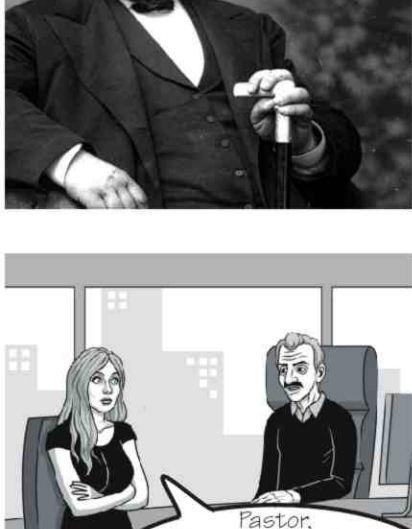
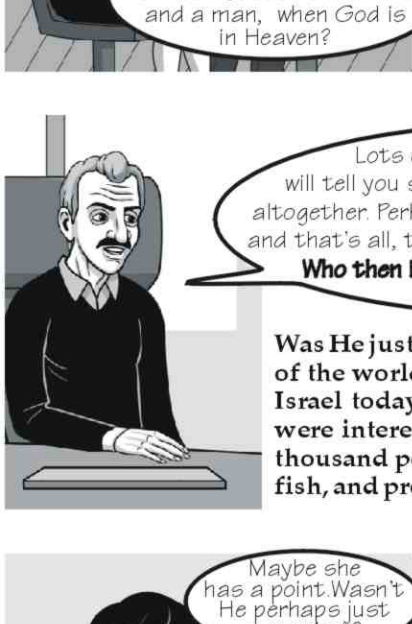


# IS JESUS YOUR GOD?



*Charles H Spurgeon, the 'Prince of Preachers', said: "Depend on it, my hearer, you will never go to Heaven unless you are prepared to worship Jesus Christ as God."*

**So, I start this tract with a question from a young enquirer.**



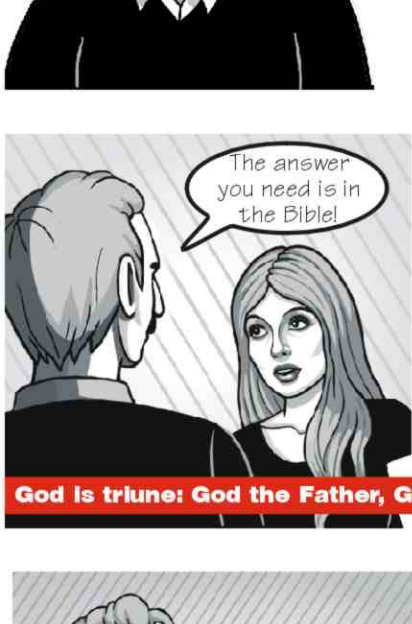
**NO ONE READING THIS TRACT CAN DISPUTE THAT THIS QUESTION LEADS TO THE MOST CRUCIAL ANSWER EVER GIVEN!**



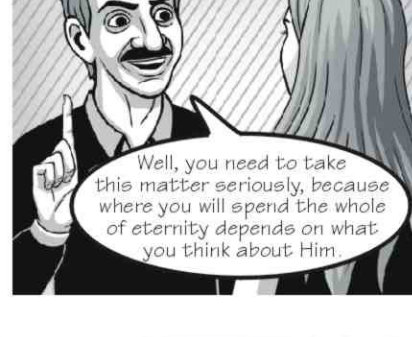
Lots of folk believe in God and they will tell you so - but Jesus is a different matter altogether. Perhaps you only think that He is a person and that's all, then one day you will be greatly shocked. **Who then is this person called Jesus Christ? Is He God?**

Was He just a good guy who used to roam that part of the world two thousand years ago that we call Israel today? Speaking about things that people were interested in, healing the sick, feeding five thousand people from five barley loaves and two fish, and preaching nice stuff?

