

Cat and Dog Theology:
The Top Five Life Lessons Most Homeschool Families Miss

If our kids know all of the 3 R's,
but don't live for God's glory,
we've done a tremendous injustice to them.

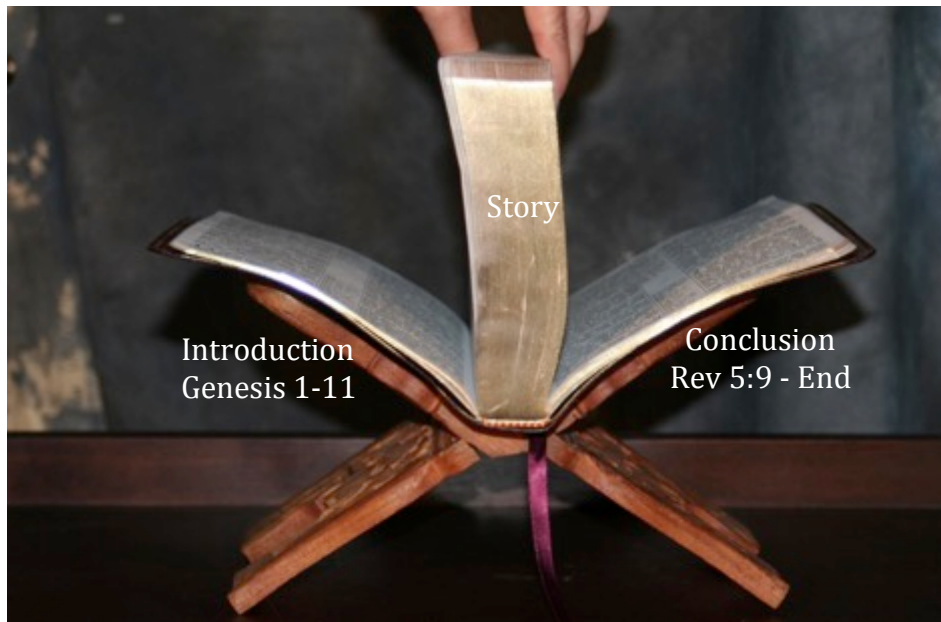
1. Idolatry Still Exists In The Homeschool Environment
 - a. The perfect child
 - b. The perfect outward form
 - c. The perfect relationships
 - d. The perfect future
 - e. The perfect control.
 - i. In all of this, we've left out the grace of Jesus.
2. Heaven is Cool
 - a. Philippians 1:21: For me to live is Christ, and to die is second best, but at least you're not going to hell. Look on the bright side!
 - i. Heaven is a step down from earth.
 - ii. Therefore we cling to these 80 or so years God gives us.
 - b. Satan wants to ruin heaven's reputation. (Revelation 13:6)
 - c. If heaven is seen as boring, unimaginable and an unearthly existence, why should we share the good news that people can go there?
 - d. Colossians 3:1: We are to do a diligent, active, single-minded investigation of heaven.
 - e. What God has revealed about heaven:
 - i. Rev. 21:1 The present heaven is not the real heaven.
 - ii. Revelation 6:9-11
 1. Will will be emotional and can raise our voices
 2. We will be aware of each other and the situation on earth.
 3. We can ask God questions.
 4. There is learning in heaven.
 5. We will have concerns for justice.
 6. There is time in heaven.
 7. We will have a strong connection with those on earth.
 8. God knows to the last details what is still happening on earth.
 - iii. Hebrews 11:10; Heaven will have buildings, roads, culture, art, justice, theaters, athletics, goods and services.
 - iv. There will be authority in heaven. Romans 2:26, 3:21
 - v. Hebrews 1:1,2, Rom 8:16,17: We will rule of the universe with Jesus.
3. You don't earn your salvation, but you do earn your rewards.
 - a. Catholics vs. Protestants
 - i. Most Catholics are "works oriented" and have scripture to back it up.
 - ii. Most Protestants are "faith oriented" and have scripture to back it up.
 - b. There is a difference between "entering" the kingdom of God and "inheriting" the kingdom of God.
 - i. Entering (heaven) is present tense and faith is required.
 - ii. Inheriting (our rewards) requires works and character
 - c. 1 Peter 1:3,4; Our inheritance can't be heaven, because it is kept IN heaven for us.
 - d. Col 3:23,24; Our works for the Lord give us an "inheritance."

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- e. All Christians will appear before Christ and have our lives judged. (2 Cor 5:10)
- f. The judgment will result in eternal differences:
 - i. Our Bodies:
 - 1. Some of us will shine like the sun.
 - 2. Some of us will shine like the moon.
 - 3. Some of us will shine like stars.
 - ii. Ruling
 - 1. Some of us will rule over 10 cities.
 - 2. Some of us will rule over 5 cities.
 - 3. Some of us will be there and won't rule over any cities.
- g. Mat 5:19; Some will be least in the kingdom, some will be great in the kingdom.
- h. Bruce Wilkinson:
 - i. What you **believe** determines **where** you will spend eternity. What you **do** determines **how** you will spend eternity.
- i. 1 Cor 3:12-15
 - i. Some people are going to have to forfeit their kingdom because they wasted their lives.

4. There's a Story in the Bible

- a. God made a promise to Abraham in Genesis 12 to bless him and for him to be a blessing to all nations.
- b. God fulfills that promise in Revelation 5:9. Everything in between is "One Story."
- c. Christ won't come back until all nations are reached.



