

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

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!

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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 is a great way to help them understand the gospel.

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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 Mathew 15:19

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

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

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

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

"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

Repent & Believe

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

-Mark 1:15

Refuse It & Perish

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

Luke 13:5

HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?

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

(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 109-10, 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

