

Who Am I?

“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:”

2 Corinthians 5:18 (NIV)

One of the greatest questions that can be asked by anyone is “Who am I?” One flippant response to the person asking this question might be, “Look at your driver’s license.” Of course the one posing this great question knows their name, ancestry, address etc. What is being sought is an answer that tells us why we are here and what we owe the One Who made us.

Very sincere people want to know if Someone made the world and, if so, what is expected of us by Him. They want to know why we are here. Is the universe created by some superior intelligence or did nothing make something? What can be more important than to get the answer to this issue?

The Bible claims to be our Creator’s message to us. In its pages we learn that He loves His universe. We can see His signature written in many places in the world around us.

We learn about the wisdom of God as we study the laws of physics and mathematics, His immense power as we try to compute the energy released every second from the stars,

His love of beauty as we gaze at a sunset. On it goes, as we observe the many witnesses to the Creator as we look at the world He made.

But we also sense that something is fundamentally wrong in the world as we observe suffering, pain and death. We ask the question, “What went wrong?” Again, Scripture gives us the answer. We read in the opening chapters of Genesis—the first book of the Bible—that when God made everything He made it perfect.

Then Adam and Eve sinned and brought into the perfect creation a process of degeneration and death. As we read further in Scripture, we learn that God made many promises about One Who would come and recover what was lost in the sin of Adam and Eve. In fact, on the very day that our first parents sinned, God made the first promise of the Deliverer Who would fight our mortal enemy Satan and win the battle (Genesis 3:14-15).

All through the larger portion of the Christian Bible called the Old Testament, promises are made and increasing detail

given about the One to come. Christmas is the celebration of His coming and the Gospels in the New Testament record His life among us.

Then we read about His death and resurrection. He died the sinner’s death and rose again to show that the price for sin had been fully paid. All who believe on Him are promised forgiveness and eternal life. This is the meaning of life and the answer to the question, “Why am I here?” We are here to love, serve, and enjoy the Lord forever.

The work of God’s people is to broadcast this great story of Jesus Christ and encourage people to respond positively to the many invitations to come to Jesus, repent for our sins and believe He is the resurrected Saviour.

May we as Christians remember our reason for being in this world and get on with the business of making Jesus known.

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