5. Life is not about Us

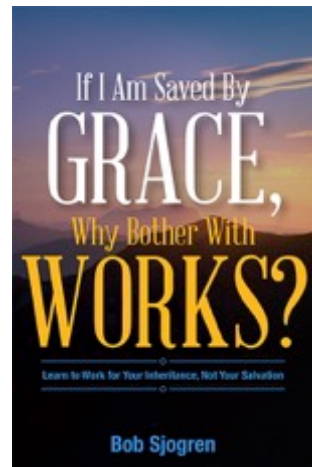
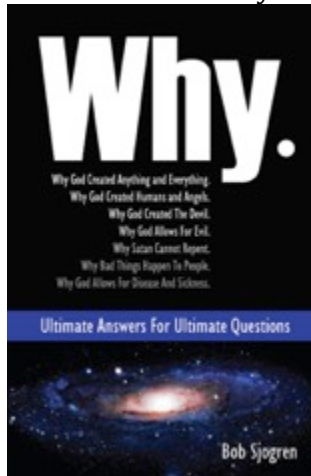
- a. If the church were like a selfish bride, we could come to God, not for who He is, but for what He could give us.
- b. Jesus died PRIMARILY to glorify His Father, secondarily for our sins.
- c. The joke:
 - i. A Dog says, "You pet me, you feed me, you shelter me, you love me, you must be God."

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- ii. A Cat says, "You pet me, you feed me, you shelter me, you love me, I must be God."
- d. Here's how a Cat thinks:
 - i. Jesus left the Father's glory **for me**, He suffered **for me**, He died **for me**, He's gone back to heaven to build a mansion **for me**, He's up there interceding **for me**, and He's coming back a second time **for me**. Gee, I wonder who He lives for? He must live **for me!**
 - ii. Ephesians 5:1 says be an imitator of God, therefore I'll be like God and live for me too. I'll just do it in a Christian context. I won't do any of the bad things. I'll go to church, and help teach Sunday school. I'll do all of the right things. But I'll do it all **for me!**
- e. Here's how a Dog Things.
 - i. Jesus did everything to glorify the Father. Therefore I should live to glorify the Father.
- f. The Extreme Differences Between Cats and Dogs
 - i. Cats think: Since Jesus suffered for me, ***I'm not going to have to suffer any more.***
 - ii. Dogs think: Since Jesus suffered to glorify His Father, He's left me an example, ***I should be willing to suffer to glorify His Father as well.***
- g. Cats are basically living for themselves in a Christian context. They want God's blessings more than they want God Himself.

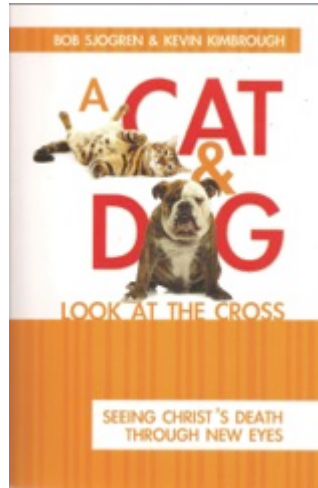
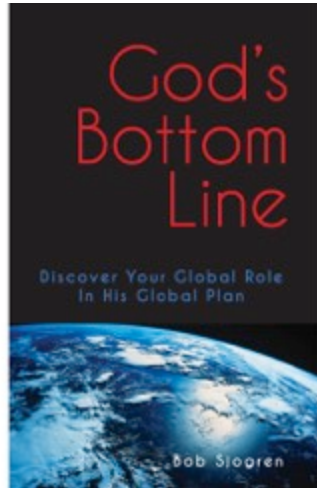
Conclusion:

- 1. Heaven Is Cool:
 - a. This is our 4th Year Curriculum ready to be purchased in fall of 2017.
- 2. You Don't Earn Your Salvation, You Earn Your Rewards:
 - a. This is our 3rd Year High School Curriculum and
 - b. Our 2nd Elementary Curriculum in 2017.

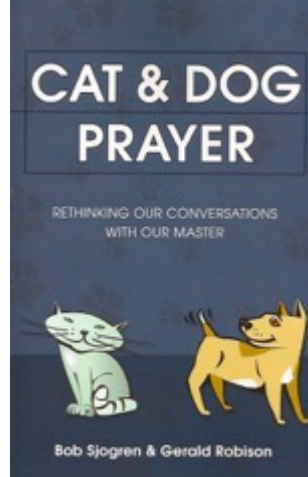
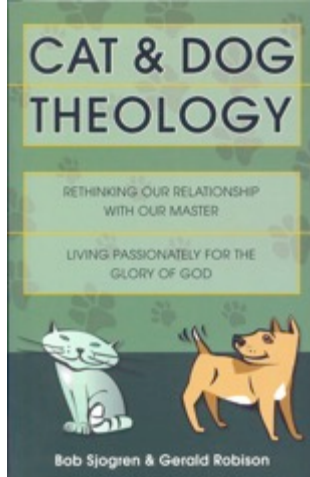


- c.
- 3. The Story of the Bible:
 - a. This is our 2nd Year High School Curriculum.

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- b.
4. Life Is Not About Us (Cat and Dog Theology):
- a. This is our 1st Year High School Curriculum and
 - b. Our Year 1 Elementary Curriculum



- c.
5. Our Middle School Curriculum: The Dog Walk
- a. Helps students learn to have quiet times
 - b. Study God's word.
 - c. Memorize and Meditate on God's Word
 - d. Share Their Faith Creatively.
6. Our Kindergarten Curriculum:
- a. Designed to be used over 1 or 2 Years
 - b. Uses cartoons they color
 - c. Uses the original, *I Heard Good News Today*