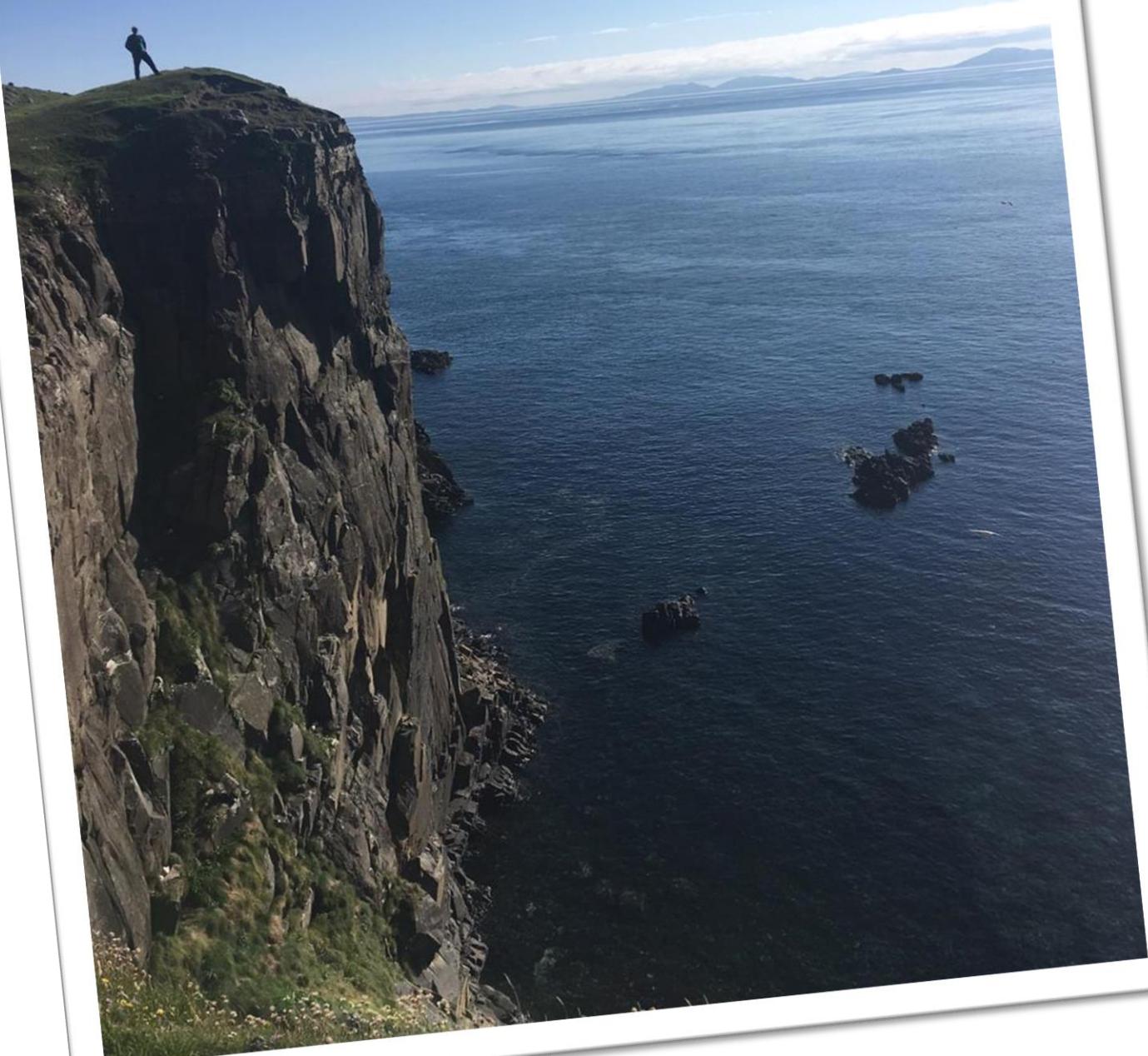
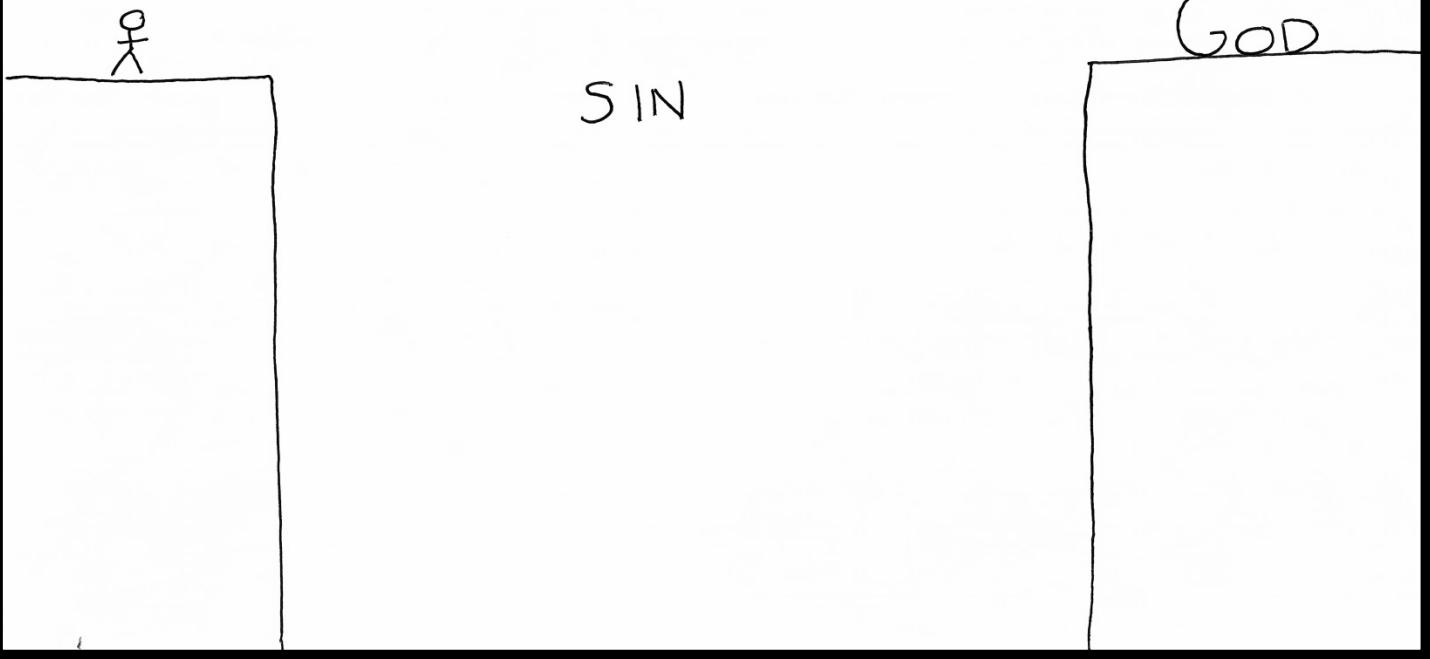


SHARING THE GOOD NEWS



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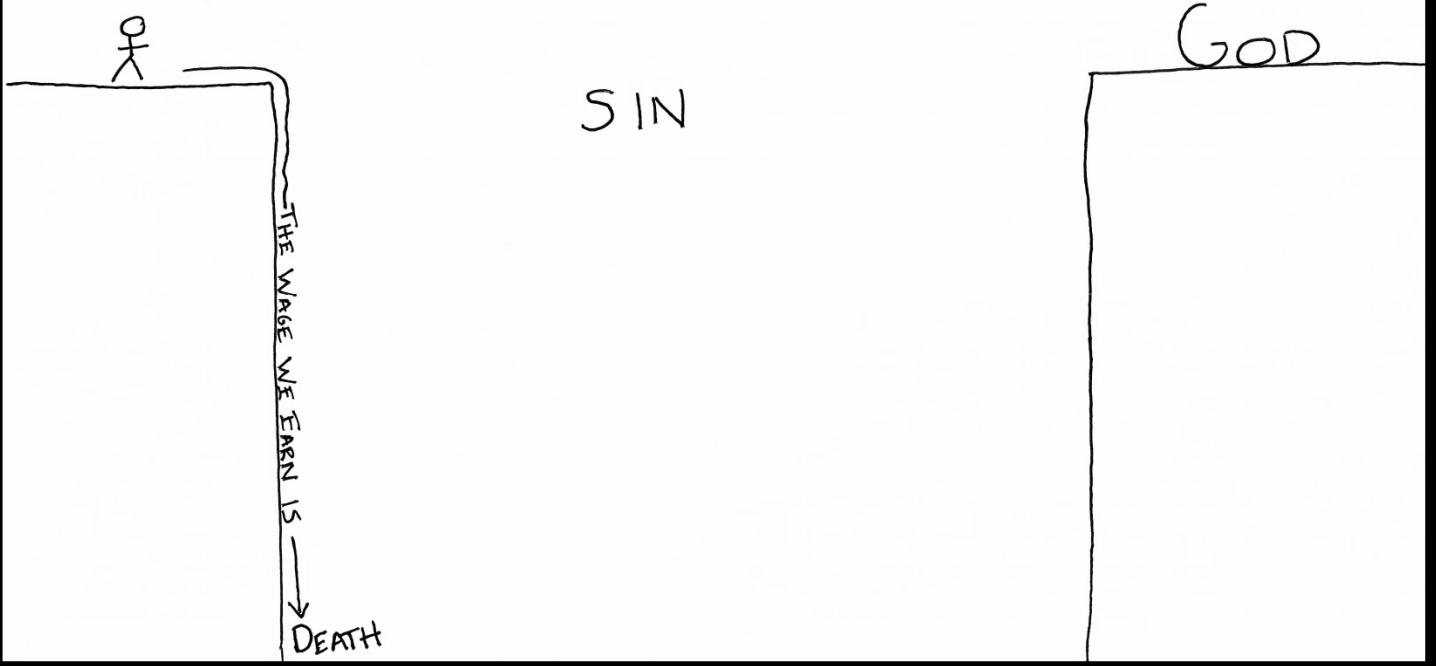
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The Scriptures state in Romans chapter six verse twenty-three that 'the wages of sin is death' and to draw this out as a picture it would be similar to a canyon where you are on a cliff and what is separating you from God is SIN.

