

Chapter 20

What should I do?

MAYBE, having read *The Creation Answers Book*, you have realized for the first time that the Bible is indeed the written revelation of Almighty God to man—it is our Creator’s message to us, His creatures.

As His creatures, He owns us and we are accountable to Him for how we live our lives (Romans 14:12, Hebrews 9:27). The Bible tells us that we all, like Adam, have departed from God’s ways; we have gone our own way, living life as if we were God, in effect. This, the Bible calls ‘sin’. We have all sinned (Romans 3:23).

The Bible also tells us that God will hold us accountable for our sin. Like Adam, we all deserve God’s judgment for our sin. As descendants of Adam, we all suffer physical death at the end of this earthly life. The Bible calls this death a curse and ‘the last enemy’ (Genesis 3:19, 1 Corinthians 15:26). It came about because of Adam’s sin, when he, by his actions, effectively told God that He was not needed—Adam was going to be his own god. However, each one of us has effectively endorsed Adam’s action, in ourselves rejecting God’s rule over us (Romans 5:12).

The Good News is that God has provided a way of escape from the curse of death and the judgment to come. *“For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”* (John 3:16)

Jesus Christ came into the world, born of a woman, to take upon Himself the Curse and penalty for our sins. As God in the flesh (Colossians 2:9), the God-man Jesus lived a sinless life (Hebrews 4:15) and willingly gave Himself to suffer death for us, in our place (Romans 5:8, 1 Peter 3:18). He took upon Himself the punishment for our sins. As He was God (as well as man), His life was of sufficient value to pay for the sins of any number of people.

God offers this free gift of salvation to all who will receive it. He calls upon all to turn away from their sinful ways and trust in what Christ has done for us. There is nothing we can do to remove our guilt before God. Doing good things does not remove our sin, and since we are all sinners, nothing we can do can undo that; it is only by the mercy of God that we can be saved through what He has done (Ephesians 2:8,9).

On the other hand, whoever spurns God's offer will suffer His wrath in the judgment to come, which the Bible clearly warns. This is a terrifying prospect (2 Thessalonians 1:8–9). Jesus spoke much of this, warning people of their fate. The book of Revelation uses graphic imagery to depict the dreadful future of those who reject God's mercy here and now.

How can I be saved?

If God has shown you that you are an unworthy sinner, deserving of God's condemnation, in need of His forgiveness, then the Bible says that you must have "*repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ*" (Acts 20:21). *Repentance* means a complete change of heart and mind regarding sin—that you agree with God about your sin and now want to live a life pleasing to Him. *Faith* in Jesus Christ entails accepting who He is, "*the Son of the living God*", that "*Christ died for the ungodly*" and that He conquered death in His Resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:1–4, 21, 22). You must believe that He is able to save you, and you must put your trust in Christ alone to make you right with God.

If God has shown you your need and given you the desire to be saved, then turn to Christ now. Speak to Him, admitting that you are a guilty, helpless sinner, and ask Him to save you and be Lord of your life, helping you to leave behind your sinful ways and live for Him. The Bible says, "*if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved*" (Romans 10:9).

If you have prayed in this manner, then you should find some Christians who hold to the Bible as God's Word (as the authors of this book do) and ask them to help you as you learn to live as God wants you to live. Perhaps someone gave you this book to read—that person might be able to advise you as to how to contact a group of such Christians.

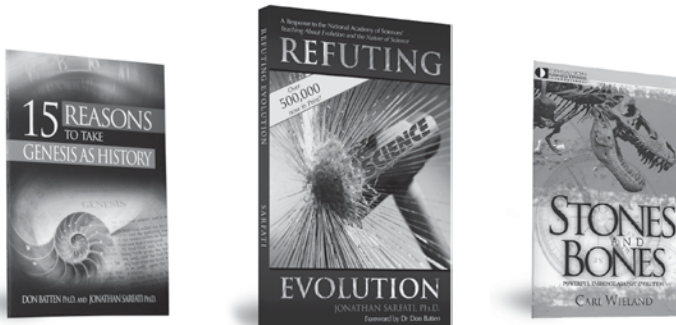
How can I spread the Creation/Gospel message?

