

GOSPEL ABC's

Admit your Need for the Savior.

If we were not aware of our dangerous and helpless condition, we would not realize our need for a Savior. The Reason people could not enter heaven is because God is Holy and we are not. Our Sin makes us worthy of eternal judgment.

1. We are all guilty of sin. [Romans 3:23](#)

The scripture reveals to us that though we may differ in degree, all of us are incurably sinful before a Holy God.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
[Romans 3:23](#)

- “Sinned” means that we have missed the mark of God’s perfect standard.

2. Our Sin separates us from God. ([Isaiah 59:2](#); [Romans 6:23](#))

The Wages of Sin is Death... [Romans 6:23](#)

Sin cannot dwell in God’s presence ([Isaiah 59:2](#)).

- The Bible says that by sinning we have earned death. That means we deserve to die and be separated from God forever



People are sinful and separated from God

3. We deserve judgment for our Sin. The Payment for our Sin is separation from God forever. ([John 3:18](#))

...but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them.... [John 3:18](#)

Since we disobeyed God, we deserve to be punished forever. That means we cannot be with God in Heaven, because of our sin. But God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to save us.

Believe Jesus Died for you and Rose again.

God loves man but His justice demands payment for sin. Because of our helpless condition (incurably sinful and condemned) and our urgent need, God sent His Holy Son – Jesus to earth to pay for our sins as our substitute.

1. Jesus paid the penalty for all our sins. [Romans 5:8](#)

God Himself took on human flesh in the person of Jesus Christ, suffered and died in our place for our Sin.

But God displayed His love for us, in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.. [Romans 5:8](#)

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. [2 Corinthians 5:21](#)

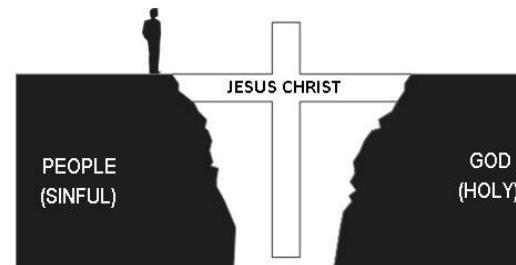
God’s holiness was satisfied through the suffering and death of His Son. He demonstrated that Christ’s blood payment for our sin was acceptable when He raised Him from the dead. By this plan, God provided for us all to have forgiveness of sins and a home in heaven.

2. Jesus rose again from the Dead. [1 Corinthians 15:4](#)

Three days after Jesus was Crucified, Christ came back to Life to prove that sin, death and judgment had been conquered and that His claims to be God were true.

...and was declared to be the Son of God in power ... by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.

[1 Corinthians 15:4](#)



Call upon Jesus (Choose trust Him) to Save You.

Because the infinite price for our salvation has been paid by God’s own Son, He now freely offers salvation to anyone on the basis of His kindness (grace). Man could never have been worthy of heaven by His own works. God has finished the work for salvation and now offers the free gift of eternal life. God’s requirement for us to receive the gift of eternal salvation is simple and Clear....

Trust in Jesus Christ alone as your Savior. [Ephesians 2:8,9](#)

Trust in the payment He made for you on the cross. The best you know how, depend upon Him and Him alone to forgive your sins.

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Risen Savior connects you to Jesus promise of Eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

[John 3:16](#)

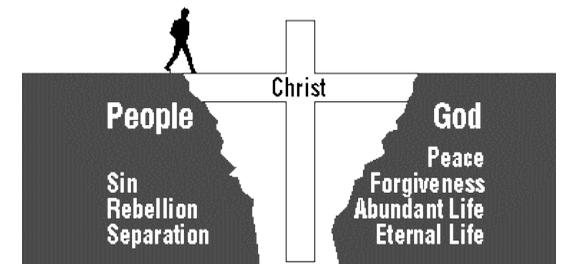
Notice we can be sure of Eternal life and that we will never be condemned for our sin – Not because we are worthy, not because we are good enough, but because Jesus promised this to anyone who simply believes in Him. [John 3:16](#) It’s that simple.

For everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved.

[Romans 10:13](#)

Saving faith is **not** simply trusting God to help me live a better life or relying on Him for my temporal needs. It includes 2 basics.

- 1) ..Believing the gospel message that Jesus died for my sin and Rose again from the Dead. [1 Corinthians 15:3-5](#)
- 2) ...Transferring my trust for salvation from my own good works or religion to the Savior. [Romans 4:5](#); [Romans 10:13](#)
Trusting (relying on; depending on; calling on) the Lord Jesus Christ to be my Savior.



TESTIMONY

Telling Your Gospel Story

BC - Before Christ – What was your Spiritual Background & Journey? [Philippians 3:4-6](#)

+ - At the Crossroads of Salvation – How did you come to trust Jesus as your Savior? Who shared with you? What did you do? [Philippians 3:7-9](#)

AD - Christ in your Life – What difference has it made to know Jesus as your Savior? Assurance? Changed Life? [Philippians 3:10-14](#)

PRAYER – CARE - SHARE!



Who is God Prompting you to **Pray** for? **Care** for? and **Share** the Gospel with?



IDENTIFY 3 People

SPECIAL PRAYER: During this week offer up Intercession for the people God is leading you to make Gospel Connections with this Spring.



Ridgewood Bible Church



Going Gospel Ready

Following Paul's Example



May 16-23



“¹⁹ And he has committed to us the **message** of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.” [2 Corinthians 5:19,20](#)