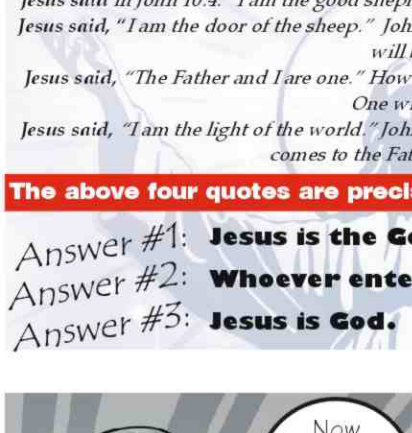
Life has shown me that's often what the man in the street thinks. **Yet the true and straightforward answer is that Jesus Christ is God.**



"And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."  
 Matt 16:16-17 (KJV)

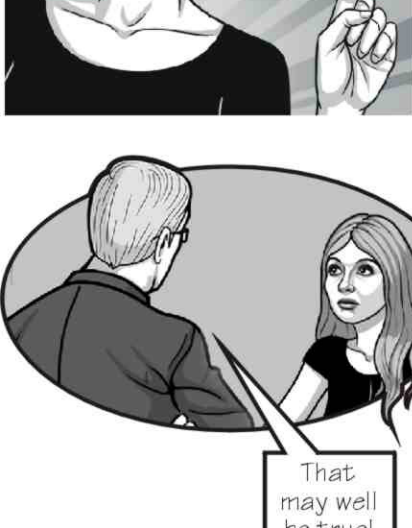


The question is: what do you really and truly believe is the truth about Jesus? Yet the question that my young enquirer asked remains and demands an answer.

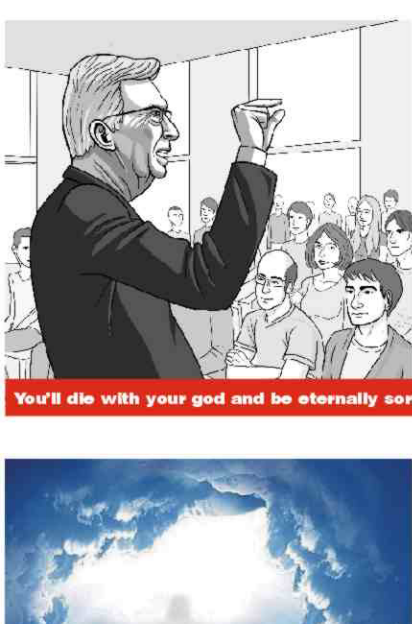


"He came unto his own, and his own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, and the glory as of the only Begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth." John 1 (KJV)

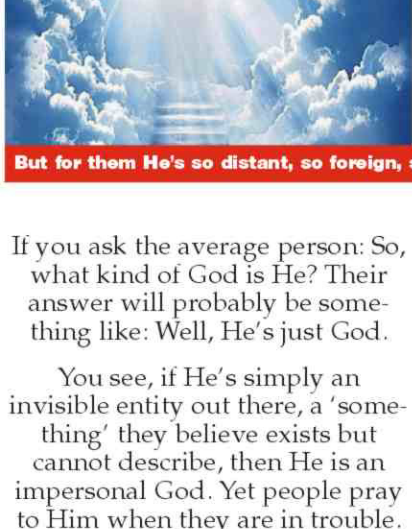
**God is trine: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.**



Yet there is a default conclusion woven into this tract: the **Trinity**. There is only one God, yet He is **Three in Person!** **Jesus came into this world, yet He is God.** Fortunately, we do not have to answer all questions to know that the Trinity exists.



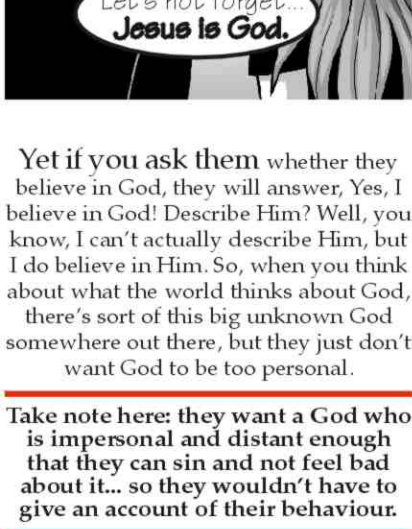
So I'm going to ask four questions that will give us some answers. The first is: Who did Jesus say He was?