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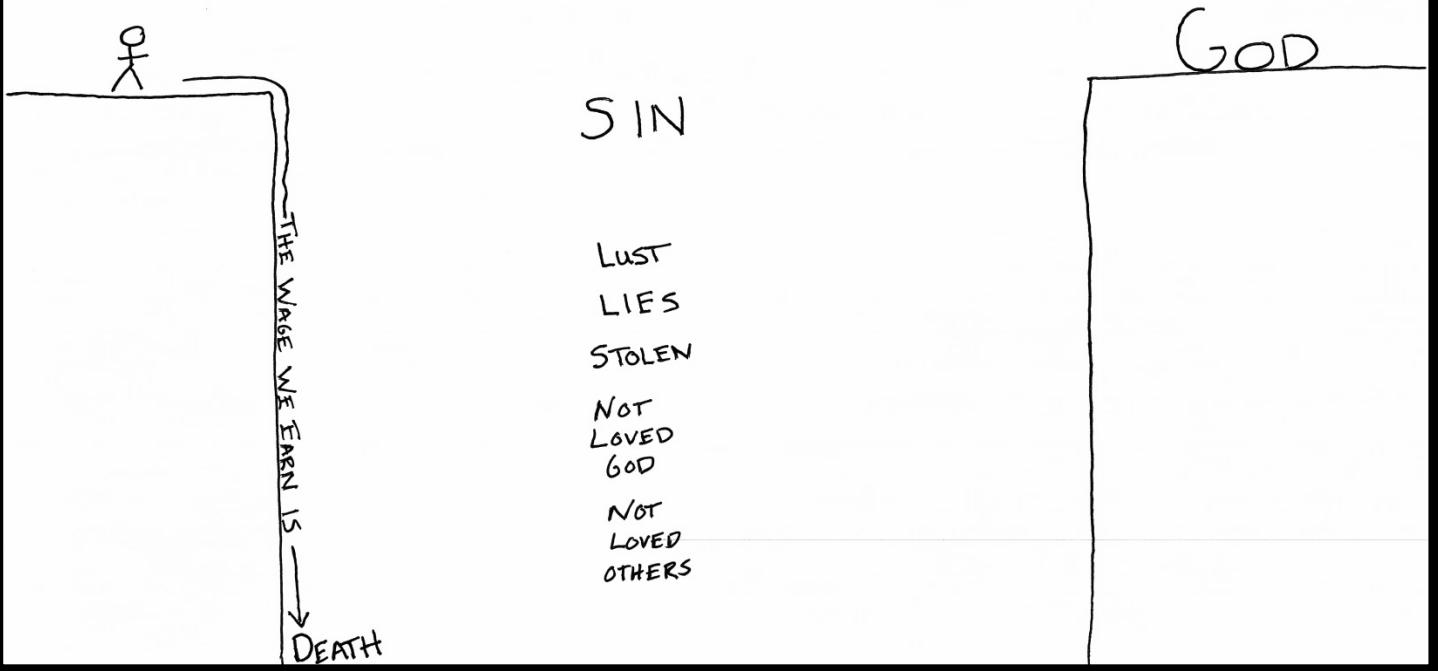
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Now, when you work at a job you are working to earn a wage. Well, what this Scripture verse is saying is that the wage we all earn for our SIN is DEATH (meaning separation from God forever).

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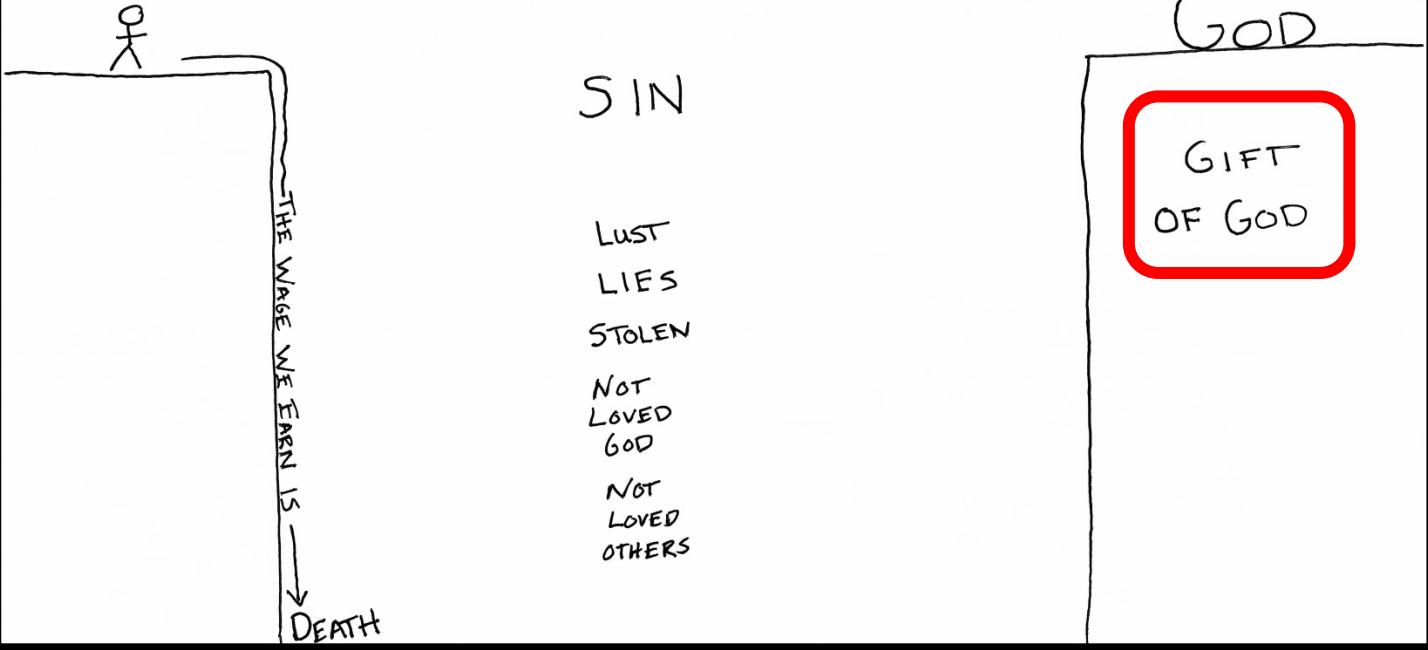
You see all of us have sinned and fall short of the glory of God because we have all lusted after someone, we have all told different lies, we have all taken something without someone else's permission (stolen), and we have not Loved God fully and we have not Loved Others fully, etc.

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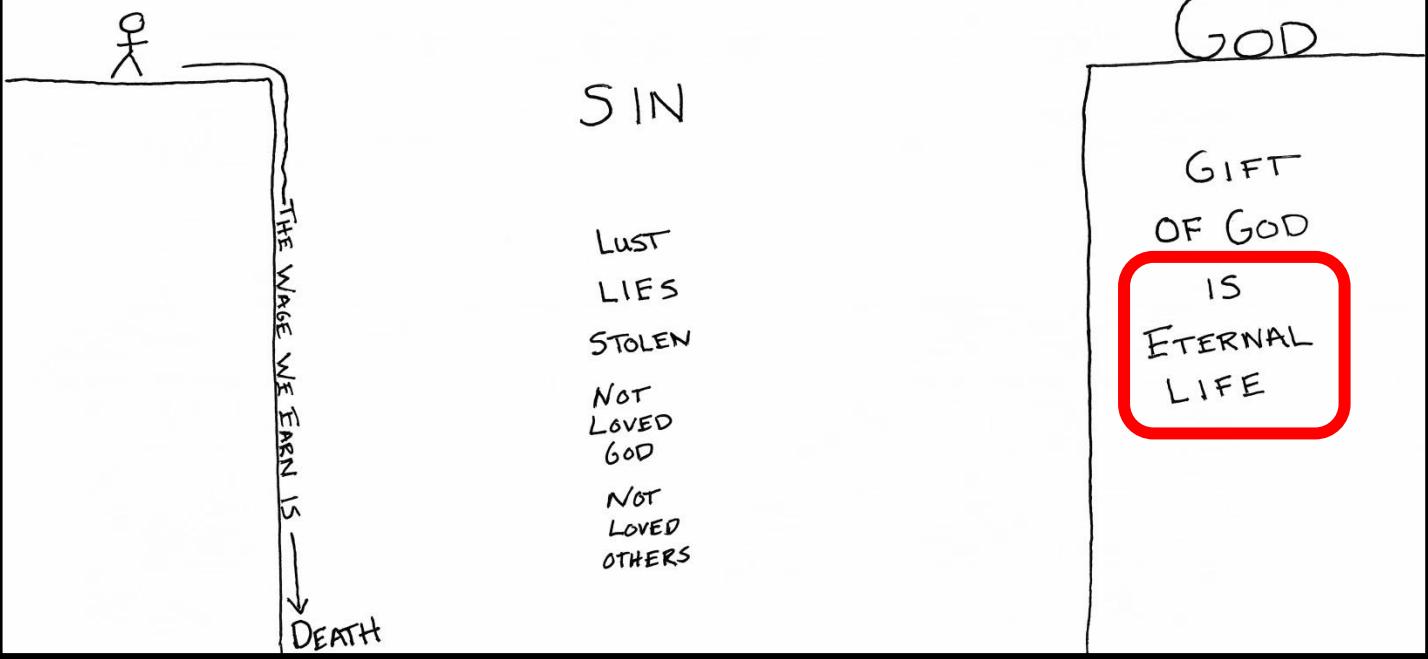
Now that was the bad news. But this verse continues and it states 'but the GIFT of GOD is ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.' So, unlike a wage which we earn, God is offering you a free GIFT and this free GIFT is given directly from God.

