

# Essentials of the Gospel

## Believing

- Jesus is God  
John 1:1  
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- Jesus left Heaven and took on human form and became a man  
John 1:14  
And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- Jesus died on the cross and took your sin on himself  
II Corinthians 5:21  
He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
- Jesus rose from the dead and is alive forever more  
Revelation 1:17-18  
<sup>17</sup> When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “ Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup> and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore,
- Jesus is the only way  
John 14:6  
Jesus \*said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.
- You cannot save yourself.  
Romans 3:23  
for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God
- You cannot be good enough.  
Romans 3:12  
ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS;  
THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD,  
THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE.”
- You cannot work your way to Heaven  
Romans 4:4-5  
<sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. <sup>5</sup> But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness

## Trusting

- Believing is not enough—demons believe  
**James 2:19**  
You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.
- Must trust God to save you.  
**Hebrews 11:6**  
And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.
- Salvation is a free gift from God  
**Romans 6:23**  
For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Receiving

- Must be born again  
**John 3:3**  
Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”  
  
**II Corinthians 5:17**  
Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.
- Eternal security  
**John 1:12**  
But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name
- Eternal security  
**John 3:16**  
“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

## ABCs

- **A**
- **Admit**
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- **Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God**
- **Admit that I am a sinner**
- **Sin is anything we say, do or think that displeases God**
- **Admit that I cannot save myself**

## **B**

### **Believe**

- **Believe**
- **Acts 16:31 They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved**
- **Believe that Jesus died on the cross for your sins**
- **Believe that Jesus rose from the dead and is alive forever**
- **Believe that He will save you**

## **C**

### **Call**

- **Call**
- **Romans 10:13 for “WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.”**
- **John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name**