, that we may be dismayed and terrified. Behold, you are nothing, and your work is less than nothing; an abomination is he who chooses you. Isaiah 41:21

[https://biblehub.com/q/is\\_christianity\\_just\\_another\\_myth.htm](https://biblehub.com/q/is_christianity_just_another_myth.htm)

#### **2. The bible –**

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. II Timothy 3:16

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#### **3. Creation-**

For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. Romans 1:19

#### **James Tour & Stephen Meyer React to the Origin of Life Debate**

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#### **4. Jesus' life, teachings, miracles,**

##### **The case for Christ-**

##### **Movie**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDlqWC49iqA&t=2301s>

##### **One solitary life**

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant. He grew up in another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was 30. Then, for three years, he was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a home. He didn't go to college. He never lived in a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place he was born. He never did any of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

He was only 33 when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his garments, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave, through the pity of a friend.

Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race. I am well within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned - put together - have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as this one, solitary life.

##### **5. The resurrection-**

Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:26

I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. I Corinthians 15:3

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w8z7YZrKJS4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WkAAK57JuEw>

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##### **6. Changed lives-**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. II Corinthians 15:21

Assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:21

Website- Atheist who became Christian while trying to disprove Christianity

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##### **7. World events today-**

For the Lord GOD does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets. Amos 3:7

Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Luke 21:28

9. More resources- crossroads web site-

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### **C. God's promises if we seek Him**

I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me. Proverbs 8:17

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. 13 You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you, declares the LORD. Jeremiah 29:11

### **III. God's demonstrated love for us-**

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. - but God shows (demonstrates) his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son. Romans 5:6

Shows; συνίστησι, demonstrates

Love; agapē

Justified; dikaiōō, to show, exhibit, evince, one to be righteous (just as if we never sinned)

### **A. God's comes to us**

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 1For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. John 3:16

### **B. Out of love for us Jesus pays for our sins and failures-**

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. II Corinthians 5:21

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. I Peter 2:24

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. Colossians 2:13

### **IV. Our demonstrated love for God-**

Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. Mark 12:29

Love; agapao, unearned or merited favor. – does not change

Heart: kardia, the center and seat of spiritual life, the center and seat of spiritual life, good or bad. out of the heart flows good or evil fruit

Soul; psyche, eternal part- what makes us unique

Mind: dianoia, a faculty of understanding, reasoning, feeling, desiring, processing ideas and concepts

Strength: ischys, ability, force, strength, might, forcefulness

### **A. Love God with all our heart-**

Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. Proverbs 4:23

:I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds." Jeremiah 17:10

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! Psalms 139:23

### **B. Love God with our minds-**

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council. Mathew 5:21

You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. Mathew 5:27

### **C. Love God with all our souls-**

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul. Mathew 16:26

Soul; *psyche*, the vital force which animates the body,

God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Genesis 1:26

Image; *selem*, likeness, of resemblance

### **D. Love God with our strength-**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. Ephesians 6:10

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ I Peter 4:10

Strength: *ischys*, ability, force, strength, might, forcefulness

### **E. ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.-**

You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. Mathew 5:43

Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. Romans 5:9

### **F. Love is the demonstration that shows -**

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:34

If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. I John 4:20

### **V. Summary and application-**

#### **A. Being crucified for and with Christ is a logical thing to do.**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:1

Spiritual; *logikos*, spiritual, pertaining to the soul, agreeable to reason, following reason, reasonable, logical

#### **B. “First, make religion attractive; second, make good people wish it were true; and third, prove that it is true”.**

**Blaise Pascal**