

Primary scripture: John 20:30-31

Purpose: We want to be _____ who know God's
_____ and share it with _____

1 Peter 3:15-16

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. (NIV)



I. A SURVEY OF HINDUISM

A. Hinduism among the nations

- Hinduism is the world's _____ most popular religion.

B. Five Major Beliefs of Hinduism

1. _____: the one impersonal ultimate reality.
2. Man is _____: souls are a part of Brahman.
3. _____: merit or demerit according to our deeds.
4. _____: cycle of birth, life, death, and rebirth.
5. _____: final release into reunion with Brahman.

C. Three Primary Paths to Salvation

1. Meditation: available only to the upper classes.
2. Works: fulfilling one's religious and social obligations.
3. Devotion: practicing devotion to one of the gods.

D. Buddhism Compared to Hinduism

- Different: Rejected Hindu scriptures, gods, priests, and sacrifices.
- Same: Accepted karma, reincarnation, and meditation.

II. WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT THE AFTERLIFE

1. People live and die on this earth _____ and then face judgment.

Luke 16:22-23

Hebrews 9:27

2. After this life the righteous _____.

* A place of comfort and joy (*Luke 16:25*)

* The place where God is. (*Revelation 21-22*)

3. After this life the unrighteous _____.

* A place of suffering. (*Luke 16:23-24*)

* A place of separation from God. (*Matthew 25:46*)

4. After this life the future of each _____.

Luke 16:26

5. God's judgment is based upon a person's _____ and _____ in Jesus Christ.

* The information needed to make our choice is in the Bible. (*vs. 29*)

* To repent is to turn away from sin and rebellion against God. (*vs. 30*)

6. How could a good and loving God condemn people to eternal suffering in hell?

- God demonstrated his love by _____ to save us.

John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son...

- _____: the distinctive of Biblical Christianity.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith.

And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not of works, so that no one may boast.

- We _____ to hell if we refuse God's gift.

John 3:18 ...but whoever does not believe is condemned already.

- We refuse God's gift because we _____.

John 3:19 ...people loved darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil.

- God demonstrates his love by his _____.

2 Pet. 3:9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count

slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.