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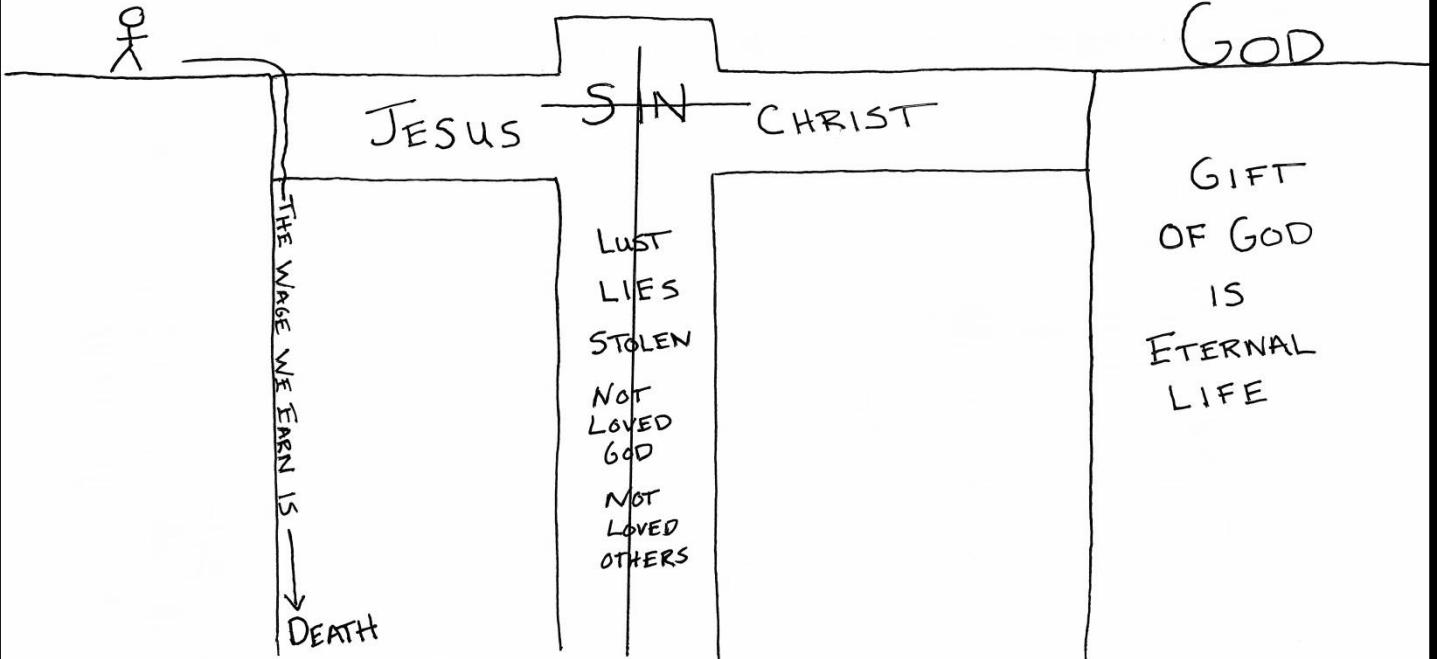


The gift that God wants to give you is ETERNAL LIFE (meaning a life with God where there is no more pain, no more suffering, and no more sin forever)!

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Notice that this ETERNAL LIFE is given IN CHRIST JESUS. You see when Jesus Christ died on the cross, was buried, and rose again from the dead He paid for all of your sins and made a bridge so that you could cross from DEATH to ETERNAL LIFE.

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-1 Corinthians 15:3-4

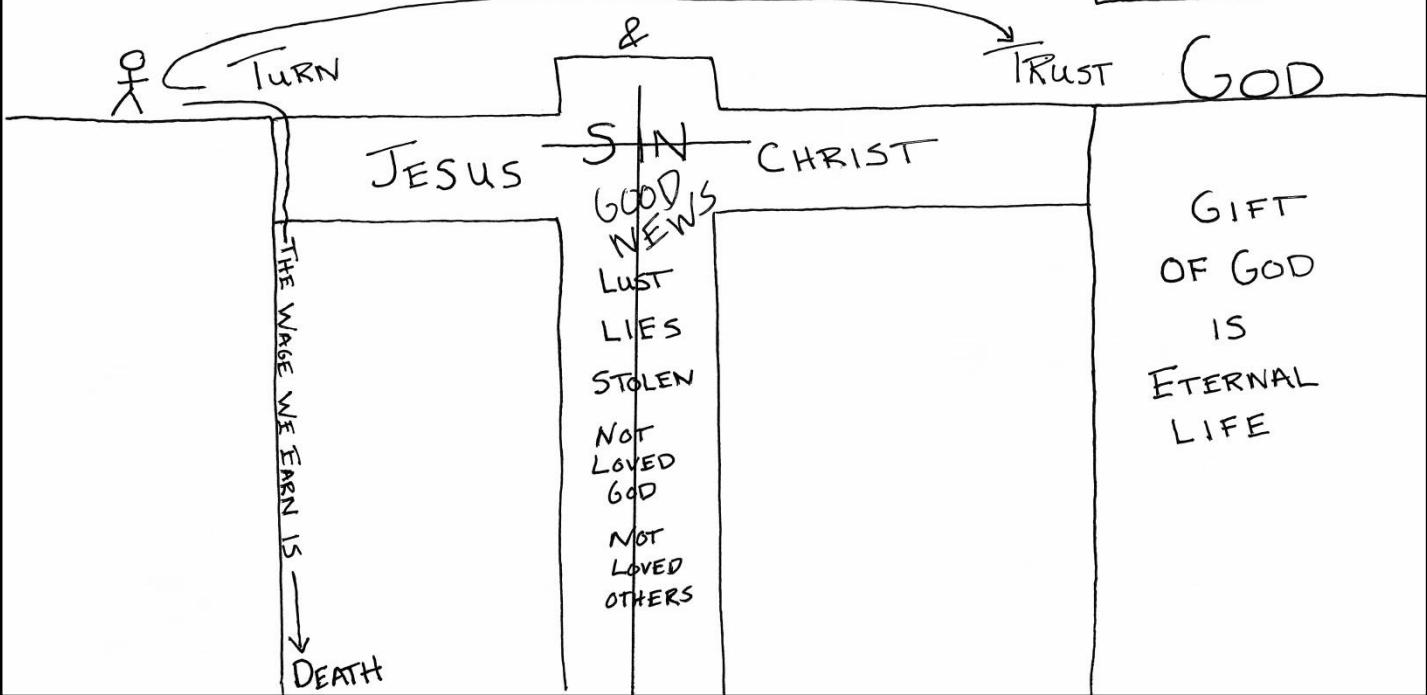
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MARK 1:15

JESUS SAID, "THE TIME HAS COME . . .

REPENT AND BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS!"
(TURN) (TRUST)

THE GIFT
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Now like any gift you have to receive the gift and Jesus told us how to receive this gift. You see in Mark chapter one and in verses fifteen Jesus said, "The time has come . . . REPENT and BELIEVE The GOOD NEWS!" Meaning right now is the time to TURN from your sins and TRUST in the GOOD NEWS and the GOOD NEWS is that Jesus Christ "died for our sins according to the Scriptures, he was buried, and he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."

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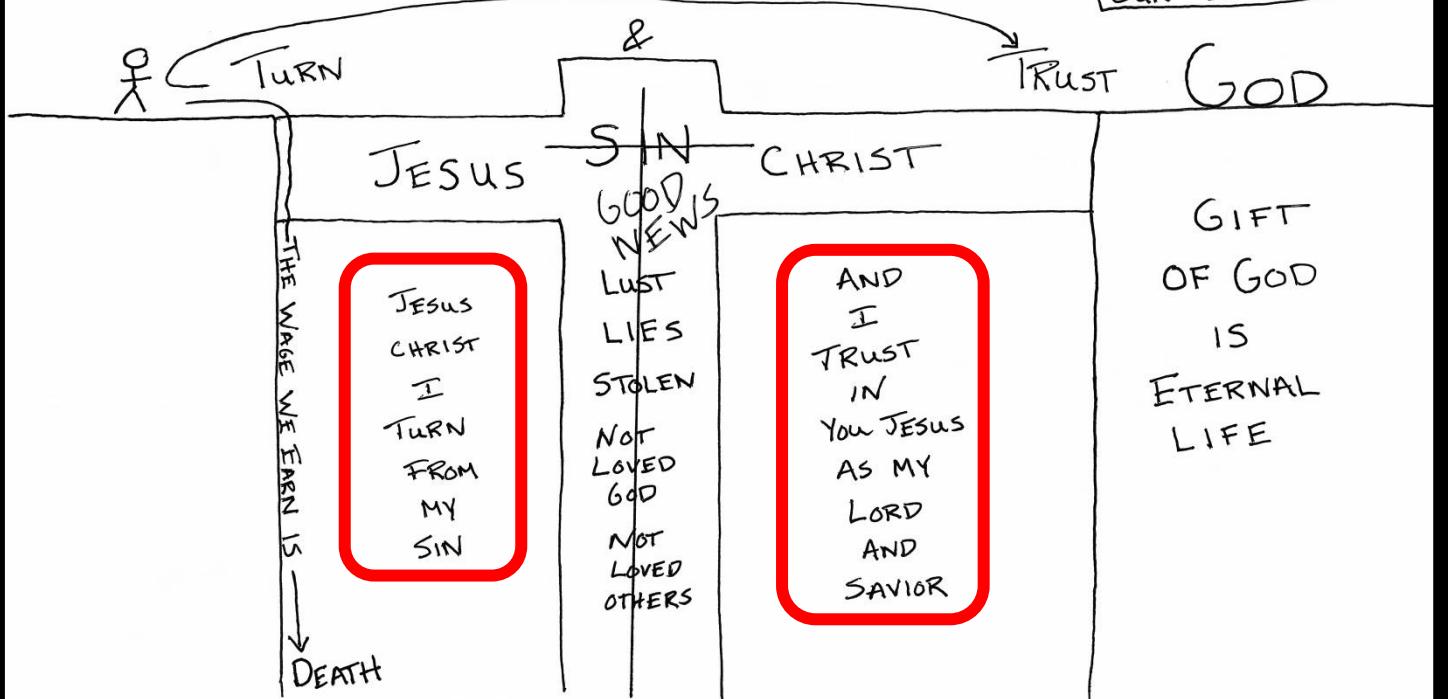
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So right now you can know that you will have ETERNAL LIFE in heaven where there will be no more pain, no more suffering, and no more sin by accepting the GIFT OF GOD and you do this by praying to God and saying something similar to 'JESUS CHRIST, I TURN FROM MY SIN AND I TRUST IN YOU JESUS AS MY LORD AND SAVIOR.' As Jesus said, 'THE TIME HAS COME'; therefore, are you willing to pray this right now?" As the Scriptures state: "If you confess with your mouth that 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9-10).

