

# Mere Christianity

Wednesday Bible Study – Week 5  
Our Savior Lutheran Church & School, Lansing, MI

## Book 2 – Chapter 3 – The Shocking Alternative

What is God's will? Does God get what He wants?

What has God created to be 'free'?

God doesn't 'micromanage the universe'

"If a thing is free to be good it is also free to be bad." p.48

"The better stuff a creature is made of – the cleverer and stronger and freer it is – then the better it will be if it goes right, but also the worse it will be if it goes wrong."

How did things go wrong? (the creation of self allows for the priority of self)

We run on God – p. 50

God's steps of salvation (p. 50-51)

1. He left us a \_\_\_\_\_
2. He sent the human race \_\_\_\_\_
3. He selected one people to hammer in their heads \_\_\_\_\_
4. He His Son, who claimed to \_\_\_\_\_ and could \_\_\_\_\_

C.S. Lewis classic challenge about Jesus.

Jesus claimed to be the Son of God who could forgive sins.

Therefore, He must either be...

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Book 2 - Chapter 4 – The Perfect Penitent**

“The central Christian belief is that Christ’s death has somehow put us right with God and given us a fresh start. Theories as to how it did this are another matter. A good many different theories have been held as to how it works; what all Christians are agreed on is that it does work.” p. 54

Eating vs. knowing about vitamins

What are some of the theories?

“A man can accept what Christ has done without knowing how it works: indeed, he certainly would not know how it works until he has accepted it.”

How can God teach us to suffer and sacrifice ourselves if He has never done it? But He has in Christ!

### **Book 2 – Chapter 5 – The Practical Conclusion**

The ‘new man’ has already begun! P. 60.

Three things that spread the life of Christ to us:

**For next week, read Book 3, chapters 1-4**

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