

# The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ

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*Trust in the LORD  
with all your heart...Proverbs 3:5*

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## *The Good News Concerning Jesus*

### **Jesus is the Redeemer**

He died in your place to save you. You have sinned and the consequence of your sin is eternal death (eternal separation from God). Jesus took your place and died for you.  
Romans 5:8  
1 Corinthians 15:1-4

### **Jesus is the Savior**

He rose from the dead and offers you eternal life if you will trust in Him alone to save you. If you truly believe in Him, He will rescue you from eternal damnation.  
John 5:24

### **Jesus is Lord**

He is the Sovereign God over all things. When you put your faith in Him, you will begin to submit to Him and obey Him. If you truly believe in Jesus, you will begin to abandon your own personal agenda and follow Him. Instead of living a life centered around yourself, you will begin to live your life centered around God.  
John 20:24-31  
Romans 12:1-2

### *Have you truly believed?*

Are you sure without a shadow of doubt that you have eternal life, based on the promises of the Word of God?

What concrete evidence in your own life indicates that you have trusted in Christ alone for your salvation?

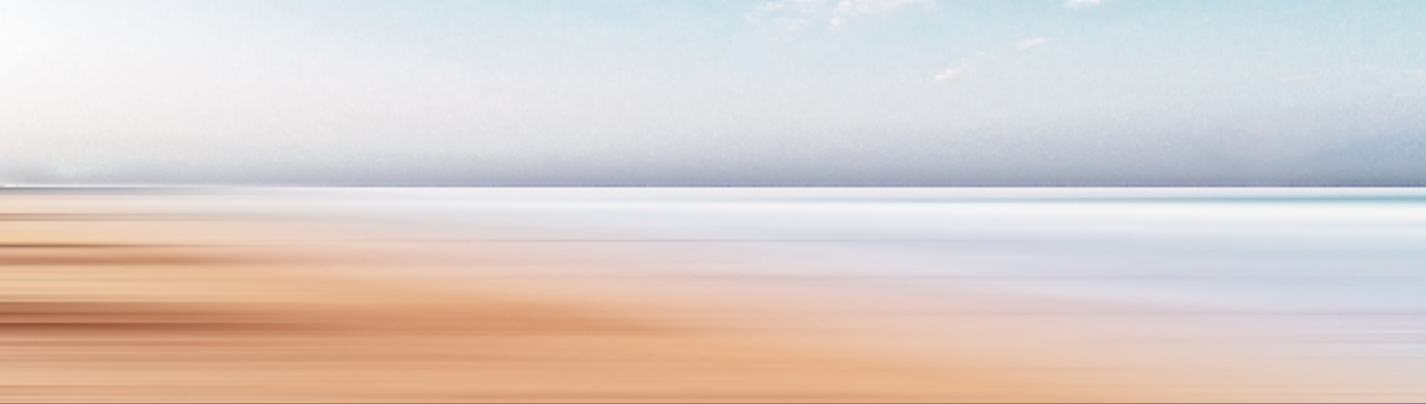
*"And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. The one who has the Son has this eternal life; the one who does not have the Son of God does not have this eternal life. I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."*

*1 John 5:11-13*

*Ask God to save you right now. Repent of your past lack of dependence on God, and trust in who Jesus is and what He has done on your behalf.*



## What does it mean to believe?



## What is the Gospel (the Good News) of Jesus Christ?

### Basic Concepts

- You cannot do anything to save yourself.

*He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, ...*  
Titus 3:5

- You have been judged already. You have been condemned and sentenced. If you continue in unbelief, you will perish eternally. The only way that verdict can be overturned is by believing in the unique Son of God. What damns people to hell in the end is not because they sin and break God's Law. It is actually because they do

not believe in Jesus Christ. That is the key factor.

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God."*  
John 3:16-18

- If you do not believe in

the Lord Jesus Christ, you will die in your sins and spend all eternity separated from God.

*"I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."*  
John 8:24

*"Then He will say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'"*  
Matthew 25:41

### Repent and Believe

*"Now after John was imprisoned, Jesus went into Galilee and proclaimed the Gospel of*

*God. He said, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the Gospel!'"*  
Mark 1:14-15

*"Therefore, although God has overlooked such times of ignorance, He now commands all people everywhere to repent, because He has set a day on which He is going to judge the world in righteousness, by a Man whom He designated, having provided proof to everyone by raising Him from the dead."*  
Acts 17:30-31

## Three Aspects of True Belief

• **Knowledge** You have to know. You have sinned, and you are separated from God (Romans 3:23). You have brought shame on yourself and on your family (Proverbs 13:5). You have dishonored God (Romans 2:23). Faith comes by hearing the message about Jesus Christ in the Word of God (Romans 10:17). God exists eternally in triunity (Isaiah 63:7-16; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14). Jesus exists eternally as part of that triunity. He died for you (Philippians 2:5-11) to give you victory over death through Him (1 Corinthians 15:50-58). You need to understand who you are and what you have done. You need to understand who Jesus is and what He has done for you. *"Whoever conceals his sins will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy."* Proverbs 28:13

• **Faith** You have to believe. You need to trust in Christ alone for your salvation. It is by faith alone and by the grace of God alone. You can do nothing to contribute in any way to earning your salvation by your own merit. It is a gift from God. *"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."* Ephesians 2:8-9

• **A New Life** When you put all this together it will bring about a concrete result. True knowledge and true faith result in true salvation. *"So then, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; what is old has passed away—look, what is new has come!"* 2 Corinthians 5:17 This produces submission and obedience to God (1 John 2:3-6). You can now have a Christ-centered lifestyle (Galatians 2:20).