

# *Omega* *Course*

Exploring  
the  
Christian Gospel

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## PART ONE

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## PART ONE

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# 1. Who Is God?

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0	A God who is not personal, with whom we cannot communicate, is merely a nebulous idea, a theory, a philosophy. The Christian's God is a reality, a God of adequate resources which are at the disposal of every Christian.

Sooner or later everyone is compelled to think about God

**GOD IS A SPIRIT**

Infinite, Eternal. Holy, Self-existent.

Unchangeable in His - Being, Wisdom, Power, Justice, Goodness and Truth.

God is the Creator, Maker of heaven and earth.

**HOW DO WE KNOW THERE IS A GOD?**

God has revealed Himself

**IN CREATION.**

Romans 1. 19 - 20

**IN CONSCIENCE.**

The mechanism placed in you by God that approves or condemns

**IN CHRIST.**

He came into the world to reveal God whom no man has seen John 1. 18.

## The Bible Revelation of God

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### He Is:

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Unique Isaiah 46. 9

Creator Isaiah 40. 28.

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Judge Genesis 18. 25.

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Sovereign Daniel 4. 37

Holy Isaiah 6. 3; 1 John. 1.5

Righteous Psalm 145. 17.

Good Mark 10. 18.

### GOD IS DIFFERENT

The perfections of God show Him to be utterly different from His creatures, and elevated far above them.

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### God Is:

Boundless in His Love.

Limitless in the Power He wields.

Infinite in Wisdom, and Understanding.

Unquenchable in His Zeal for righteousness.

Absolutely and Essentially Holy

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How do you respond to having an ultimate rendezvous with God?

## 2. Is There a Human Problem

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	<p align="center"><b>Issue:</b> Is Sin a serious human problem?</p>

### The Fact of Sin

**1. SIN IS UNIVERSAL**

*'There is no man that sins not'*

1 Kings 8. 46

*'All have sinned'*

Romans 3.23

**2. SIN IS SLAVERY**

*'Whosoever commits sin is the servant of sin'*

John 8. 34

**3. SIN SEPARATES**

*'Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, your sins have hid His face from you'*

Isaiah 59. 2

**4. SIN HAS RESULTS**

**WRATH**

*'The wrath of God is revealed against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men'*

Romans 1. 18

**DEATH**

*'The wages of sin is death'*

Romans 6. 23

## IT WASN'T ALWAYS LIKE THAT

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### MAN

WAS CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE  
Genesis 1. 27

MADE A LIVING SOUL  
Genesis 2. 7.  
1 Corinthians 15. 45

RECEIVED A SPIRITUAL NATURE  
Genesis 2. 7  
Ecclesiastes 12. 7

WAS MADE LORD OVER GOD'S  
CREATION.  
Genesis 1. 28.  
Psalm 8. 4 - 9.

Before Adam's fall into sin  
God intended man  
to live in a perfect  
environment  
in fellowship with his  
Creator

## 5. HOW CAN I BE SURE OF SALVATION?

### ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

COMES BY BELIEVING THE FOLLOWING FACTS

#### CHRIST'S SACRIFICE ON THE CROSS

1. Justifies you (ie makes you right with God, acquitting you of all guilt. Romans 3. 24-26. 5. 9.
2. reconciles you (ie) You have peace with God. Romans 5. 1, 10.
3. Sanctifies you (ie) You are set apart to God. Hebrews 13. 12.

WORD OF GOD - ASSURES YOU.

'HIM THAT COMES TO ME I WILL IN NO WISE CAST OUT'. JOHN 6.37.

'AS MANY AS RECEIVED HIM, TO THEM GAVE HE THE POWER TO BECOME THE SONS OF GOD, TO THEM THAT BELIEVE ON HIS NAME' JOHN 1.12

THE WITNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

HIS PRESENCE IN THE CHRISTIAN CONFIRMS SUCH ARE CHILDREN OF GOD. ROMANS 8. 9, 16.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE SEAL OF OWNERSHIP

He is (1) God's mark that you belong to Him. (2) The Promise of Future Blessing Ephesians 1. 13-14.

- 1 Peter 1.4.
- 2 Corinthians 1.22.

