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Ways to Know God Exists
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John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

If anyone wants to know if there is a God, they can deduct His existence by looking at the world around them and they can read the Bible, especially the Book of John. As a member of the Jewish ruling class, Nicodemus said to Jesus that because of the signs He did they knew God had sent Him and God was with Him (John 3:2). Even though many of the religious leaders of His day rejected His teachings, Jesus’ works proved that God exists and God was with Him. If anyone wants to know if God loves them, the answer can also be found throughout the Bible; and because God loves everyone, God does not want anyone to perish. Therefore, God gave His one and only Son so those who believe in Him would not perish but have eternal life.

Receiving eternal life results in a life of such supreme quality that it can only be described as being born again, given a new beginning, and being enabled by the Holy Spirit to do things right when we trust Jesus and obey His teachings. Even in a world with sorrows and temptations, those who receive eternal life in Christ live a heavenly life now, which is a foretaste of the perfectly heavenly life that God has prepared for them. The new birth enables believers to see behind the shadows of existence and into reality; they enter now into the promise of the kingdom of God. In Christ, believers become more like Christ and they will forever become more Christ-like in wisdom, holiness and love.

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Thinking Further

1. How did John describe Nicodemus?

2. What did Nicodemus believe about Jesus? Give a reason for your answer.

3. What must happen before someone can see the kingdom of God?

4. How did Jesus say someone could enter the kingdom of God? What does His answer mean to you?

5. Who has eternal life? Why do they have eternal life?

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