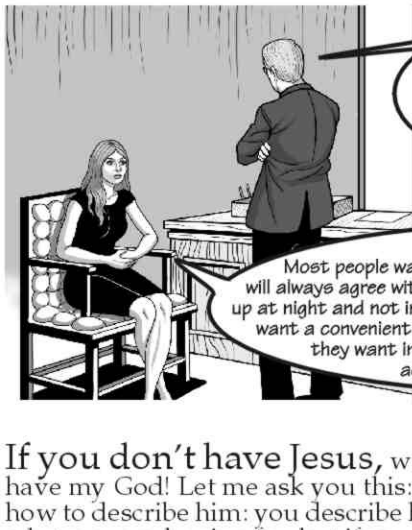
Who did He say He was?  
 Jesus said in John 10:4: "I am the good shepherd and I know my own and my own know Me."  
 Jesus said, "I am the door of the sheep." John 10:9: "I am the gate; whoever enters through Me will be saved."  
 Jesus said, "The Father and I are one." How about that! John 12:44: "He who sees Me sees the One who sent Me."  
 Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." John 14:6: "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but through Me."

**The above four quotes are precisely what Jesus said about Himself.**

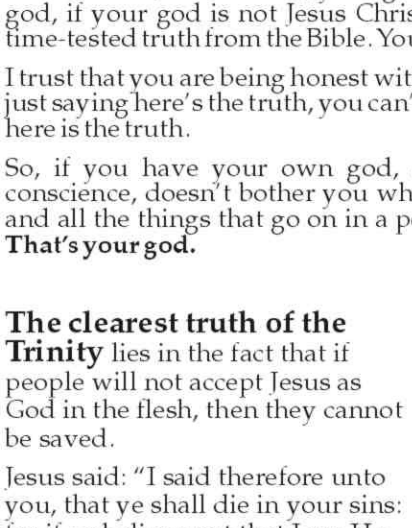
- Answer #1: **Jesus is the Good Shepherd.**
- Answer #2: **Whoever enters through Jesus will be saved.**
- Answer #3: **Jesus is God.**



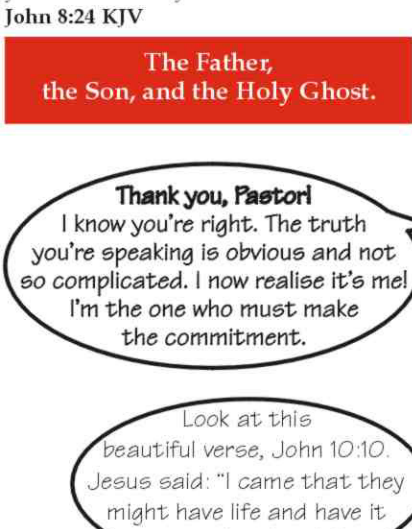
Thanks for those quotes - they say a lot about Jesus being God. But many people have said to me: "Well, if I believe in God and I try to live a good life, then everything should be OK. Anyway, I'm better than so and so."



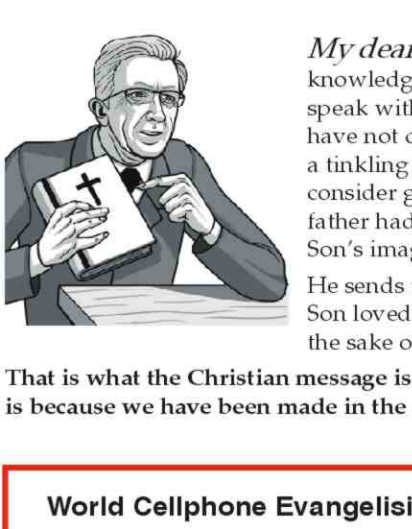
What's your answer to that? **Yet if a person does not believe in Jesus but they have a god, it's likely a god they made up themselves to suit their own preferences and lifestyle.** Such a person would have a problem with Jesus, because there is **something about Jesus** that interferes with their behaviour, **something about Jesus** that bothers their conscience...



