
GOOD NEWS

LUKE 19:10



JOHN 3:16

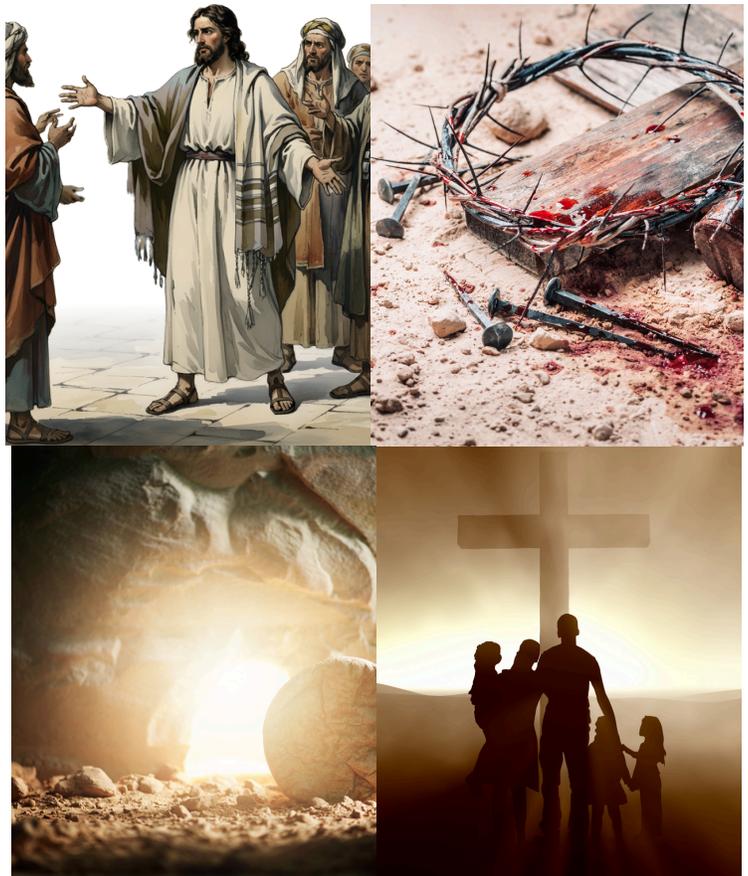


ROMANS 5:8

THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

THE WORD GOSPEL COMES FROM THE GREEK WORD “EUANGELION”, WHICH MEANS GOOD NEWS.

“Moreover, brethren, I declare to you *the gospel* which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, *by which also you are saved*, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: **that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.**” I Corinthians 15:1-8



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Frequently Asked Questions from Unbelievers

- If God is all-powerful and all-good, why is there so much suffering, pain, and chaos in the world?
- Why does God need to be "appeased" by the blood of Jesus for sins?
- How can a loving God send people to hell, especially those who have never heard the gospel? Why is Christianity the only way?
- Why do you believe in something you cannot see?
- If someone is kind, generous, and loving but doesn't believe in Jesus, why must they be condemned?
- With thousands of religions in the world, how can you be certain yours is the only correct one?
- What was the point of giving humans freewill when you're going to punish them for using it?

Summary

We were **unknowingly** walking toward hell, condemned in our sins and transgressions before God, **deserving judgment** and the lake of fire. Yet in our **lost condition**, Jesus came and taught us the truth about God. He bled for us. He died for us on the cross **to save us** from the wrath that is coming and provide **forgiveness of sins** for all who believe in Him.

Jesus took the condemnation that was meant for us and paid for all our transgressions. He nailed our debt to the cross and **blotted out the written record** that stood against us. When He died on the cross, He bore our sins and buried them. Through His death He destroyed the power of death itself.

And when He rose again, He offered to us **newness of life** and the **restoration** of sonship. He **disarmed** the powers and authorities of satan. He **reconciled** us to God and brought us back into **fellowship** with the Father.

All of this extends into **eternal life**, a life that we will spend in the presence of God, in His kingdom prepared for us.

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
Romans 5:8

“Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now **commands all men everywhere to repent**, because He has appointed a day on which **He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained.** He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.” Acts 17:30-31

ARE YOU AWARE THAT ANYONE WHO DOES NOT BELIEVE AND RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS SPIRITUALLY DEAD HAVING INHERITED THAT DEATH FROM ADAM?



