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If you answered yes to any of the questions above, then you are not a good, innocent person. The Almighty Creator God sees you as a lying, thieving, adulterer, a murderer and you’d also be guilty of breaking the first and greatest commandment. (& we’ve only looked at 4 of the 10 Commandments, see Exodus 20 &/or Deuteronomy 5 & Matthew 5)

**If you are honest, you know you will be guilty on the Day of Judgment.**

These sins separate you from your Creator God and the destiny He made you for.

Sin separates and if you die in your sins it results in an eternal separation from your Creator God and all that is good - an everlasting Hell because God is Holy.

Imagine a man in a courtroom; a criminal guilty of serious crimes. He is tried, convicted and sentenced to death.

**But** then, with an almost unbelievable act of amazing grace

the judge steps down and pays the man’s fine with his own blood! Even though he’s still guilty, his fine has been paid and justice has been satisfied! The judge was both merciful and just. This is what Jesus did for sinners.

While fully God and fully man, Jesus lived a sinless life. In sacrificial love He took the penalty for your sin on Himself when He died on the Cross. Then He rose from the grave, showing the penalty paid.

So, **“What should we do?”** (Acts 2:37)

**The Right Response Required:**

**Repent** - turn right back round 180 degrees (U) from your sinful, selfish way to God’s way - know & do His will.

**Believe** - trust that Jesus has paid for and can forgive your sin by taking your death penalty on the cross.

**Be Baptized** - this sacred dipping is your **bath** (2 clean you up Acts 22:16), **burial** (2 lay 2 rest your mess Rom. 6:4) & a **re-clothing** (dressing you in your new “adult faith wardrobe” Gal. 3:27)

**Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit** - He empowers and leads you into actually living this new abundant life of deep peace and freedom that you could never do in your own strength! (see Acts 2:37-38)

If you do this, God will forgive you of every sin that you have committed and grant you everlasting life.

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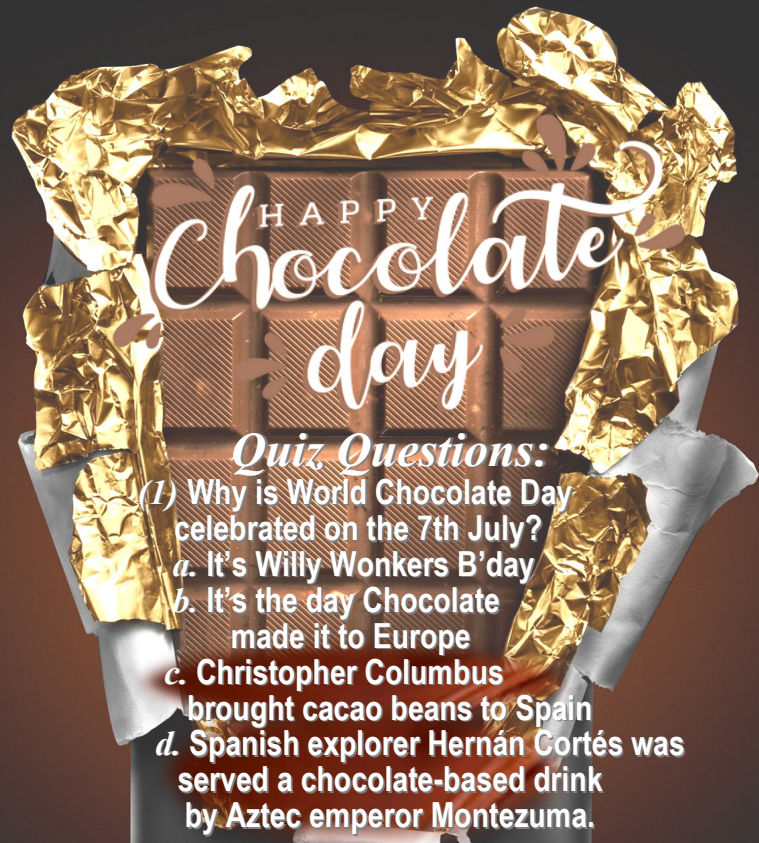
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(2) What feelings does Chocolate turn on in our brains?:

- Sadness
- Stress
- Happiness/Love

(3) The Chocolate industry annually makes over:

- \$10 billion
- \$50 billion
- \$100 billion

(4) What is more valuable than chocolate?

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- 1657 London's first chocolate house opened.
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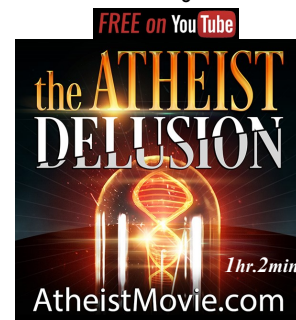
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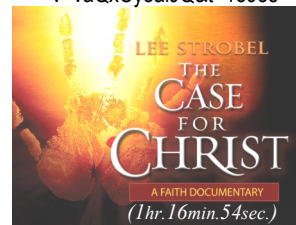
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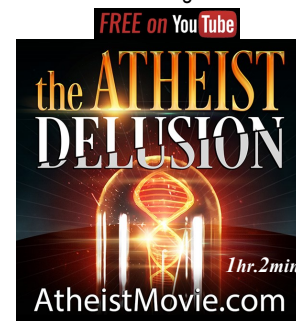


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