Section 1 – God’s Solution

God’s Solution - God Paid The Penalty for Our Sin:

Jesus Christ “died for our sins according to the Scriptures, he was buried, and he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.” -1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Eternal life is a Gift from God it *cannot* be earned:

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

Eternal life *cannot* be earned by any amount of good works. It is only by faith [trust] in Jesus as Lord and Savior that we can have eternal life:

“By grace [unearned favor] you have been saved through faith [trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior]—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God —not by works, so that no one can boast.” -Ephesians 2:8-9

“If you confess with your mouth that ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” -Romans 10:9-10

In Jesus Christ you are permanently forgiven forever by God:

“God made him [Jesus Christ] who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him [Jesus Christ] we might become the righteousness of God.” -2 Corinthians 5:21

You can know that you have eternal life:

“God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.” -1 John 5:9-13

Nothing can separate you from God’s love in Jesus Christ:

“Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” -Romans 8:38-39

Section 1 – God’s Solution

Four Important Terms to Understand



Sin: this is hostility towards God in our affections, our mind, and our will.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

- Romans 3:23

“The mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the Law of God, for it is not even able to do so; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.”

- Romans 8:7



Justification: takes place when *the penalty for sin* has been paid for – this happens when you by faith repent of your sins and trust in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior - you are then declared “NOT guilty!” and you are justified in Christ.

“Therefore, since we are justified [past tense] by faith, we have peace [present tense] with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

- Romans 5:1



Sanctification: this is the cleansing process that continues from when you are justified until you are glorified. During this time *the power of sin* in your life to control you has been broken and as you grow in Christ you experience the blessing of being washed by The Holy Spirit through God’s Word.

“Sanctify [spiritually wash] them by the Truth; Your Word is Truth.”

- Jesus, John 17:17



Glorification: this happens once you are in heaven and it is there with God that you are completely set free from *the presence of sin* in your life. Once you are justified in Christ, God already knows you as glorified in Christ because God knows both the past, the present, and the future. Thus, we can approach God with confidence because we can know that God already knows us as perfect in Christ.

“Those He [God] justified, He also glorified.”

- Romans 8:28-30

“He [God] will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

- Revelation 21:4

“The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and will bring me safely into His Heavenly Kingdom, to Him be the glory for all time. Amen.”

- 2 Timothy 4:18

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Section 2 – New Creation

What's next?

**"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation.
The old has gone, the new is here!"**

-2 Corinthians 5:17

Experience the adventure and joy of knowing God and growing in your relationship with God and with God's family (the church). Obey the Lord Jesus by following His example and being baptized (by water immersion). Ask the Lord Jesus to teach you to obey all that He commanded. Read and obey the Scriptures (the book of Matthew is a good place to start). Tell others the good news. Live for the Lord Jesus.

As the Scriptures state:

**"Those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him
who died for them and was raised again."**

-2 Corinthians 5:15

It is important to get a copy of The Scriptures/The Bible that you can read and understand. CSB, ESV, NET, and NASB are examples of good English translations. Also, it is important to join a healthy church that teaches from the Scriptures.

Why should we read and study the Scriptures? **"For everything that was written [in the Scriptures] in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."** -Romans 15:4

Section 3 – The Importance of The Scriptures

How to read and study The Scriptures/he Word of God:

Pray for your eyes and mind to be opened by God.

"Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your instruction."

- Psalm 119:18

Then Jesus told them, "These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you . . ." Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. He also said to them, "This is what is written: The Christ would suffer and rise from the dead the third day, and repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem." - Luke 24:44-47

Read the inspired Word of God with the Holy Spirit.

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Submit to the Holy Spirit sanctifying you [spiritually washing you] by the Word of God.

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THE WORD OF GOD IS BRILLIANT (INCREDIBLY COMPETENT)

THE WORD OF GOD IS TRUSTWORTHY

Jesus is The Most Brilliant One, fully God & The Perfect Man.
Whatever Jesus says is true, because Jesus is The Truth.
 “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and by Him all things hold together . . . All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Him.”
 -Col. 1:15-17, 2:3

“I am . . . The Truth”—Jesus, John 14:6

“The Truth is in Jesus”—Ephesians 4:21

“It is impossible for God to lie.”—Hebrews 6:18

Jesus held to a verbal-plenary view of Scripture (that the very words of Scripture were inspired by God) and that all Scripture is inspired/absolutely truthful/inerrant (in both intent and in fact)/absolutely infallible/authoritative.

“The Word of God”—Jesus, Mark 7:13

Jesus said, “It is written: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors’; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment.”—Luke 22:37
 “Isaiah prophesied accurately about you hypocrites, as it is written.”—Jesus, Mark 7:6

“It is written: ‘Man must not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”—Jesus, Matthew 4:4

“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”—Jesus, Matthew 24:35

The Holy Spirit made it clear that Scripture is Superior to all other writings.

“This above all you must understand that no prophecy comes from one’s own interpretation, for no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but moved by the Holy Spirit men spoke from God.”—2 Peter 1:20-21

“For when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater to swear by, He swore by Himself.”—Hebrews 6:13

“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”—Hebrews 4:12

“The instruction of Yahweh is perfect, renewing one’s life; the testimony of Yahweh is trustworthy, making the inexperienced wise. The precepts of Yahweh are right, making the heart glad; the command of Yahweh is radiant, making the eyes light up. The fear of Yahweh is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of Yahweh are reliable and altogether righteous. They are more desirable than gold—than an abundance of pure gold; and sweeter than honey, which comes from the honeycomb.”

-Psalm 19:7-110

The Holy Spirit made it clear that Scripture is Sufficient.

“All Scripture is inspired [God-breathed] by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”—2 Timothy 3:16-18

“His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. By these He has given us very great and precious promises, so that through them you may share in the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world because of evil desires.”—2 Peter 1:3-4

The Holy Spirit made it clear that Scripture is to be obeyed.

“Blessed . . . are those who hear the Word of God and obey it.”

-Jesus, Luke 11:28

SCRIPTURE SUMMARIZES SCRIPTURE

Lk 24:27,44-47; Gal 3:6-8, 15-18; Ps 105:1-45; Ps 136; Ac 2:14-47; Ac 7:1-8:35; Is 53; Ac 13:16-47; Ac 17:1-4, 16-34; Rm 1-15, etc.

The God Man

&

The God Man Written Word

Jesus is the God Man (fully God and Fully Man) – the Personal Living Word

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God . . . And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

—John 1:1,14

Jesus “The Word of God”

—Revelation 19:13

Scripture is the God Man Written Word – the God-breathed/inspired Word

“All Scripture is God-breathed”

—2 Timothy 3:16

“Since you have been born again—not of perishable seed but of imperishable—through the living and enduring word of God. ‘For All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like a flower of the grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures forever.’ And this is the word that was preached as the gospel to you.”

—1 Peter 1:23-25

“You received the Word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the Word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.”

—1 Thessalonians 2:13

The Word & The Spirit

“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the rhema [Spirit quickened Word] that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.”

—Jesus, John 6:63

“For with God nothing is ever impossible and no rhēma [Spirit quickened Word] from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment.”

—Luke 1:37

THE WORD OF GOD IS ACCURATE & TRUE

Jesus taught that the Word of God is factually accurate and true.

“Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.”—Luke 24:27
Jesus referred to individuals and events in the historical sense.

Meaning these people really lived & the events really happened.

This includes: Adam & Eve (Matt 19:4-6), Abel (Luke 11:51), Noah & the Flood (Matt 24:37-39), Abraham (John 8:56), Sodom & Gomorrah (Matt 10:15), Lot (Luke 17:28-32), Isaac & Jacob (Matt 8:11), Moses (Matt 8:4), Manna from Heaven (John 6:31), David (Matt 22:43), Solomon (Matt 6:29), Elijah (Luke 4:25), Elisha (Luke 4:27), Jonah (Matt 12:39-41), Daniel (Matt 24:15), Isaiah (Matt 15:7), Zachariah (Luke 11:51), etc.

“All your words are true”—Psalm 119:60

“Every word of God proves true”—Proverbs 30:5

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“For we did not follow cleverly contrived myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; instead, we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.”—2 Peter 1:16

“Our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things . . . which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.”—2 Peter 3:15-16

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**“FOR YOU WERE LIKE SHEEP
GOING ASTRAY, BUT NOW
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OF YOUR SOULS.” -1 PETER 2:25**



Section 4 – Next Steps – *The Great Commission*

**Jesus' Christ mission for the rest of your life
is summarized in what is called**

***The Great Commission*
where Jesus Christ states:**

**"All authority
in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go, therefore, make disciples from all the nations,
[note: the first step in making disciples
is sharing the good news]
baptizing them [*disciples of Jesus Christ*]
in the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them [*disciples of Jesus Christ*]
to obey everything I have commanded you.
And behold,
I am with you always, to the very end of the age."**