“And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, **for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**”” Genesis 2:16-17

- “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—” Romans 5:12
- “For **the wages of sin is death**, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23
- “And **you** He made alive, **who were dead in trespasses and sins**,” Ephesians 2:1
- “And **you, being dead in your trespasses** and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,” Colossians 2:13
- “Now” **If the righteous one is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?**” I Peter 4:18

The True State of Our Spirit

“There was a man of the *Pharisees* named **Nicodemus**, a *ruler of the Jews*. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “*Rabbi*, **we know** that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do **unless God is with him.**””

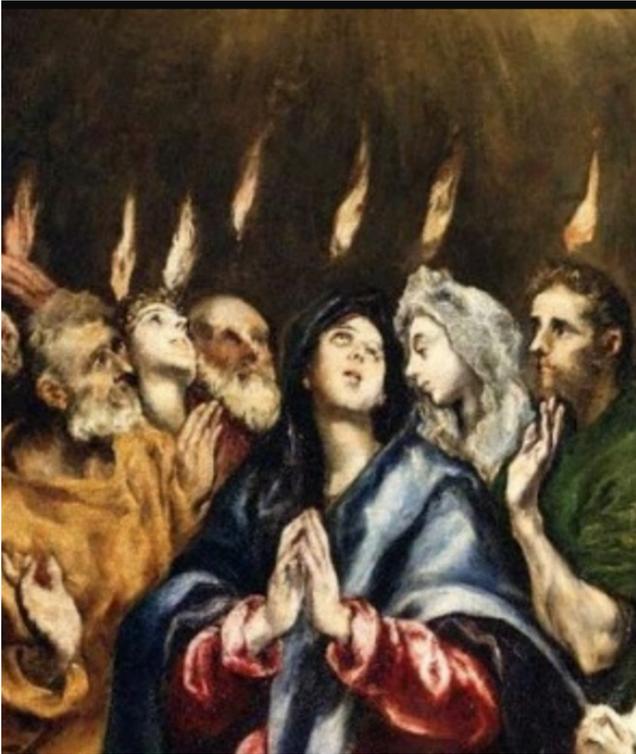
“Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**””

“Nicodemus said to Him, “**How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?**”” John 3:1-4

Notes:

- Think about this for a moment. How can anyone you are witnessing to, hear the word of God, see His truth, sense His presence, or enter into the kingdom of God if they are spiritually dead? A dead person cannot hear, see, or respond. In the same way, a person who is spiritually dead cannot perceive of things of God.
- The word “again” comes from the Greek word **anōthen**, which means “**from above.**” **Jesus was speaking** not about a second physical birth but **about a spiritual birth that comes from God.**
- For us to enter the Kingdom of God. **We must be born from above.** This spiritual birth only we can attain is through the Spirit of God.
- Just as in physical birth, we did nothing to bring ourselves into the world. That was the work of our earthly parents. In the same way, **being born from above is not something we can accomplish by our own effort. It is only through the work of our Father in heaven that we are able to be born from above.**

THE FLESH CANNOT PRODUCE WHAT ONLY THE SPIRIT OF GOD CAN GIVE.



“*But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*” Romans 8:11

- “Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the **wind(Spirit)**, prophesy, son of man, and say to the **wind(Spirit)**, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, **O breath(Spirit)**, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the **breath(Spirit) came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.**” Ezekiel 37:9-10

Notes: An unclean temple cannot be the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

- The indwelling and outpouring of the Holy Spirit could not happen until Jesus finished His work on the cross.

The Answer to Our Spiritual State

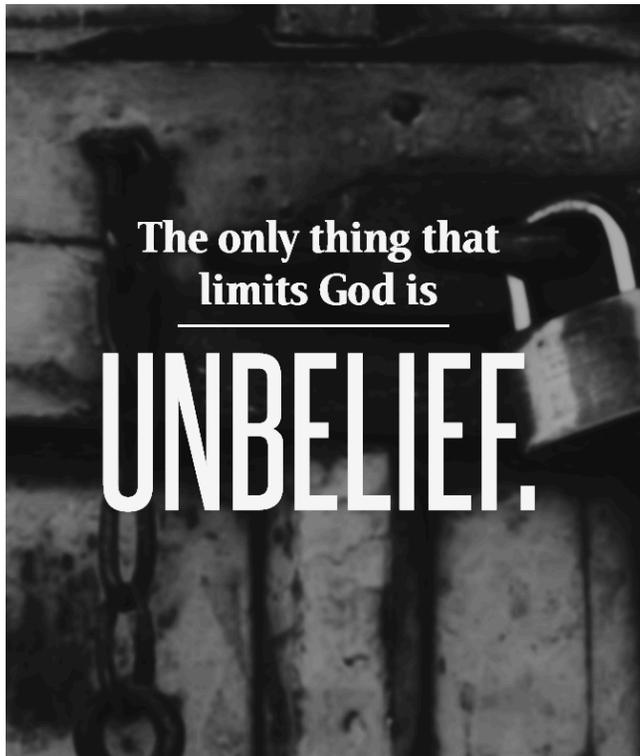
“Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of **water** and the **Spirit**, *he cannot enter the kingdom of God.* That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

