



The Gospel ... Our Problem and God's Solution

Our Problem ... Separation

God is perfect.

"Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Matthew 5:48

"You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." Leviticus 19:2

God is loving.

"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."

John 3:16

"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation (satisfactory sacrifice) for our sins."

1 John 4:10

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

Man is imperfect.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

"For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all." James 2:10

Man is separated from God.

"But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God." Isaiah 59:2

"Dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power." 2 Thessalonians 2:8-9

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

God's Solution ... Substitution

Jesus, being God, died for us ... God's part of the solution.

"Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." John 8:24

"He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed."

1 Peter 2:24

"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." John 10:11

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.'" John 14:6

"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day." 1 Corinthians 15:3-5

"For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time." 1 Timothy 2:5-6

You need to believe in Him ... this is your part of the solution.

To be sure that Christ is yours, you need to believe *in* Him.

Believing *in* Jesus is more than believing *about* Jesus. Believing in Him is personally putting your trust in Him ... trusting in Him as your personal Savior as the One who died for you.

"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*." John 1:12

"Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who *believes in Him* receives forgiveness of sins." Acts 10:43

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and *believes in Me* will never die. Do you believe this?'" John 11:25-26

Would you like to be sure that Christ is yours?

Then tell Him in this simple prayer if it expresses your true heart's desire

Dear God,

I admit my need ... I am a sinner.

I repent ... I turn to You from my sin.

I believe in Jesus ... that being God, He died on the cross for me.

I invite Him to be my Savior.

Amen

If you prayed that prayer, you are now safe with God for all of eternity. God has promised that you now have eternal life as your present possession ... that you will not come into judgment ... that you have passed out of death into life ... and that He will not cast you out. You are secure because no one can snatch you out of His all-powerful hand ... He is holding on to you rather than you holding on to Him.

"All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out." John 6:37

"I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand." John 10:28-29

If you prayed that prayer, you need to start growing as a child of God. *Bible Basics One* can help you do that ... these four short lessons are available for free to help you start your walk with God. Visit www.MyDisciplemaker.org for your free copy of *Bible Basics One* ... see Level 1 on the homepage.

If you weren't ready to say that prayer, make your consideration of it your highest priority. You are at a fork in the road to your eternal destiny. Your decision is of eternal importance and consequence. If you have any unanswered questions that stand in the way of your decision, talk to the person who gave this paper to you... or you may contact its author, John Morris, at John@911GOD.org. In addition, please visit www.911GOD.org for a more detailed explanation of God's solution to our problem.

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