

Repentance is turning to God from our sin, while asking for forgiveness. Having faith toward Jesus Christ is to trust in who he is and what he has done for you through the gospel. Jesus Christ made the way for you to be saved from your sins. Jesus said in John 14:6, "...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Would you turn to God in repentance and receive Jesus Christ as your Savior? Would you call on him in earnest prayer, asking him to forgive you according to the provision he made for you through the gospel? There is no other way. There is no other hope. Oh please, trust Jesus today.

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WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?



The word gospel is a familiar word to most people. Maybe you have heard someone say, "That is the gospel truth!" Although it is widely used, most people do not realize what it means or what the gospel actually is. The word "gospel" literally means, "good news." We find a description of the gospel in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. Paul declares to us that the gospel is that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried and rose again on the third day according to the Scriptures. That is the "good news" or the gospel of Jesus Christ.

You may ask, "Why is that good news?" It is good news because of the bad news. The bad news is that, according to the Bible, God has said that we are all sinners. Romans 3:23 says, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

As a child, no one had to teach us how to misbehave or how to lie. Those things came naturally to us. We had to be punished and scolded so we would learn to do right. This is because we are all sinners having been born with a sin nature. We have all sinned in some way. The longer we live, the deeper we fall into sin and the stronger the "chains of sin" hold us. There are some that have never been to jail and have lived a morally clean life, but "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:10 declares, "As it is written, there is none righteous, no not one." Isaiah 64:6 says that, "...all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." Just because someone has never been to jail or been caught doing something wrong does not

mean they are going to Heaven when they die. If we would be honest, even the best of people would have to admit that they have done something wrong in their life. James 2:10 says, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." Everyone is in the same boat; falling short of the glory of God. This brings us back to why the gospel is good news.

God sent his Son into the world because of our sin. When Jesus Christ was on the cross, every sin you or I ever committed was placed upon him. (Think of the sins that you would be absolutely embarrassed over, if anyone knew what you had done.) Jesus Christ took our place in judgment for those sins. 1 Peter 3:18 tells us, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust..."

He stepped into our shoes and took our place so that a righteous payment could be made. 1 Peter 2:24 declares, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." 2 Corinthians 5:21 says, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

You may ask, "Now that I understand that the gospel is Jesus Christ, paying for my sins, what can I do for that to make a difference for me?" The Bible says in Acts 20:21, "...repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."