

## WHY?

The word “**why**” is normally used as a question and a simple definition for “**why**” is “for what cause, reason, or purpose” [Merriam-Webster]. The word “**why**” may be used in a phrase such as “**Why** did you do it?” Small children are notorious for asking the question “**why**?” Teenagers who, when told to do something, are prone to ask “**why**?” As adults we often ask “**why**?” In languages of the world the question “**why**” may be found because it is man’s nature to ask.

If people were diagnosed with an illness that would result in certain death if left untreated; an illness for which there was a remedy, but they refused that remedy, it would be natural to ask “Why?” For what cause, reason, or purpose would they refuse the remedy? An unnumbered multitude of people have done and continue to do just that! Now, you might say that “I would never do that!” Are you absolutely, sure of that? Hopefully I now have your full attention so, please read on as I briefly explain the situation.

In God’s Word, the Bible, we are told that we are all sinners because of the disobedience of Adam when he disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden. “Therefore, as by one man [Adam Genesis 2:16-17; 3:6] sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.” {Romans 5:12} In the book of Romans and chapter 1, verses 20-32 provide an accurate description of man. In Galatians and chapter 5, verses 19-21 details the works of the flesh {our sin nature}. Proverbs 23:7 a says “For as he thinketh in his heart, so *is* he;} It is out of the heart of man that he commits every wicked deed. “The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” {Jeremiah 17:9} Jesus said, “For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:” {Matthew 15:19}

When God told Adam he would die, it included an immediate spiritual death and eventual physical death. God created man as a living, eternal soul. “... the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” {Genesis 2:7} Man dies physically but his soul lives forever because it is eternal. It is because of the sin of Adam that man is under the sentence of death. “For the wages of sin is death;” {Romans 6:23 a}

God has provided for our salvation and that provision is in the person of Jesus Christ. Why? Because God loves us so much, that’s why! “For God so loved the world [that’s you and me], that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” {John 3:16} “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” {Romans 5:8} God did this because “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” {2 Peter 3:9} God has promised “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” {Romans 10:13} Our redemption as lost sinners is made possible by the blood of Jesus Christ. “Forasmuch *as* ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:” {1 Peter 1:18-19} When sinners repent of sin and trust Jesus Christ as Saviour, they immediately become a new, spiritual creation. “Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he* is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” {2 Corinthians 5:17} Then, when they die physically, their eternal soul will be with Jesus in Heaven. “... We are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.” {2 Corinthians 5:8} Have you personally repented of sin and trusted Jesus Christ as personal Saviour?

Now the question must be asked. **WHY? WHY**, for what cause, reason, or purpose would anyone want to say no to trusting Jesus Christ? **WHY**, for what cause, reason, or purpose would they reject Jesus and allow their eternal soul to spend eternity with Satan in hell? **WHY?** It makes no sense! Jesus has done all that He can for us and it is now up to the lost sinner to repent of sin. **WHY** would any sensible person refuse to do this? **WHY?**

For the sake of your eternal soul, I plead with you to repent of sin and by faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ, trust Him as personal Saviour.

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