“*Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again [born from above].’*”

“The **wind(Spirit)** blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” John 3:5-8

- ““For My people have committed *two evils*: **They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, And hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water.**” Jeremiah 2:13
- “For **I will pour water on him who is thirsty, And floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, And My blessing on your offspring;**” Isaiah 44:3
- “In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.** He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, **out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit,** which they that believe on him should receive: **for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)**” John 7:37-39

HOW CAN WE RECEIVE WHAT WE REFUSE TO BELIEVE?



The State of Unbelief

“Nicodemus answered and said to Him,
“*How can these things be?*”

Jesus answered and said to him, “*Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?*”

“*Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness.*”

If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?” John 3:9-12

- “But 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 diligently seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6
- “Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marveled **because of their unbelief**. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.” Mark 6:5-6
- *The disciples asked why they failed to cast out a demon*, Jesus answered, “**Because of your unbelief**” Mathew 17:14-21
- “**Beware**, brethren, **lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God**; but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of **you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.**” Hebrews 3:12-13
- “**Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;**” Proverbs 3:5

Notes:

Why Many Christians Live in Defeat? Because of two main reasons. First, they are illiterate in the Word of God. Second, **unbelief**. Look at Israel in the wilderness. They were not able to enter because of unbelief. Even the disciples, though they walked with Jesus, struggled with unbelief. Even when the LORD Jesus rose from the dead, Jesus had to rebuke the unbelief in their hearts. And even today, many are walking toward hell for the same reason. Not because the LORD Jesus is unwilling to save them. Not because the gospel is unclear. But because of their evil heart of unbelief.

THE PRICE OF OUR REBELLION



The Way to Restore Our Spiritual State.

*"No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must **the Son of Man be lifted up**, that **whoever believes** in Him should not perish but have eternal life."*

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes** in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”*

*“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. “He who **believes** in Him is not condemned; but he who does not **believe** is condemned already, because he has not **believed** in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” John 3:13-18*

“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”

Romans 8:1

- *“Therefore, as through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.” Romans 5:18*
- *... God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,” Romans 8:3*
- *“Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died... Romans 8:33-34*
- *“that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” Romans 10:9-10*
- *““Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.” John 5:24-25*
- *“knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” I Peter 1:18-19*
- *“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace” Ephesians 1:7 & Colossians 1:14*

JESUS GIVES US LIFE MORE ABUNDANTLY.



Jesus Restores My Spiritual State: A Child of God

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” II Corinthians 5:17

- Jesus baptizes all who believe in Him with the Holy Spirit and fire. When the Holy Spirit begins to dwell within us, the new birth from above takes place. The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God and gives us power over the flesh. (Matthew 3:11, Acts 11:17, Romans 8:13-16)
- When we receive the Holy Spirit, a newness of life begins. We begin to bear His fruit: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law” (Galatians 5:22-23). His gifts are manifested to us: tongues, interpretation, prophecy, wisdom, knowledge, ministry, and more (1 Corinthians 12:7–11). Our fellowship with our Heavenly Father deepens as we begin to understand His Word, His will, His character, His purposes, His plans, and the things that please Him and displease Him (John 16:13 & 1 Corinthians 2:1–16). All of this results in a life filled with purpose and eternal destiny.
- Jesus provides forgiveness of our sins and destroys the power of death that separated us from God. (Ephesians 1:7 & Hebrews 2:14)
- Jesus reconciled us to the Father, so that we may come boldly into His presence, not with shame but with confidence. Through Christ, our true identity is restored giving us the right to become children of God. We are no longer strangers but children of God. (Matthew 27:51, 2 Corinthians 5:18, Hebrews 4:16, Ephesians 2:19)
- Jesus blotted out every record that condemned us. “having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.” Colossians 2:14
- Jesus disarmed the powers and authorities of satan. satan has no legal right over us who belong to Christ. Jesus triumphed over the power of darkness and gives us authority over evil spirits and diseases. (Luke 10:19, Mathew 28:Colossians 2:15)
- Jesus gives us eternal life. We will reign with Him in His kingdom, in the New Jerusalem, where God will wipe away every tear from our eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain This is the inheritance that awaits to all of us who belong to Him. (John 3:16, 2 Timothy 2:12 & Revelation 21:4)