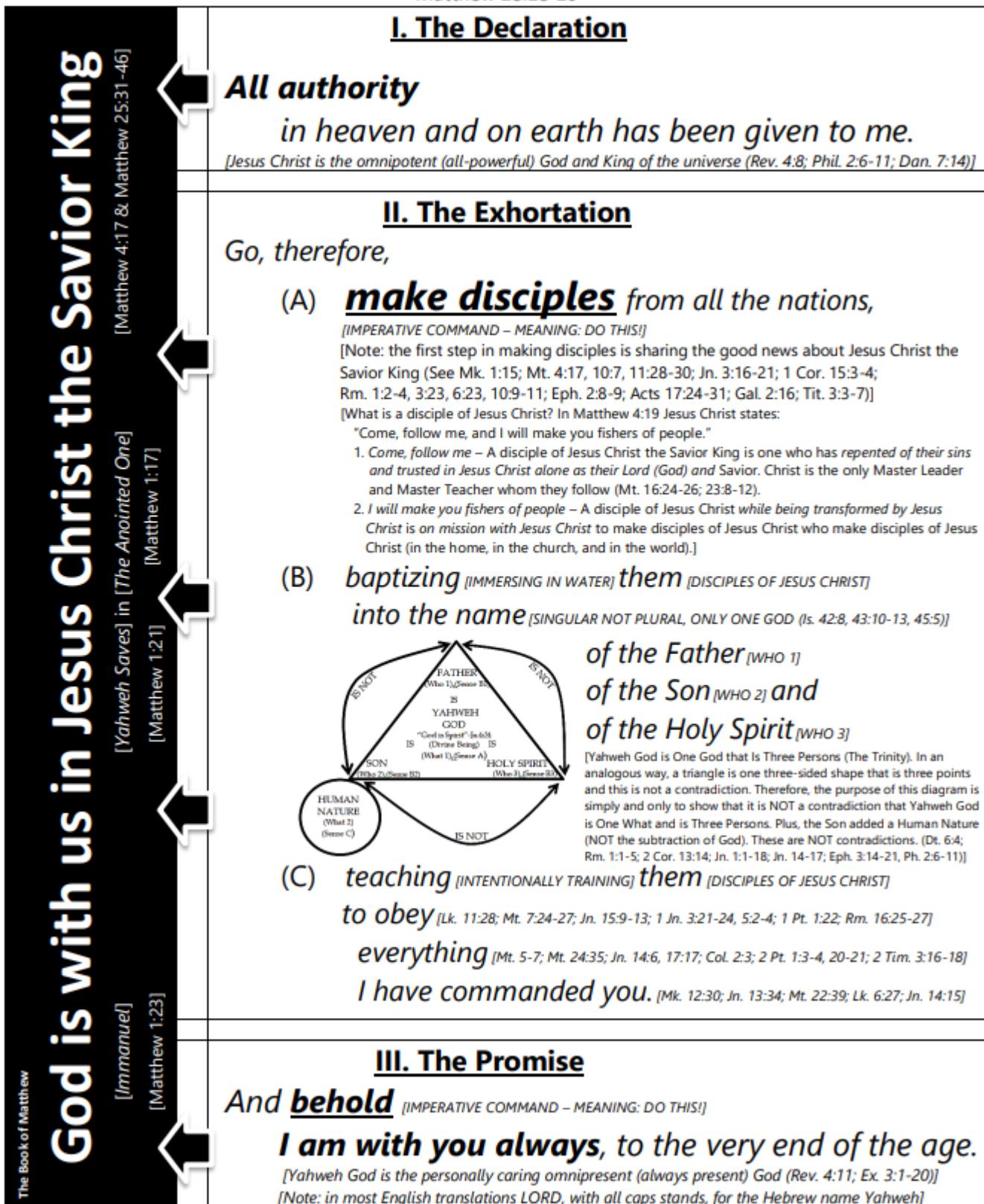
**- Jesus Christ,
Matthew 28:18-20**

Section 4 – Next Steps – *The Great Commission*

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A Theology of Jesus Christ's Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20

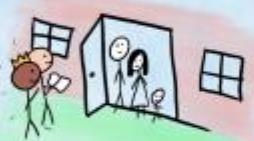


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Jesus is on the throne, and we
are never alone. Our responsibility
is found between these two truths.



Jesus is on the throne



Make disciples



Baptize believers



Teach them to obey Christ



We are never alone

Ref. Matthew 28:18-20

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be sectioned in the following way:**

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Section #2: “make disciples”

Section #3: “baptizing them”

***Section #4: “teaching them to obey everything
I have commanded you”***

Section #5: And behold I am with you always



Section #1: "All Authority"

"Yahweh is King forever and ever . . . O Yahweh, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will strengthen their heart, You will incline Your ear to vindicate the orphan and the oppressed, so that mere earthly mortals will never again strike terror."

-Psalm 10:16-18

"Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Yahweh, have never forsaken those who seek you."
-Psalm 9:10

Yahweh: is the name of the necessary, uncaused, personally-present, covenant keeping God, who “sees” the misery of His people, “hears” their cries, “enters into” their suffering, and delivers them from where they are to where He wants them to be.¹

"I am Yahweh; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols." -Isaiah 42:8

"Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to **Horeb, the mountain of God.**² There the angel of Yahweh appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.³ So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

⁴ When Yahweh saw that he had gone over to look, **God** called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."

⁵ "Do not come any closer," **God** said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ Then he said, "I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at **God**.⁷ Yahweh said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I know their sorrows.⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.

⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."¹¹ But Moses said to **God**, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"¹² And **God** said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."¹³ Moses said to **God**, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The **God** of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"¹⁴ **God** said to Moses, "**I AM WHO I AM**. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: '**I AM** has sent me to you.'"¹⁵ **God** also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'Yahweh, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation."¹⁶ "Go, assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, 'Yahweh, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—appeared to me and said: I have watched over you and have seen what has been done to you in Egypt."¹⁷ And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites—a land flowing with milk and honey."¹⁸ "The elders of Israel will listen to you. Then you and the elders are to go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'Yahweh, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. Let us take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to Yahweh our God.'¹⁹ But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand compels him.²⁰ So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go." -Exodus 3:1-20

"Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our **God**, Yahweh is One.⁵ Love Yahweh your **God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." -Deut. 6:4

"Fear Yahweh your God, serve Him only"-Deut. 6:13 and Luke 4:8

¹ **Note #1:** Anthropomorphic terms such as "see, "hear", etc. are used in the Scriptures to help us relate to God in an analogous sense. Yahweh God is "not a man" (Numbers 23:19) instead Yahweh God is "Spirit" (John 4:23) and in Yahweh God "we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:24). See the following pages for more on what Yahweh God is. **Note #2:** Yahweh God is Necessary (must be, has to be, cannot not be) Being (that which is; "I"= essence/that whichness; "AM"= existence/is-ness) and because Yahweh's Essence is completely identical to Yahweh's Existence therefore Yahweh is a Necessary Being and in contrast we have a finite/dependent/limited being (that which is) because we could cease to be/do not have to be/etc. **Note #3:** because Yahweh God is in a category of one (there is no other Necessary Being) and because we are finite/limited/dependent beings who are being given there being we must speak about Yahweh God by analogy (John 3:12-13). For example we are moral in a finite way and Yahweh God is moral in an infinite way. To clarify further, there are different ways that we can speak about something or know something. We can know something univocally (meaning in a one to one correspondence – a completely similar way). We can know something equivocally (meaning in a completely different way). Or we can know something analogously (in a similar but different way). When it comes to knowing and speaking about Yahweh God because we are finite/limited/dependent beings, etc. and Yahweh God is in a category of one as a Necessary Being then we must know Yahweh God in a similar but different way (i.e. analogously) and not in a univocal way because we are not God and not in a equivocal way because there is some similarity (i.e.: we are moral and Yahweh God is moral, etc.). And because of this similarity but difference we use what is called the principle of intrinsic attribution - meaning we can predicate that which is intrinsic to us about Yahweh God, but the way in which this is predicated is different (finite or infinite). For example, Yahweh God (subject) is moral (predicate). In this example the predicate (moral) is predicated in an infinite way. While for us – humans (subject) are moral (predicate) the predicate is predicated in in finite/limited/dependent way because we are not necessary being (i.e.: we could cease to be, we don't have to be, etc.). [Typically in English Bibles in the Old Testament, uppercase LORD is used for Yahweh (the name of God) and Lord is used for Adonai (the title of Lord).]



Section #1: "All Authority"

YAHWEH GOD IS ONE GOD THAT IS THREE PERSONS (THE TRINITY)

YAHWEH GOD

There is Only One True God

"I am Yahweh and there is no other, apart from me there is no God"—Isaiah 45:5 (see also Isaiah 43:10-13)

"I am the First and I am the Last; apart from me there is no God"
-Isaiah 44:6 (see also Isaiah 48:12)

Yahweh is the Only True God's Name

"I am Yahweh; that is my name!"—Isaiah 42:8 (also Exodus 3)

"I am Yahweh, the God of all mankind"—Jeremiah 32:26

"Yahweh is God"—Psalm 100:3

We are to Love the One True God

"Yahweh our God, Yahweh is One. Love Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."—Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (see also Matt. 22:37-40)

Yahweh is the Creator & Sustainer of All that has Being

"This is what Yahweh, your Redeemer who formed you from the womb, says: I am Yahweh, who made everything"—Is.44:24

"Yahweh God made the earth and the heavens."—Gen. 2:4

"God, who gives life to all things"—1 Tim.6:13

"The God who made the world and everything in it—He is Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in shrines made by hands.

Neither is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives everyone life and breath and all things . . . He is not far from each one of us. For in Him we live and move and have our being."—Acts 17:24-28

Yahweh Alone is Worthy of Worship

"I am Yahweh, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another or My praise to idols."—Isaiah 42:8

"I am Yahweh, and there is no other. I have not spoken in secret . . . I, Yahweh, speak the truth; I declare what is right. Gather together and come; assemble, you fugitives from the nations. Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood, who pray to gods that cannot save. Declare what is to be, present it—let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, Yahweh? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me. Turn to me and be saved . . . for I am God, and there is no other . . . Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear."
-Isaiah 45:18-25

THE SON IS GOD

Our sin separated us from Yahweh God; therefore, the Son added a Human Nature, Jesus which means "Yahweh saves" (Matt.1:21). He lived the perfect life, and died on the cross as a perfect sacrifice for our sin, and the perfect demonstration of Yahweh God's love and justice (Jn. 3:16, Rom. 3:26, etc.), and rose again demonstrating that the Son is God. That is why He has the title of Immanuel/"God with us"(Matt.1:23)

"Jesus Christ, the Son of God"—Mark 1:1 (2 Cor. 1:19)

"Christ Jesus: who, existing in very nature God . . . assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of men. And when He had come as a man in His external form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross . . . so that at the name of Jesus [Yahweh Saves] every knee will bow . . . and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord"—Phil. 2:5-11

"Before Abraham came into being, I AM."—Jesus, John 8:58

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."—Jesus, Rev.22:13

"I am with you always"—Jesus, Matt. 28:20

"Our God and Savior Jesus Christ"—2 Peter 1:1

"Thomas answered and said to Him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.'" —John 20:28-29 (John 1:14,17-18; Col. 1:15-17; Heb. 13:8, etc.)

Yahweh is the Only Savior

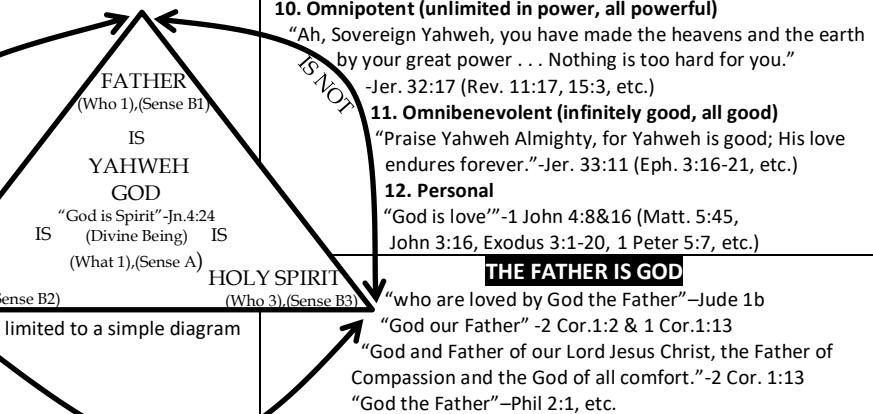
"God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'Yahweh, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation." —Exodus 3:15

"I am Yahweh and apart from me there is no savior."
-Isaiah 43:11

Yahweh is One God (What 1)

Yahweh is Three Persons (Who 1, Who 2, Who 3)

"the name [singular not plural], What 1] of the Father [Who 1] and the Son [Who 2] and of the Holy Spirit [Who 3]"
-Matt.28:19
(see Deut. 6:4; Romans 1:1-5; 3 John 7; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 1:17; Col. 1:12-14; John 1:18; 2 John 9; John 14-17, etc.)



