

# Explaining the Gospel

## The Roman Road to Salvation

- **Romans 3:23:**

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." This verse highlights the universal reality that everyone has sinned and falls short of God's perfect standard.

- **Romans 6:23:**

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." This verse emphasizes the consequence of sin (death) and the solution (eternal life through Christ).

- **Romans 5:8:**

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." This verse underscores God's love and the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross for humanity's sins.

- **Romans 10:9-10:**

"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved." This verse outlines the steps for receiving salvation: confessing Jesus as Lord and believing in your heart that God raised Him from the dead.

- **Romans 10:13:**

"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." This verse emphasizes that salvation is a gift received through faith and calling on the name of the Lord.

This method of evangelism starts with the “bad news.” All have sinned are under penalty of death.

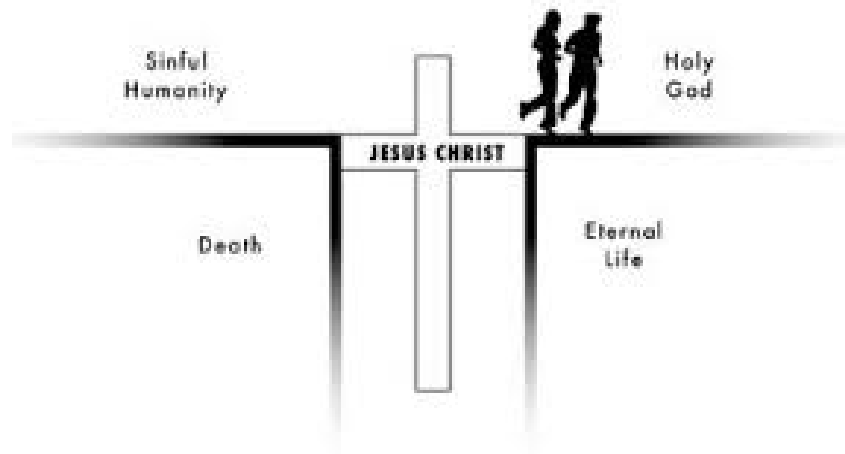
The “good news” is the answer to the “bad news.” God loves us and has made the way to be reconciled to Him through His Son Jesus Christ.

We must individually decide to accept or reject the good news.

## The Four Spiritual Laws

This material was first published by Bill Bright who founded Campus Crusade for Christ back in 1957. It was the primary tool used through this ministry to share the Gospel with college students.

1. **God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life:** This law emphasizes God's love and the potential for a fulfilling life through Him.
  - John 3:16
  - John 10:10
2. **Jesus Christ is God's only Son, and He died on the cross for your sins:** This law highlights the sacrifice of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins.
  - Romans 3:23
  - Genesis 3:1-15
  - Acts 2:38
  - Acts 10:38
  - Acts 13:38
  - Ephesians 1:7
  - Separation from God
  - Separated from natural order
  - Separation from one another
  - Under the dominion of darkness (Colossians 1:13)
3. **Jesus died and rose again, offering you eternal life:** This law emphasizes the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of eternal life through faith in Him.
  - John 3:15
  - John 17:3
  - 1 John 5:11-12
4. **You must receive Jesus Christ by faith to accept His free gift of eternal life:** This law calls for a personal decision to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior.
  - John 14:6
  - Romans 10: 9,10, and 13
  - John 6:40
  - Ephesians 2: 8-10



## What is the Gospel?

1 Corinthians 15: 1-4

*Now I would remind you, brothers,<sup>[a]</sup> of **the gospel** I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.*

*For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,*

Galatians 1:6-9

*I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a **different gospel**— <sup>7</sup> not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup> But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one, we preached to you, let him be accursed. <sup>9</sup> As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.*

The word “gospel” appears 93 times in the New Testament and most of the time it appears in the context of “preaching” the gospel. Verbal communication of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sin and eternal life.

## God's Purpose for Man

- To enjoy fellowship with God
- To share in God's rule of the world

*Gen 1:26-30  
Gen 2:15-17*

## Nature of Sin

- Rebellion against God and His commandments
- Examples of Sin:
  - Doing wrong
  - Not doing right
  - Doing the doubtful

*Gen 3:1-12  
Ps 51:4; James 2:11  
James 4:17  
Rom 14:23*

## Extent of Sin

- All are sinners
- Sin in all areas:
  - thought
  - word
  - Deed: Acts of Commission  
Acts of Omission
  - Our condition before salvation

*Isaiah 53:6, Rom 3:23; 1 John 1:8  
Jeremiah 17:9  
James 3:1-10  
1 John 3:4  
James 4:17  
Ephesians 2:2-3; 5:8*

## Results of Sin

- Separation from God
- Slavery to sin
- Death

*Isaiah 59:2  
Romans 6:17; John 8:34  
Romans 6:23*

## Man's Attempt to Solve the Sin Problem

Note how these attempts all fail to remove the results of sin

- Good works
- Religious activities
- Education – world's wisdom is insufficient
- Determination – self effort
- Rationalization – man's wisdom is folly before God

*Isaiah 64:6  
Romans 3:20  
1 Cor 3:19-20  
Romans 7:21-25  
1 Cor 1:19; Col 2:8*

## God's Solution to the Sin Problem

- Jesus died for us:
  - to bring us back to God
  - to set us free from the power of sin
  - to give us eternal life

*1 Tim 2:5-6; Rom 5:8  
1 Peter 3:18  
Romans 6:18  
John 3:36*

## List of Some Sins

- Romans 1:29-32
- Galatians 5: 16-24