



What if Jesus Never Lived

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Ephesians 2

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1. If Jesus had never been born, I would be forever _____, and _____ in my _____ choices.

"the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so."
Romans 8:7, NIV

A. St Augustine once said that 1) At creation man was _____ to _____. 2) At the Fall, man became _____ to _____ sin.

B. The essence of being dead in sin is it _____ us from _____. If you feel deadness in some area of your life, it is an indication of an _____ of God.

"Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more."
Ephesians 4:19, NIV

C. _____ God. _____ hope. But there's a corollary! _____ God. _____ hope!

2. If Jesus had never been born, all the _____ in my life would be a _____.

A. If there is no world after this world, no life after death, it makes all the sense in the world to do whatever _____ as much as possible because it's all going to end anyway.

"If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men... If the dead are not raised, Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."
1 Corinthians 15:19, 32

3. If Jesus had never been born, I'd have to _____ in eternal death.

A. Our greatest need is _____ and if Jesus never lived we'd never get it. _____ people don't go to heaven. _____ people do.

B. At the Redemption (Cross) we become _____ to _____ sin. At the Restoration (2nd Advent), we will become _____ to sin.

Conclusion:

Our mistake is _____ Theology: Good kids get good things in their stockings. Naughty kids get coal. So be good for goodness sake.

_____ Theology is better: Jesus was born, and born to die for our sins so God would be both fair/_____ and _____ to mankind at the same time.