

THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION

A. WHY DO WE NEED CHRIST?

1. We are sinners and alienated from God. Rom. 3:10; 3:23; Rom. 5:12; Ecc. 7:20; Isa. 59:2; Col. 1:21; Eph. 4:18
Sin means to miss the mark or fall short of the standard.
Matt. 22:37-38
2. As sinners we are naturally under the wrath and condemnation of a holy God. Eph. 2:1-3; John 3:36; John 3:18; Rom. 2:8-9; 5:12; 6:23; Rev. 20:14 The penalty of sin is not only physical death...but spiritual death and eternal ruin in the lake of fire if we die in our sins apart from Christ. See Matthew 10:28.
3. God is our Creator and we need Him to make us complete and whole. Life remains a mystery and meaningless apart from Him. Acts 17:26-29; Job 33:4; Gen. 1:27; 2:7

B. WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

1. He is God, the eternal Creator. John 1:1-3; Col. 1:16-17; Isa. 9:6; Eph. 3:9; Heb 1:8-12
2. He is the Son of God...John 20:31. This means He is of the same nature and order as God the Father and is therefore equal to the Father. John 5:17-23
3. He became enfleshed for us...He was God in flesh. I Tim. 3:16; John 1:1,14; Matt 1:23; Phil 2:5-10
4. He is the Lord and Master of all things. John 13:13; Matt. 28:18
5. He is the ONLY Savior. Acts 4:12; John 14:6

C. WHAT HAS CHRIST DONE FOR US?

1. He died for our sins. Rom. 5:8; I Peter 2:24; Col. 1:20; Isa. 53:6
2. He rose again from the dead. Rom. 1:4; 6:9; 10:9; I Cor. 15:20
See I Cor. 15:1-5 for a full declaration of the Gospel.
3. He lives forevermore to save those that come to God by Him.
Heb. 7:25; I John 2:1-2
In rising from the dead Christ proved He is the Son of God and He did pay for our sins.

D. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE RECEIVE CHRIST AS LORD AND SAVIOR?

1. We are "born again". We are spiritually born into God's family and become His children. I John 5:1; Gal. 3:26
2. We are forgiven of all our sins and pardoned from all guilt. Rom. 5:1; 8:1; Acts 10:43; 13:38-39; Isa. 55:6-7
3. We are given eternal life and will never come into condemnation. John 10:28; I John 5:11-13; Eph. 2:4-7
4. The Holy Spirit comes to live within our hearts and we become one spirit with the Lord. I Cor. 6:17,19-20; Eph. 1:13-14
*Many other wonderful things happen when we are saved...but these

are the main ones to show first to a new convert.

E. HOW DO WE RECEIVE CHRIST AS OUR LORD AND SAVIOR

1. We must come to a place of sincere repentance and faith. Mark 1:15; Acts 3:19,20-21; Rom. 2:4; II Pet. 3:9
Repentance is a sincere change of heart and mind that results in faith in Christ. True repentance and faith are inseparable. In repentance, you see yourself as a lost sinner and Christ as the only Savior. You come into agreement with God about yourself and Christ.
2. We place our faith, trust, confidence and hope in Christ alone for salvation. Acts 16:31; John 3:16,18,36
Works of any sort have no part in our salvation. Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; Rom. 3:20; 10:4; 11:6
We must by faith trust who Christ is and what He has done for us and receive him into our life as Lord and Savior. John 1:12; I John 5:11-13
3. We express this initial faith by confessing Christ openly and calling upon Him in prayer. Rom. 10:9,13
We are saved by faith, but that faith expresses itself openly in confession of Christ. We confess to Him and others that we are believing upon Him and receiving Him.

F. WHAT HAPPENS IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE CHRIST AS SAVIOR?

1. There is no other way to be saved. Acts 4:12; John 14:6; Pro. 14:12
 2. You will die in your sins and be lost forever. John 8:24; John 3:18; I John 5:11-12; Rev. 20:14; Mark 8:36-38
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