

KIDS' CORNER

Q: If God created the world 6,000 years ago or so, why are the stars millions of light years away?

A: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork" (Psalm 19:1).

What a question! We know from the dates God gives us in the Bible that He did create the whole universe about 6,000 years ago. When we hear the term light-year, we need to realize it is not a measure of time but a measure of distance, telling us how far away something is. Distant stars and galaxies might be millions of light-years away, but that doesn't mean that it took millions of years for the light to get here, it just means it is really far away!

When God created the universe, everything was already working perfectly, exactly how He wanted it to work. So the stars could be seen (however God did that) on earth as soon as God spoke them into existence. Keep enjoying the splendour of the night sky, but remember that God created it to display His glory so we could behold how wonderful and powerful our Creator really is!

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Can you find the ten words hidden in the word search from this issue's article above?

P D N A S U O H T B	SIX
G O L I G H T X J S	THOUSAND
R A W G K P B P E I	LIGHT
A W L E L X O O C X	YEAR
E U O A R O L Y N D	DISTANCE
Y P J R X F R F A G	GALAXIES
B Q C J K I U Y T G	STARS
C N T L O I E L S K	GLORY
E T J G E S N S I X	POWERFUL
S T A R S A C G D V	WORKING



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BIBLE CLASS

Subject:
Salvation
Words

*"I will, be
thou clean."*

Mark 1:42



Jesus heals all who come and casts out none. In reading the narrative in which our text occurs, it is worthy of careful consideration that Jesus touched the leper. This unclean person had broken through the regulations of the ceremonial law and pushed his way into the house; but Jesus, far from chiding him, broke through the law Himself in order to meet him. ... Even so Jesus Christ was made sin for us, although in Himself He knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

If only poor sinners would go to Jesus, believing in the power of His blessed substitutionary work, they would soon learn the power of His gracious touch. The hand that multiplied the loaves, that saved sinking Peter, ... that same hand will touch every seeking sinner and in a moment make him clean. The love of Jesus is the source of salvation. He loves, He looks, He touches us and we live. Charles Spurgeon

GOOD NEWS



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**"Behold, Now is the accepted Time;
behold, Now is the day of Salvation."**

2 Corinthians 6:2



THE MOMENT THAT DIVIDED TIME

THERE HAVE BEEN MANY SIGNIFICANT AND IMPORTANT MOMENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD, but none more so than the birth of Jesus Christ. The impact of this tremendous moment resulted in the dividing of time! Every event, whether past or future, is measured in relation to the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, either BC or AD. The day of your birth, your marriage, your death, are all related to this amazing moment. Every time you write the date you are testifying to this moment when the Divine Creator of all things (John 3 v3) was born into the world. Why did He come? The Bible says, "When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them who were under the law..." (Galatians 4 v4,5). He came to redeem sinners. To redeem simply means to

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**Good!
NEWS!**

Good news is something we all like to receive; a baby's on the way - a job application has been successful - a wage increase - an anxiously awaited medical test returns negative - some money comes your way... Yet, when confronted with the Gospel, so many "switch off."
"Gospel" literally means "Good News" - God's good news concerning His Son Jesus Christ, summed up in the 25 words of John chapter 3 verse 16:

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes on Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life."

In the Gospel there is good news of forgiveness, peace, joy, hope and so much more.



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the message of the Gospel every
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All Welcome!

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obtain the release of something or someone from a state of bondage by paying the required price. By nature, as well as by choice we are sinners before a just and holy God and as such we are in bondage to sin and therefore in need of redemption. Jesus, the son of God was not only born of a woman, but He was also born under the law. As a Jew, He was obliged to keep the ten commandments. This He did perfectly. The Bible says, **"He did no sin" (1Peter 2 v22); "He knew no sin" (2Corinthians 5 v21); and "in Him there is no sin" (1John 3 v5).** He alone was sinless and pure and therefore morally fit to accomplish the great work of redemption. God's justice, which demanded payment in full for the debt of our sin, was fully satisfied in the shedding of the blood of Jesus, His beloved Son. The Bible says of believers in the Lord Jesus, **"...in Whom (i.e. Jesus) we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins" (Ephesians 1 v7).**

As the lovely hymn says, "Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe, sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow".

Dear friend, are you redeemed? Put your trust in the living, exalted Redeemer at God's right hand and at that moment of believing you are eternally saved and brought into the family of God.

Here's a short story of the author who wrote the famous hymn:

As Augustus Toplady, a young minister, travelled through the rugged country near Cheddar Gorge, the clouds burst and torrential sheets of rain pummelled the earth. The weary traveller was able to find shelter standing under a rocky overhang in Burrington Combe. There, protected from the buffeting wind and rain, Augustus Toplady conceived one of the most popular hymns ever written, "Rock of Ages, Cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee."

In March, 1776 Toplady published the hymn in *The Gospel Magazine*. He wrote that just as England could never pay her national debt, so man could never by his own merits satisfy the justice of God. In the middle of the article he burst into song, printing for the first time the hymn "Rock of Ages", which so aptly describes Christ, the Rock of Ages, as the remedy for all our sin.

Augustus Toplady died of consumption at the age of 38. As he neared the end Toplady proclaimed, "My heart beats every day stronger and stronger for glory. Sickness is no affliction, pain no cause, death itself no dissolution ... My prayers are now all converted into praise."

"And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land". Isaiah 32:2.



Image: Landscape of The Great Divide Trail in the Rocky Mountains

THE GREAT DIVIDE

The most famous Continental Divide of the Americas is also called the Great Divide. It separates the watersheds of the Pacific Ocean from those of the Atlantic Ocean. It runs from Alaska, through Western Canada along the crest of the Rocky Mountains to New Mexico. The rain falling on it flows either East or West to one of two completely different destinations.

So, also Christ in another sense is the "Great Divider". He divides humanity spiritually, that is, those who believe in Him and those who do not; those who are saved and those who are lost. In a coming Day, He will divide them forever - those who will be in heaven and those who will be in the lake of fire. On which side of the "Divide" are you?

"Rock of Ages."



Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee!
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure;
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labour of my hands
Can fulfil Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy Cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.



Mr Eternity

"This is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent" John 17:3

Eternity! Like it or not, we're all heading there one day! Arthur Stace, a former illiterate soldier, petty criminal and alcoholic, of Sydney, Australia, became a Christian in the late 1940's and was so concerned about people going to a lost eternity without God, that he wrote the word *Eternity* every day on pavements throughout Sydney. He eventually became known as "Mr Eternity" but wasn't identified until 1956 in a

Newspaper article. Some 34 years after his death, the word *Eternity* was illuminated on Sydney Harbour Bridge at New Year as part of the New Millennium fireworks celebrations. The word that he wrote hundreds of thousands of times on the streets of Sydney was seen by many, and has resulted in people trusting the Lord Jesus Christ for their eternal salvation. Have you?