

## ◆ THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST ◆

### God's Plan for Salvation

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the most life changing message ever given to mankind. It is the good news that God has provided a way for sinners to be reconciled to Him through Jesus Christ.

Understanding this Gospel requires an exploration of God's holiness, humanity's fall into sin, and the redemptive work of Christ.

#### The Holiness of God

The foundation of the Gospel begins with the nature of God. The Bible says that God is holy, righteous, and perfect in all His ways.

"Holy, holy, holy, is Jehovah of Armies! The whole earth is full of his glory!" (Isaiah 6:3)

God's holiness reveals the severity of sin and the need for atonement. As a perfect Judge, He cannot overlook sin.

"You who have purer eyes than to see evil, and who cannot look on perversity." (Habakkuk 1:13)

#### The Fall of Man

Humanity's fall into sin is outlined in Genesis 3, where Adam and Eve disobeyed God. Through this act of rebellion, sin entered the world, bringing death and separation from God.

"All have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

Because of sin, mankind is spiritually dead and unable to save itself.

"You were made alive when you were dead in transgressions and sins." (Ephesians 2:1)

This separation from God is the greatest tragedy mankind faces. Without a mediator, humanity is doomed to eternal separation from God.

#### God's Plan for Redemption

Despite humanity's rebellion, God in His mercy provided a path for salvation. This was foretold in the Old Testament through prophecies pointing to the coming of a Savior.

"He was pierced for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities. The punishment that brought our peace was on him; and by his wounds we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)

Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, entered the world to fulfill this promise.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only born Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Jesus lived a sinless life, demonstrating perfect obedience to the Father. Through His teachings, miracles, and example, He revealed God's kingdom to the world.

#### The Atoning Work of Christ

The heart of the Gospel lies in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. On the cross, Jesus bore the punishment for our sins.

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live to righteousness. You were healed by his wounds." (1 Peter 2:24)

His death was the ultimate sacrifice, satisfying the wrath of God. Through His resurrection, He demonstrated His victory over sin and death.

“But now Christ has been raised from the dead. He became the first fruit of those who are asleep.” (1 Corinthians 15:20)

This victory grants believers the hope of eternal life.

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will still live, even if he dies.” (John 11:25)

### **Justification by Faith**

The Gospel teaches that salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. No human effort can earn God’s favor.

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.” (Ephesians 2:8)

Those who trust in Christ are justified—declared righteous before God.

“Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 5:1)

Faith is more than intellectual belief; it is a complete reliance upon Jesus as our Savior and Lord.

### **Repentance and New Life**

Repentance is a vital aspect of the Gospel. To repent means to turn away from sin and toward God. Jesus taught repentance as central to the message of salvation.

“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!” (Matthew 3:2)

Through repentance and faith, believers receive new life in Christ.

“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

### **The Gift of the Holy Spirit**

Those who receive the Gospel are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. This means that the Spirit of God empowers believers to live holy lives, strengthens their faith, and assures them of their salvation.

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.” (Acts 1:8)

The Holy Spirit guides believers into truth, convicting them of sin and drawing them closer to the Lord.

### **The Return of Christ**

The Gospel concludes with the promise of Christ’s return. Jesus will come again to judge the living and the dead, establishing His eternal kingdom.

“For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with God's trumpet. The dead in Christ will rise first.” (1 Thessalonians 4:16)

Believers await this day with hope, knowing that they will share in His glory.

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and will receive you to myself; that where I am, there you may be also.” (John 14:3)

## The Call to Believe

The Gospel demands a response. Jesus calls all people to repent and believe in Him. Those who reject this call face eternal separation from God.

“One who believes in the Son has eternal life, but one who disobeys the Son won’t see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.” (John 3:36)

To receive the Gospel is to embrace Christ as Savior, Lord, and King. This requires humility, repentance, and trust in Him alone.

“Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” (Acts 16:31)

## What are you waiting for?

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the ultimate expression of God’s love and mercy. It is a message of hope, reconciliation, and eternal life. Those who receive this Gospel find peace with God, forgiveness of sins, and a new purpose in life. As Jesus Himself said: “I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly.” (John 10:10)

May all who hear this message respond in faith and repentance, finding salvation in the only name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved—Jesus Christ. (Acts 4:12)

## First Steps for New Believers

For someone who is new to the Gospel and wants to begin their journey with Christ, the following are some foundational steps to get you started.

### ◆ *Recognize Your Need for Salvation*

Understand that all have sinned and are in need of a Savior. “All have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23) This awareness leads to humility and a sincere desire to seek God.

### ◆ *Repent of Your Sins*

True repentance means turning away from sin and turning toward God. “Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, so that there may come times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.” (Acts 3:19) Ask God for forgiveness with a contrite heart.

### ◆ *Believe in Jesus Christ*

Trust in Jesus as your Savior and acknowledge His sacrifice for your sins. “Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” (Acts 16:31) Faith is not just believing in His existence but trusting Him fully with your life.

### ◆ *Confess Your Faith*

Publicly confess your faith in Jesus. “If you will confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9) This confession shows your commitment to following Him.

### ◆ *Be Baptized*

Baptism is an outward sign of the inward change brought by your faith in Christ. “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:38)

### ◆ *Pray and Read the Bible Daily*

Prayer connects you to God, and the Bible reveals His will and guidance. Start with the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) to learn about Jesus’ life and teachings.

### ◆ *Join a Faithful Christian Community*

Find a faithful church or group of believers that aligns with sound biblical doctrine. Research denominations and sects to make sure they are teaching what the Bible says, and that they are not a dangerous religious group. We need fellowship because it strengthens our faith and offers guidance from more experienced Christians. Do not forsake “assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:25)

### ◆ *Live Out Your Faith*

Begin to live according to Christ’s teachings. Strive to love others, serve those in need, and walk in holiness. “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

### ◆ *Trust in God's Grace*

Growth in faith is a lifelong journey. Rely on God’s grace to strengthen you as you face challenges. “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)

### ◆ *Share the Good News*

As you grow, share the Gospel with others so they may also experience God’s salvation. “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who disbelieves will be condemned.” (Mark 16:15,16)

Starting this journey may feel overwhelming, but God’s Spirit will guide you every step of the way. If you would like any help about praying, Bible study methods, or recommended resources, visit [www.ourdailybible.com](http://www.ourdailybible.com)

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