In an analogous way, a triangle is one three-sided shape that is three points and this is not a contradiction. Therefore, the purpose of the above diagram is simply and only to show that it is NOT a contradiction that Yahweh God is One What & is Three Persons. Plus, the Son added a Human Nature (NOT the subtraction of God). These are NOT contradictions. A contradiction means "X cannot be both X and NOT X in the same time and sense." Therefore, this does NOT go against reason but instead should bring us to worship. "God is love"—1 John 4:8&16

YAHWEH IS . . .

"For since the creation of the world

God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse."—Romans 1:19-20

1. Necessary (must be, has to be, cannot not be) Being (that which is)

"I AM"—Exodus 3:14 (Jn. 8:58, Rev 4:11, Col.1:16-17, Acts 17:28, etc.)

2. Immutable (unchanging)

"For I, Yahweh, do not change"—Malachi 3:6 (Heb. 6:17-18, etc.)

3. Non-temporal (not limited by time, eternal)

"The eternal God"—Deut. 33:27 (Romans 1:20, Romans 16:26, etc.)

4. Non-spatial (not limited by space, infinite, unlimited)

"God is Spirit" —John 4:24

"God's invisible qualities"—Romans 1:20 (1 Tim.1:17, 6:16, etc.)

5. Pure Actuality (perfect, no potentiality whatsoever)

"Yahweh, the Most High"—Psalm 7:17

"Immortal [incorruptible] God"—Romans 1:23 (1 Tim.1:17, etc.)

6. One (there is no other)

"I am Yahweh and there is no other, apart from me there is no God"—Isaiah 45:5 (Isaiah 43:10-13, 1 Tim.1:17 etc.)

7. Uncause

"I am the First and I am the Last; apart from me there is no God"

-Isaiah 44:6 (Exodus 3:14, etc.)

8. Omnipresent (all present) Uncause First cause of all that has being/given being/came to be/being given being, etc. "Our Lord and God . . . you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."—Rev.4:11(Acts 17:24-28; Is. 66:2, etc.)

9. Omniscent (all-knowing)

"God is greater than our hearts and knows all things."—1 Jn.3:20
(Rom. 11:33, Matt. 6:8, 10:30, Isaiah 42:5-9, 44:6-8, etc.)

10. Omnipotent (unlimited in power, all powerful)

"Ah, Sovereign Yahweh, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power . . . Nothing is too hard for you."

-Jer. 32:17 (Rev. 11:17, 15:3, etc.)

11. Omnipotently (infinitely good, all good)

"Praise Yahweh Almighty, for Yahweh is good; His love endures forever."—Jer. 33:11 (Eph. 3:16-21, etc.)

12. Personal

"God is love"—1 John 4:8&16 (Matt. 5:45, John 3:16, Exodus 3:1-20, 1 Peter 5:7, etc.)

THE FATHER IS GOD

"who are loved by God the Father"—Jude 1b

"God our Father" —2 Cor.1:2 & 1 Cor.1:13

"God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Compassion and the God of all comfort."—2 Cor. 1:13
"God the Father"—Phil 2:1, etc.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD

"The Spirit gives gifts as He determines"—1 Cor. 12:11

"Do not grieve the Holy Spirit"—Eph. 4:30 (Isaiah 63:10)

"The Counselor, the Holy Spirit"—John 14:26

"No prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God."—2 Peter 1:21, etc.

THE FATHER IS NOT THE SON, THE SON IS NOT THE HOLY SPIRIT, ETC.

"Set apart for the gospel of God—the gospel He [The Father] promised beforehand through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding His Son [The Son], who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, and who through The Spirit of Holiness [The Holy Spirit] was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the nations to the obedience that comes from faith."—Romans 1:1-5 (see John 14-17, Eph. 3:14-21, etc.)



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For a more in-depth understanding of
the attributes of God
see the *free* PDF handout called:

A Christian Discipleship Atlas

From
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Section #2: “make disciples”

Jesus Christ has commanded his disciples to:
“Go, therefore, make disciples from all the nations,”

[Note: this is an IMPERATIVE COMMAND – MEANING: DO THIS!]

**The first step in making disciples of Jesus Christ
is to share the good news about Jesus Christ.**

The Gospel which means The Good News is that:

**Jesus Christ “died for our sins
according to the Scriptures,
he was buried,
and he was raised on the third day
according to the Scriptures.”**

-1 Corinthians 15:3-4

There are many different ways to share the gospel.

The following is one way to share it:

The memory aid map on the next two pages is
a detailed explanation from the Scriptures
to help you better understand
The Good News and how it is truly good news!

If you wish to print off the following memory aid map:

Print off *The Gift of The Good News* handout on two-sided paper
(you will need to flip the second page before printing so that it opens correctly when folded). Then fold the handout in half and then fold it in half again (so that it says “A Gift from Someone who Cares for You” on the outside of the handout). Sharing this with others by print (or digitally) is a great way to help them understand the gospel.

The very next page – “The Good News” has been adapted and expanded upon from the class *Theology of the Gospel* (originally developed by Jeff Dodge)

(1)

GOD

Loving Creator

"The God who made the world and everything in it"

-Acts 17:24a

The Ultimate Lord & King

"is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and

everything else."

-Acts 17:24b-25

The Law Giver & Final Judge

"In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

-Acts 17:30-31

THE PROBLEM

We Have All Broken God's Law by Our Sin

"No one is [essentially and perfectly morally] good—except God only. You know the commandments: Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not witness falsely, honor your father and your mother."

- Jesus

Luke 18:19b-20

"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment."

- Jesus

Matthew 5:21-22a

"You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart." - Jesus

Matthew 5:27-28

"For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander." - Jesus

Matthew 15:19

US

Willfully Ignorant

"The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be

known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse."

-Romans 1:18-20

Passionately Rebellious

"For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became

futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles."

-Romans 1:21-23

Condemned to Death

"But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when His righteous judgment will be revealed."

-Romans 2:5

THE GOOD NEWS

God's Solution - God Paid The Penalty for Our Sin

Jesus Christ "died for our sins according to the Scriptures, he was buried, and he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."

-1 Corinthians 15:3-4

"God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

-Romans 5:8

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

-2 Corinthians 5:21

"God did this to demonstrate His justice . . . so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus."

-Romans 3:25b-26

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son." - Jesus

-John 3:16-21

Repent & Believe

"The time has come," Jesus said.

"The kingdom of God is near.

Repent and believe the good news!"

-Mark 1:15

DECISION

Refuse It & Perish

"But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

- Jesus

Luke 13:5

"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."

-John 3:36

HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?

(2) "The time has come," Jesus said.

"It is appointed for people to die once — and after this, judgment." -Hebrews 9:27

"For God says: 'In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.' I tell you now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation." -2 Corinthians 6:1-2

(3) "Repent and believe the good news!"

How do you receive the gift of eternal life?

Repent (turn away from your sin)

Say aloud to God, "God have mercy on me — a sinner. Jesus Christ, I turn away from my sin." (Luke 18:13)

Believe (trust in the Lord Jesus Christ)

Say aloud to God, "Jesus is Lord! Jesus Christ, I believe that you died for my sins, that you were buried, and that you were raised from the dead. I trust in you now as my Lord and Savior. Thank you for saving me from the judgement for my sins and thank you for giving me the gift of eternal life." (Romans 10:9-10, John 9:38, 1 Corinthians 15:3, Romans 6:23)

As the Scriptures state:

"If you confess with your mouth that 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

-Romans 10:9-10

(4) The Gift of God is Eternal Life

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

"We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. Anyone who does not believe God has made Him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about His Son. And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."

-1 John 5:9-13

(5) What's Next?

Experience the joy of knowing God and growing in your relationship with God and with God's family/the church. Obey the Lord Jesus by following His example and being baptized. Ask the Lord Jesus to teach you. Read and obey the Scriptures. Tell others the good news. Live for the Lord Jesus.