- **Use *Creation magazine* to keep informed**—subscribe for yourself and keep up to date with what is happening so that you are ready to share with anyone who “asks you a reason for the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15). Many a person has been converted through a friend sharing things learned from *Creation* magazine. It encourages and equips Christians, and challenges non-Christians as to where they stand with Christ. The magazine helps both young and old. Testimonies (children’s to professors’) show that it is understandable, but also biblically and scientifically accurate. A special children’s section caters for younger children. School teachers find that *Creation* magazine gives them great up-to-date material, and illustrations, for the classroom. The magazine helps teachers to keep up to date so that the best of current science is being taught, and not outmoded arguments¹ (science is always changing). The evolutionists are always ‘shifting the goal posts’ and we need to keep redirecting our aim in sharing the Creation/Gospel message, so as to be most effective.
- **Lend *Creation magazines*** to your friends, relatives, workmates, pastor, youth leader, etc. If someone asks about something that *Creation* magazine has an article about, lend them the whole magazine, not just the photocopied article. They will almost certainly read the whole lot and be challenged. There are many testimonies of folk converted because someone gave them *Creation* magazines to read. Donate subscriptions to church leaders, church libraries, school libraries, local government libraries, friends, relatives, etc.
- **Put *Creation magazines* in waiting rooms** at doctors’ surgeries, dentists, hairdressers, automotive repair shops, etc. People will read them—they are so colourful and attractive—instead of the shallow magazines that are so often available to read in those places.



1. For example, the Japanese ‘plesiosaur’, or lack of moon dust as evidence for a young creation; see Arguments we think creationists should NOT use; creation.com/arguments.

- **Use the website and the internet.** Read the daily articles and view the videos posted on creation.com and ‘Like’ and share them with your Facebook contacts, or tweet about them on Twitter, recommend them on Google+, etc. Sign up on creation.com for the *Infobytes* email news to be kept abreast of newsy items that you can share with your friends. You can add a digital subscription to your *Creation* magazine and share it with up to five devices (children, grandchildren, etc.).
- **Lend, or give, someone a creation tract or a book.** Good books to give are *Stones and Bones* (Wieland) and *Refuting Evolution* (Sarfati), which deal with the major scientific arguments in an excellent manner. Some testify to having been converted through *The Answers Book*, as they found answers to problems that they thought were unsolvable (like, Who was Cain’s wife?). Of course, if you have read them first, you will be better able to know which book is suitable for the person you are trying to reach!



Good books are an excellent way to inform yourself and spread the message.

- **Show DVDs.** Many people will not read much these days, but they might watch a DVD, especially if you invite them around to your home and show genuine hospitality. Some good DVDs are *Origins in the Modern World: Why it matters*, by Carl Wieland, which is good for awakening Christians to the issues or *Why Does a Good God Allow Bad Things?* by Gary Bates, a powerful message showing the importance of the Bible’s history in Genesis in answering one of the most common questions. *Unlocking the Mystery of Life* is a good one-off DVD on evidences for creation and is particularly suitable for showing to non-Christians.

There are many other DVDs suitable for various levels of interest. Check out the web store for your country via creation.com for the most up-to-date DVDs. When presenting a DVD to a group of

Christians, it is important to encourage them to obtain their own resources, particularly *Creation* magazine, so that they can also become equipped to share the message with others.

- ***Sponsor a visiting speaker.*** You could act as a local support person or organizer for a visiting speaker. Speak to your pastor about the possibility and then ask for a visiting speaker when one is available, distributing promotional material before the meeting. You may have to encourage your pastor to understand the importance of the issue—your own testimony can be powerful here, as well as videos that explain the foundational importance of the Genesis accounts of Creation, the Fall and the Flood.
- ***Give creation talks.*** This is recommended only if you really know the issues and you are able to teach. If those senior to you who know you best do not actively affirm that you are able to teach, please consider that your gifts may lie elsewhere. However, continue sharing the message on a one-on-one personal basis—everyone can do that. Jesus said,

“All authority is given to me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things, whatever I commanded you. And, behold, I am with you all the days until the end of the world” (Matt. 28:18–20).