

# GOD: MULTIPLE CHOICE

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## I. GOD IS ALIVE AND THE SOURCE OF LIFE.

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### *A. God made us.*

1. We are more complex and alive than idols.
2. Therefore, God is greater than idols.

**Acts 17:21** (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.)

3. Anything we give our worship to other than God is just an empty substitute.
4. Your life is a testimony of God's greatness and His purpose for you.

### *B. God has always been more interested in repentance than judgment.*

**Acts 17:30** In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent.

**Romans 2:4** Or do you show contempt for the riches of His kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?

1. The Gospel requires a response.

**Acts 17:31** For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising Him from the dead.

2. Jesus is the man!

- A living God is always better than worthless idols.

## II. HOW WILL YOU RESPOND TO GOD?

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### *A.) Rejection*

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1. Some rejection is active.
2. Some rejection is passive.
3. To ignore God has the same result as to reject God.

### *B.) Curiosity*

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1. We have to be willing to trust a God we cannot see, create, or control.
  - Which may be why we sometimes allow idols to win our hearts and affections.
2. Sometimes, my idols need challenged, so I can see what is actually real.

### *C.) Belief*

**Acts 17:34** Some of the people became followers of Paul and believed. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, also a woman named Damaris, and a number of others.

1. What we believe is revealed by what we do.

**Matthew 4:17** From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

2. Repentance is not just a change of philosophy.
3. Repentance is a change of mind, heart, and direction.

**1 Thessalonians 1:8-10** The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

**John 16:8 (NLT)** And when He comes, He will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment.

**Titus 3:4-6** But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,