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ASSURANCE COMES NOT BY FEELINGS BUT BY FAITH, BY BELIEVING GOD'S WORD

16 Why Did Jesus Christ Die?

## THE MOMENT OF TRUTH

Man Disobeyed God  
Genesis 3. 9 - 17.

The Result:

1. Man became a fallen creature, separated from God  
Genesis 3. 24.
2. All mankind inherited a sinful nature from birth Romans 5. 12.
3. The wrath of God rests upon all sinful men and women  
John 3. 36.

### FACING THE FACTS.

SIN IS EVERYWHERE

*You see it around you -*  
in drug abuse, murder, theft  
drunkenness, sexual promiscuity.

*You hear it around you -*  
in profanity and dirty jokes.

*You find it in you -*  
in your thought-life and habits.

'All have sinned' without exception  
Romans 3. 23.

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ISSUE: SHOULD EVERY THINKING PERSON WONDER ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF EVIL IN THE WORLD?

5 Is There a Human Problem?



### 3. Who Is Jesus Christ?

#### INTRODUCTION

#### **JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD**

John 1. 18; 9. 35 - 38.  
Galatians 2. 20

The Bible States - Jesus is the 'only begotten Son of God'  
John 1. 18

God Confirmed He was His Son at His Baptism 'Thou art My beloved Son'  
Mark 1. 11.

Peter Confessed - 'Thou art the Son of the Living God'  
Matthew 16. 16

#### JESUS CLAIMED

1. *Eternal Existence* John 1.1

'Before Abraham was I am'  
John 8. 58

2. *Equality with God*

'I and My Father are one'  
John 10. 30  
John 5. 17 - 27

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#### YOUR MOVE NEXT

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN LIFE IS TO BE SAVED.

#### THE QUESTION

What must I do to be saved?  
Acts 16. 30

#### THE ANSWER

Repent and Believe the gospel  
Mark 1. 15.

WHAT IS MEANT BY REPENT AND BELIEVE?

1. To Repent is a -  
Complete change of mind regarding sin. A deep seated realisation that you are a sinner, a rebel against a holy God.

2. To Believe is to -  
(a) Abandon all thoughts of saving yourself by personal merit.  
(b) Put your trust in Christ, and to rely on Him who shed His blood to pay the price of your sins making salvation available for you.

John 3. 16, 17. Acts 16. 31;  
Romans 10. 8 - 13..

'If heaven went by merit.  
You would stay out  
and your dog would go in'.  
MARK TWAIN

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IF YOU THINK IT COSTS TOO MUCH TO BE A CHRISTIAN REFLECT ON WHAT IT COSTS NOT TO BE A CHRISTIAN!

## THE WORD (JESUS) WAS GOD JOHN 1. 1


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There cannot be only one eternal state and place for Mary and for Judas  
The penitent thief and the impenitent  
Saintly men and women and wilful evil doers

### ALL WILL NOT GO TO HEAVEN

Not all scores are evened in this life.

Crimes go unsolved  
Debts go unpaid  
Wrongs go unrighted

*You sow - You reap*

• EVERYONE MUST STAND BEFORE GOD •

'After death the judgement'  
Hebrews 9. 27.

Nothing will escape God's scrutiny

Every Idle word, random act, thought and motive of the heart will be exposed.

After Judgement - The lake of fire  
Revelation 20. 11-15; 21. 8.

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ISSUE: WAS JESUS CHRIST  
iGod and Man.? Did He have a real human body, soul, spirit?

### He Possessed Essential Attributes of Deity

**HE WAS OMNISCIENT**

Jesus 'Knew' all men John 2. 24

**HE WAS OMNIPOTENT**  
I.E. ALMIGHTY

Jesus had power over:

Demons Disease Death	}	Mark chapter 5
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### JESUS WAS A REAL MAN

John 1. 14. Philippians 2. 5 - 8

He knew  
hunger Matthew 4. 2.  
temptation. Mark 1. 13.  
tiredness John 4. 6.  
tears. John 11. 35.

He loved. John 11. 5; 13. 1  
grieved. Mark 3. 5.  
sighed. Mark 8. 12.

## WHAT JESUS SAID

### I AM

The Bread of Life

John 6. 35

The Light of the World

John 8. 12

The Resurrection and Life

John 11. 25-26

### WHAT JESUS DID

HE WORKED MIRACLES

Luke 11. 20

Healed the sick

Gave sight to the blind

Made the lame to walk

Cleansed the leper

Raised the dead

HE FORGAVE SINS.