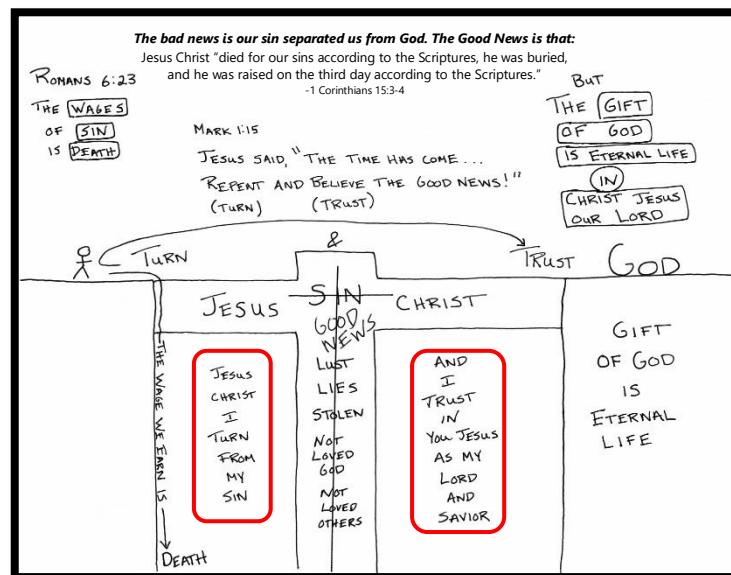
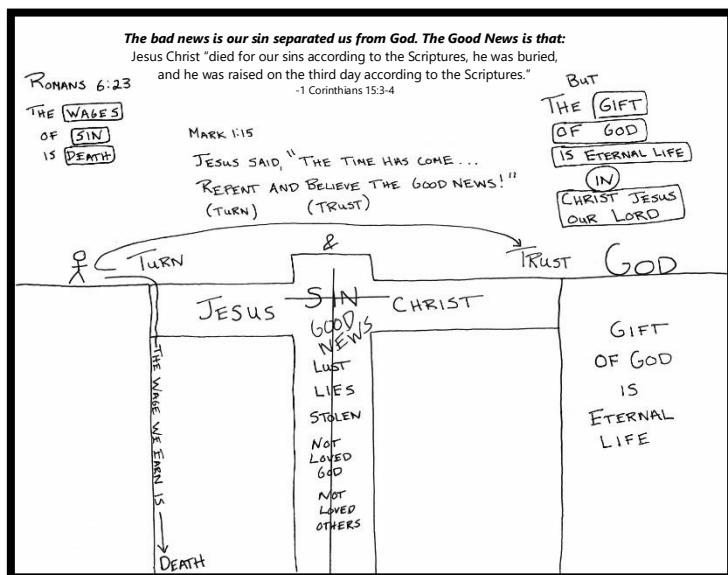
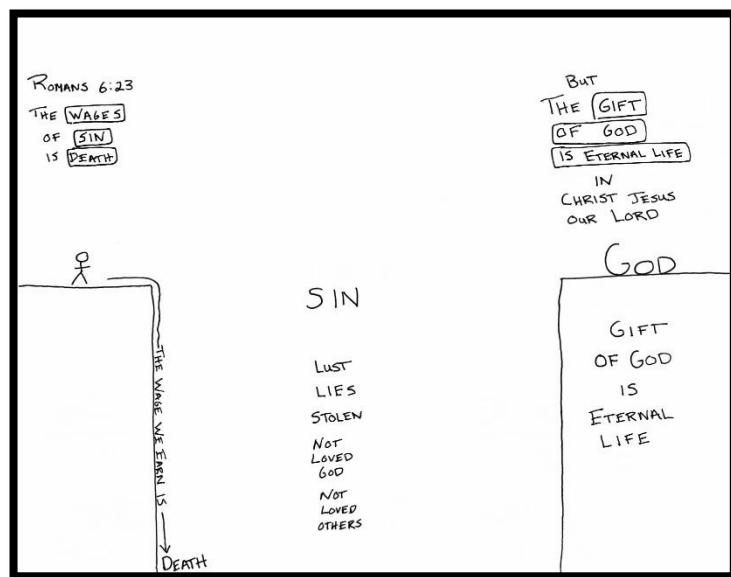
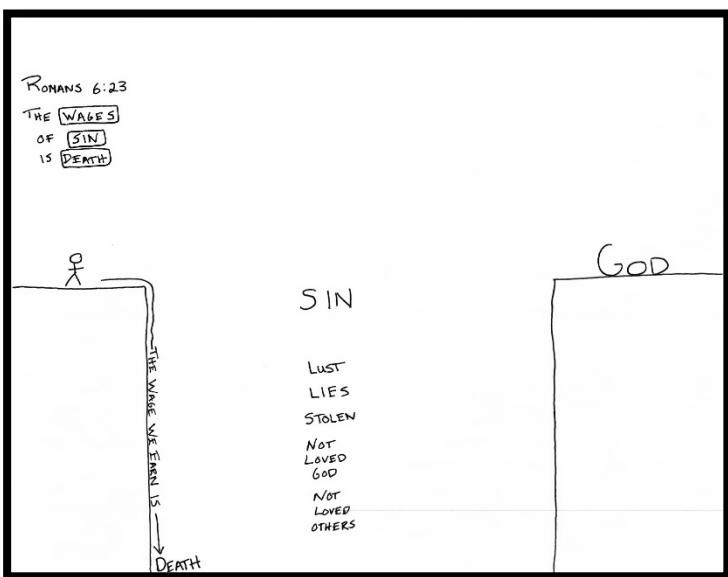
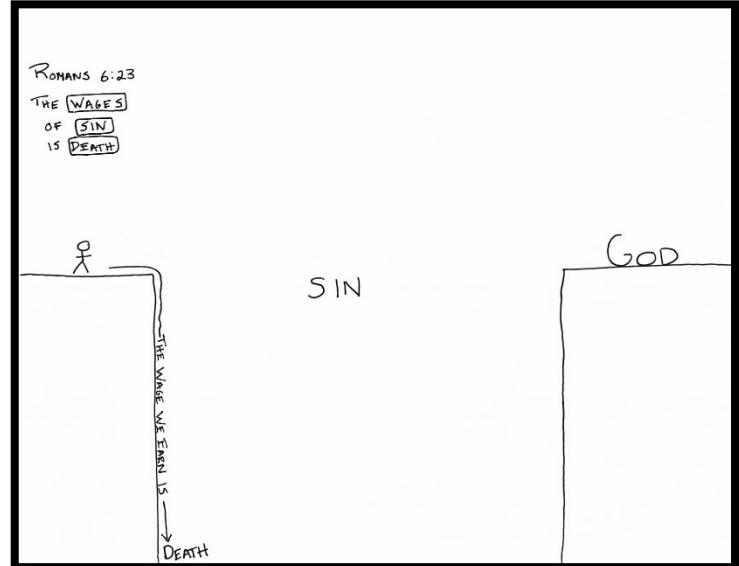
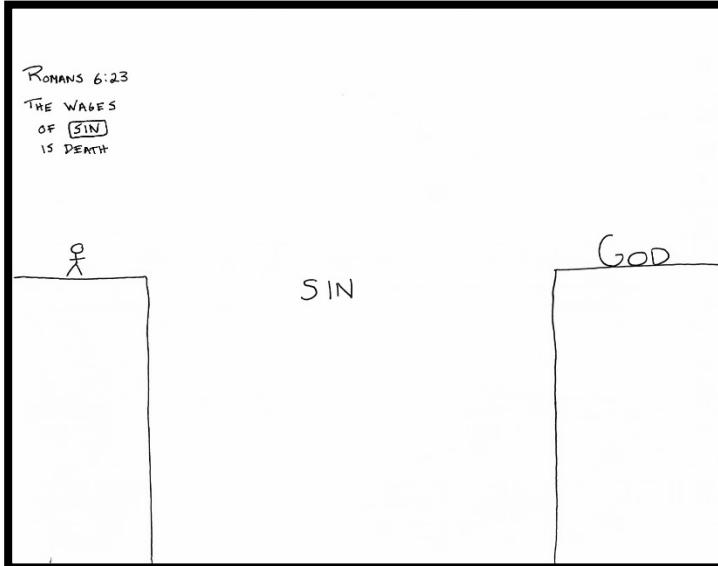
"Those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again." -2 Corinthians 5:15b

A Gift from Someone
Who Cares for You

To:
You

Section #2: "make disciples"

The first step in making disciples of Jesus Christ is to share the good news. The following is one way to share the good news:



What is the Christian life about?

It is only through Jesus Christ! Jesus' Method. Jesus' Motivation. Jesus' Mission.



Feeding
Trough,
Cross,
Empty
Tomb,
Crown,
Only
Way

It is only through Jesus Christ! He is both fully God and the perfect human. Jesus Christ is *The Good News* - The Savior King - born of a virgin, died for our sins on the cross, buried in a tomb, and resurrected on the third day.

"The time has come," Jesus said.

"The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" - Mark 1:15

"I am The Way, and The Truth, and The Life;
no one comes to the Father but through Me."

- Jesus, John 14:6



Yoke,
Clean
Water

Jesus' Method:

Come to Jesus. Be Yoked to Jesus. Learn from Jesus through God's Word.

Come to Me,

all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take My Yoke upon you

and

Learn from Me,

for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.

For My Yoke is easy and My burden is light."

- Jesus, Matthew 11:28-30

"Sanctify [spiritually wash] them by the Truth; Your Word is Truth." - Jesus, John 17:17



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Jesus' Motivation:

Love the LORD and others as Jesus did.

- (a) Love the LORD: "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." - Jesus, Mark 12:30
- (b) Love the Church: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." - Jesus, John 13:34-35
- (c) Love your neighbor: "Love your neighbor as yourself." - Jesus, Matthew 22:39
- (d) Love your enemies: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." - Jesus, Luke 6:27-28
- (e) By obeying God's Word: "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor [the Holy Spirit] to be with you forever. He is the Spirit of Truth. The world is unable to receive Him because it doesn't see Him or know Him. But you do know Him, because He remains with you and will be in you." - Jesus, John 14:15-17



Lifebuoy

Jesus' Mission:

Make disciples of Jesus that make disciples of Jesus

(in the home, in the church, and in the world).

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go, therefore, make disciples from all the nations,

[note: the first step in making disciples is sharing the good news]

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

- Jesus, Matthew 28:18-20



Section #2: “make disciples”



What is a disciple of Jesus Christ?

In Matthew 4:19 Jesus Christ states:

**“Come, follow me,
and
I will make you
fishers of people.”**

- A.** Come, follow me – A disciple of Jesus Christ the Savior King is one who has come to Jesus and **repented of their sins and trusted in Jesus Christ alone as their Lord (God) and Savior**. Christ is **the only Master Leader and Master Teacher whom they follow** (Mt. 16:24-26; 23:8-12).
- B.** I will make you fishers of people – A disciple of Jesus Christ while being transformed by Jesus Christ is on mission with Jesus Christ to make disciples of Jesus Christ who make disciples of Jesus Christ (in the home, in the church, and in the world).

Simply stated: A disciple is one who *comes to Jesus Christ the Savior King, follows Him, and is transformed by Him as they make disciples of Jesus Christ with Him.*

To better understand what a disciple is, begin by reading through the book of Matthew in the Bible (try to read at least two chapters a day) and ask two questions as you read:

1. What does this say about Jesus Christ?

2. What does this say about being a disciple of Jesus Christ?



Section #2: “make disciples”



What is required of a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ is now your amazing Savior King and being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires your whole life and every aspect of your life. It requires a willingness to do whatever Jesus Christ directs you to do from The Scriptures and it requires a willingness to go wherever He would direct you to go.

Be encouraged for Jesus Christ is worth everything!

As Jesus Christ stated:

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?”

– Jesus, Matthew 16:24-26

Be encouraged for Jesus Christ carries your burdens:

“Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My Yoke upon you and Learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My Yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

- Jesus, Matthew 11:28-30

Be encouraged for Jesus Christ is with you always:

“And behold I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

- Jesus, Matthew 28:20



How to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ gives us a summary description of how to be a disciple in His brilliant unified teaching called *The Sermon on The Mount* in the book of Matthew in chapters five through seven.

At the end of The Sermon on the Mount Jesus states that:

“Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

– Jesus, Matthew 7:24-27

Therefore, take some time and read and continue to re-read *The Sermon on the Mount* over and over again while each time asking the Lord to teach you to “hear” what He is saying and how to put what He is teaching “into practice.” Take note of how *The Sermon on the Mount* deals with the subject of Kingdom Righteousness.