Something about Jesus that demands of them something they don't want to give. **Something about Jesus** that sort of cramps their style, and so they decide: I do believe in God, just don't ask me to define Him, don't ask me to describe Him, it's none of your business! I do believe in God; it's only that you have your God and I have mine.



In the mind of the world, there *is* a god; in the mind of the believer, we *know* there is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. So, when you talk to your friends about God, they probably say: I believe God exists, and in their minds there is a God out there somewhere.



If you ask the average person: So, what kind of God is He? Their answer will probably be something like: Well, He's just God. You see, if He's simply an invisible entity out there, a 'something' they believe exists but cannot describe, then He is an impersonal God. Yet people pray to Him when they are in trouble. **When people are afraid, they cry out to God.**



Take note here: they want a God who is impersonal and distant enough that they can sin and not feel bad about it... so they wouldn't have to give an account of their behaviour.

And so one of the reasons people don't want to believe in Jesus is that it makes Him too personal for them. There are just too many verses about Jesus: The Father and I are one, He said. Also: If you've seen me, you've seen the Father. Think what happens to your god, who has been in the background of your life, and now you're getting ready to die. At that moment, your past creeps up on you, and you hope to just disappear, but no, you won't!

Yet if you ask them whether they believe in God, they will answer, Yes, I believe in God! Describe Him? Well, you know, I can't actually describe Him, but I do believe in Him. So, when you think about what the world thinks about God, there's sort of this big unknown God, somewhere out there, but they just don't want God to be too personal.

It is said of the armen flying over Germany in the Second World War, there wasn't a single one who didn't believe in God.

There is a common, **WORLDLY** kind of 'Christianity' in this day, which many have; a **CHEAP** Christianity which **OFFENDS NOBODY** and requires no **SACRIFICE - which costs NOTHING, and is worth NOTHING.** J C Ryle

Jesus came to this earth for a specific purpose. As you look at his life, the whole life that He lived, what is it about Him that disturbs you?

Most people want a god that will make them feel at ease, will always agree with them, never discipline them, won't keep them up at night and not interfere with their business or personal life. They want a convenient and easy God, one that helps them get what they want in life, but requires nothing in return - no accountability, in other words!

If you don't have Jesus, what do you have? You may say, well, I have my God! Let me ask you this: describe 'your god' to me. I'll tell you how to describe him: you describe him in a way that suits what you want, what you are hoping for, but if you can't describe him in accordance with Biblical facts, or the truth, your god is a false god. Your god is an empty god, if your god is not Jesus Christ our Saviour, Lord and God. It's the time-tested truth from the Bible. You get to choose!

I trust that you are being honest with yourselves. I'm not being critical, I'm just saying here's the truth, you can't deny the truth, everything we've said here is the truth. So, if you have your own god, a god who doesn't mess with your conscience, doesn't bother you when you commit adultery, living in sin, and all the things that go on in a person's life, if that doesn't bother you: **That's your god.**

The clearest truth of the **Trinity** lies in the fact that if people will not accept Jesus as God in the flesh, then they cannot be saved. Jesus said: "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins." John 8:24 KJV

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Thank you, Pastor! I know you're right. The truth you're speaking is obvious and not so complicated. I now realise it's me! I'm the one who must make the commitment.

Look at this beautiful verse, John 10:10. Jesus said: "I came that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

My dear reader, even if we have all of this Bible knowledge, Paul said in 1 Cor 13:1 (KJV): "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." Love is the root of all things we consider good, and it's out of that love that the father had for the Son that he creates people in the Son's image to populate this world. He sends us into this world to love this world as the Son loved this world, to be willing even to die for the sake of those who are hurting and suffering.

That is what the Christian message is: Love is at the heart of mankind and this is because we have been made in the image of a loving God.

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