To a man - Jesus said:

'Son your sins are forgiven  
you' Mark 2. 5.

To a woman:

'your sins which are many  
are forgiven'

Luke 7. 47, 48.

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#### JESUS

the Way - to God  
the Truth - about God  
the Life - of God  
John 14. 6

## SIN

BROUGHT THE LORD JESUS  
FROM HEAVEN TO THE CROSS

God laid on Him (Jesus) all our  
iniquities Isaiah 53. 6.

Jesus Christ paid in full the  
punishment of man's sins  
2 Corinthians 5. 21.

Jesus Christ bore the penalty of  
a broken law. Galatians 3. 13.

ON THE CROSS THE LORD  
JESUS MET THE DEMANDS OF  
DIVINE JUSTICE.

Jesus Christ the Creator died for  
His creatures  
Colossians 1. 16 - 22.

The Sinless Son of God died for  
sinful men and women  
2 Corinthians 5. 21.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd died  
for the lost sheep John 10. 11.

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ON THE CROSS  
JESUS CHRIST TOOK ON  
HIMSELF  
THE DEATH AND JUDGEMENT  
SINFUL MANKIND DESERVED

## WHAT IS SIN?

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### SIN IS LAWLESSNESS

1 John 3. 4

Rebellion against a Holy God.

### SIN IS SEPARATION

Isaiah 59. 2.

A yawning chasm exists  
between man and God

### SIN IS DEATH

Ephesians 2. 1.

Both physical and spiritual death  
is the result of sin

### SIN RESULTS IN WRATH

John 3. 36.

All men and women are under the  
wrath of God

God warns of Judgement and  
wrath

Romans 1. 18; 2. 2 - 6.

Jesus spoke often of hell

Mark 9. 43, 45, 47;

Luke 12. 5; 16. 22 - 31

God's displeasure is shown in His  
wrath and judgement against sin.

SIN IS AN AFFRONT TO GOD'S HOLINESS.

God's judgement  
is a present reality  
and a future certainty  
John 3. 18, 19  
Romans 2. 1 - 6.

## HE DIED ON THE CROSS

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His death was real

John 19. 17, 18, 30

His death was voluntary

John 10. 17, 18.

His death was sacrificial

Hebrews 10. 12.

### HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD

'He is not here: He is risen'

Matthew 28. 6

### Evidence for Resurrection

The empty tomb

John 20 5 - 8

The nail prints seen by Thomas

John 20. 27.

The women to whom Jesus ap-  
peared Mark 16. 1 - 7.

The 500 witnesses who saw the  
Lord at one and the same time

1 Corinthians 15. 6.

### RESULTS FROM CHRIST'S RESURRECTION.

The Holy Spirit sent into the world  
Men and women were saved.

The Church had its beginning.

Acts 2. 1 - 12, 36 - 47

The rapid growth and  
power of the Church  
proved JESUS was risen  
from the dead.

## 4. Why Did Jesus Christ Die?

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### *GOD'S HOLINESS REQUIRED IT.*

God is Holy.

In His holiness He cannot *look on* sin, neither will He *overlook* sin.  
Habakkuk 1. 13.

God regards man's sin as an affront to His holiness

### *GOD'S JUSTICE DEMANDED IT.*

God is Righteous.

To maintain His righteous character Sin must be punished.  
Romans 2. 11, 12, 16.

### *GOD'S LOVE WAS PROVED BY IT*

God is Love

'God loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins'  
1 John 4. 8 - 16.

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### ON THE **C**CROSS

Jesus Christ was '*made sin for us*'

'He who knew no sin was made sin for us'. Christ bore God's righteous judgement against sin.  
2 Corinthians 5. 21.

### BECAUSE OF THE **C**CROSS

God can be 'Just (righteous) and the Justifier of him that believes in Jesus'. Romans 3. 26.

### THE **C**CROSS OF **C**CHRIST IS **G**GOD'S PROVISION TO REMOVE OUR -

**S**SIN John 1. 29.

**G**UILT Romans 5. 9

**E**NMITY Colossians 1. 21, 22

**D**ISTANCE Ephesians 2. 13

What do you think about the holiness of God and the necessity of Christ's death to satisfy its claims?