Kingdom Righteousness is about relationships. It is about being full of “rightness” – meaning being in a right *relationship* with God (both positionally and practically) and in a right relationship with others. Therefore, because righteousness = being in a right relationship with God plus a right relationship with others, in order to love God and others we must be in a right relationship with both.



Section #3: “baptizing them

BAPTISM IS AN IMPORTANT SYMBOL OF OBEDIENCE TO JESUS CHRIST

MUST BE A DISCIPLE

First, the Scriptures teach that one must be a disciple of Jesus (meaning: a disciple of Jesus Christ the Savior King is one who has repented of their sins and trusted in Jesus Christ alone as their Lord and Savior) *first* and then, *second*, this is followed by baptism (which is immersion by water in the New Testament). This is clear in the great commission by Jesus Christ when Jesus states “Going, therefore, make disciples from all the nations, **baptizing [immersing] them** in the name . . .” (Matthew 28:19).

- (Q) Who is the “them” that is being baptized?
- (A) Only disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- (Q) How does one become a disciple of Jesus?
- (A) Only by repenting of their sin and trusting in Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Thus, one must be a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ *first* and then, *second*, they are to be immersed “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19). Furthermore, a scriptural text-driven understanding of baptism in 1 Corinthians reveals that “baptism” is the “immersion” (not sprinkling) of individuals who are not infants and have heard the “the word” of the “the gospel” (that the Lord Jesus Christ “died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures”), “received” the gospel, “believed” in the gospel, are “saved” by the gospel, and who “devoted themselves” to obeying the Lord Jesus Christ by “serving the saints” and being of the Lord Jesus Christ alone (1 Cor 1:10-17, 15:1-4, 15:11, 16:15). Therefore, because one must be a disciple of Jesus before one is baptized, New Testament baptism is then appropriately called Believer’s Baptism.

THE GOSPEL IS NOT BAPTISM

“For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel”

-1 Cor 1:17

INFANTS ARE NOT DISCIPLES

The clear pattern in 1 Corinthians of being taught the gospel, then believing the gospel, and then being baptized [immersed] is the same pattern in the book of Acts. Just as the “household” in 1 Corinthians is not applicable to infants because one does not teach infants and infants can’t believe in the gospel the same is true in the book of Acts. For example Acts 16:16-33 states, “They said, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.’ And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house. And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was immersed, he and all his household. And he brought them into his house and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, having believed in God with his whole household.” Note: how they “spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house.” Thus, these were not infants because these individuals in this house were taught “the word of the Lord,” then they believed, and then they were immersed. Paul does state that he did “immerse the household of Stephanas” (1 Cor 1:16). However, it is clear from later in 1 Corinthians that all of the members of the household were of an age where they could have heard the gospel and believed for Paul states that “the household of Stephanas” was “the first fruits of Achaia, and that **they have devoted themselves for ministry** to the saints” (1 Cor 16:15). Infants cannot devote themselves to ministry.

THE SYMBOL = BURIED & RAISED WITH CHRIST

“What should we say then? Should we continue in sin so that grace may multiply? ² Absolutely not! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Or are you unaware that all of us who were baptized [immersed] into Christ Jesus were baptized [immersed] into his death? ⁴Therefore we were buried with him by baptism [immersion] into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life.⁵ For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be in the likeness of his resurrection. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be rendered powerless so that we may no longer be enslaved to sin, ⁷ since a person who has died is freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him, ⁹because we know that Christ, having been raised from the dead, will not die again. Death no longer rules over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died, he died to sin once for all time; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So, you too consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.” -Romans 6:1-11

BAPTISM DOES NOT SAVE YOU

“If you confess with your mouth that ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

-Romans 10:9-10

BAPTISM IS IMMERSION

The New Testament Koiné Greek word βαπτίζω (which is typically transliterated as *baptizō* and then typically this transliteration is communicated as *baptize* in English). It is important to note that βαπτίζω does not carry the idea of “sprinkling them with water” in the New Testament. Instead, “βαπτίζω” carries the Greek dictionary definition of “immerse” (William D. Mounce and Robert H. Mounce, gen. ed., *The Zondervan Greek and English Interlinear New Testament (NASB/NIV)* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2011), 939); “βαπτίζω” is defined “In Gk. Lit. . . to put or go under water” (Walter Bauer, *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*, ed. and trans. William F. Arndt, F. Wilber Gingrich, and Frederick W. Danker [BAGD], 3rd ed. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), s.v. “βαπτίζω,” 164). Note: to “put or go under water” is to immerse something; “The verb *baptizō* literally means ‘to put or go under water’” (William D. Mounce, gen. ed. *Mounce’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old & New Testament Words* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2006), 52); Furthermore, the word baptism is defined as “consisting of the processes of immersion” (W. E. Vine, Merrill F. Unger, William White, Jr. *Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1996), 50).



As disciples of Jesus Christ
we are to:

**“Grow in the grace and knowledge
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

To him be glory both now and forever!

Amen.”

-2 Peter 3:18

The purpose of the *Growing Instructions* handout (on the next two pages) is to glorify God by providing a memory aid map that summarizes Jesus’ instructions on how we grow as Christians through God’s Word.

Once a new believer/Christian understands the gospel it is important to point them to Jesus to instruct them on how to grow in their relationship with Him.

If you wish to print off the following memory aid map:

Print off the *Growing Instructions* handout on two-sided paper (**you will need to flip the second page before printing so that it opens correctly when folded**). Then fold the handout in half and then fold it in half again (so that it says “Growing Instructions Inside” on the outside of the handout). Sharing this by print (or digitally) with others is a great way to help them understand how to grow in Christ.

GROWING INSTRUCTIONS

WATER

2. DRINK THE LIVING WATER

"On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

By this He meant the Spirit." -John 7:37-39

"But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all Truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come."

-Jesus, John 16:13

"So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law. The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

-Galatians 5:16-25

Pray 2 Cor. 13:14 & Luke 11:13

"May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God [the Father], and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

"If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" -Jesus

Good SOIL

1. ROOTED IN JESUS' LOVE

"When anyone hears the message about the Kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding

a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

-Jesus, Matthew 13:19-23

Pray Ephesians 3:16-21

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

"No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing."

-Jesus

John 15:4b-5

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith"

-Hebrews 12:2a

CONNECTION

5. CONNECTED TO THE LORD JESUS

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

-Colossians 2:6-7

"This, then, is how you should pray:
"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your
kingdom come,
your will be done"

-Jesus, Matthew 6:9

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

-1 Thess. 5:16-18

"Not my will,
but Yours be done."

-Luke 22:42

LIGHT

3. LIVE IN THE LIGHT

"This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."

-Jesus, John 3:19-21

"This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives."

-1 John 1:5-10

Pray Colossians 1:9-14

"For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the Kingdom of light. For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the Kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

NOURISHMENT

4. NOURISHED BY JESUS' WORDS

"If you remain in Me and My Words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples. As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have obeyed My Father's commands and remain in His love. I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down His life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other."

-Jesus, John 15:7-17

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." -Jesus, John 16:33

Pray Philippians 1:9-11

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God."

CONNECTED TO THE LORD JESUS

What is the Christian life about? It is only through Jesus Christ! Jesus' Method. Jesus' Motivation. Jesus' Mission.



Feeding
Trough,
Cross,
Empty
Tomb,
Crown,
Only Way

It is only through Jesus Christ!

He is both fully God and the perfect human.

**Jesus Christ is The Good News - The Savior King -
born of a virgin, died for our sins on the cross,
buried in a tomb, and resurrected on the third day.**

"The time has come," Jesus said. "The kingdom of God is near.
Repent and believe the good news!" -Mark 1:15

"I am The Way,
and The Truth,
and The Life;

no one comes to the Father but through Me."
-Jesus, John 14:6



Yoke,
Clean
Water

Jesus' Method:

Come to Jesus. Be Yoked to Jesus.

Learn from Jesus through God's Word.

"Come to Me,

all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take My Yoke upon you and learn from Me,
for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For My Yoke is easy and My burden is light."

-Jesus, Matthew 11:28-30

"Sanctify [spiritual wash] them by the Truth;

Your Word is Truth."

-Jesus, John 17:17



Compass



Lifebuoy

Jesus' Motivation:

Love the LORD and others as Jesus did.

(a) Love the LORD: "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." - Jesus, Mark 12:30
(b) Love the Church: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." - Jesus, John 13:34-35

(c) Love your neighbor: "Love your neighbor as yourself." - Jesus, Matthew 22:39

(d) Love your enemies: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." - Jesus, Luke 6:27-28

(e) By obeying God's Word: "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor [the Holy Spirit] to be with you forever. He is the Spirit of Truth. The world is unable to receive Him because it doesn't see Him or know Him. But you do know Him, because He remains with you and will be in you." - Jesus, John 14:15-17



Jesus' Mission:

**Make disciples of Jesus that make disciples of Jesus
(in the home, in the church, and in the world).**

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go, therefore, make disciples from all the nations,

[note: the first step in making disciples is sharing the good news]

baptizing them

in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them

to obey everything I have commanded you.

And behold,

I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

-Jesus, Matthew 28:18-20



GROWING INSTRUCTIONS

INSIDE

"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." -2 Peter 3:18
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Section #4: "teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you"



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Section #5: "And behold, I am with you always"

God is with us in Jesus Christ the Savior King

Jesus Christ was called Immanuel because this title means God is with us:
**"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,
and they will call Him
'Immanuel' (which means 'God with us')."**
- Matthew 1:23

The name Jesus means Yahweh Saves:
**"She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus,
for He will save His people from their sins."**
- Matthew 1:21

Jesus is The Christ which means The Anointed One/The Messiah (The Savior) that is predicted throughout The Scriptures:
**"An account of the genealogy of
Jesus Christ"**
- Matthew 1:1



Section #5: “And behold, I am with you always”

Therefore, because of who Jesus Christ is,
and because He has all authority
then He can command us to *behold* Him:

“And behold [IMPERATIVE COMMAND – MEANING: DO THIS!] I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

- Jesus Christ, Matthew 28:20

Furthermore, because Jesus Christ is fully God,
He will never leave us:

“He has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’

**So we can confidently say,
‘The LORD is my helper;
I will not fear; what can man do to me?’”**

- Hebrews 13:5-6

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand.”

- Jesus Christ, John 10:27-28



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