



## BELIEVE THE GOSPEL

### BIBLE STUDY #1

You may have heard the word "Gospel" before and have never known what it really meant. Perhaps you thought it merely referred to the first four books of the New Testament - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Maybe you thought it meant "positively true," because you heard it used in a saying like: "It's the gospel of truth." Actually, the word "Gospel" means "Good News." It is the good news about God's love for us and the wonderful things He has done for us.

Take out your Bible, you will see some of the great things it says about the Gospel. Before we get into this study, I want to teach you something about studying your Bible. In the front of it, you will see a Table of Contents listing all the various books. Use this to find your way around the Bible until you become familiar with where they all are. Also, you will notice the notations that is used, such as: Romans 1:16. It means: The book of Romans, Chapter One, Verse Sixteen. Become familiar with these notations. Finally, pray for understanding whenever you read God's Word!

Okay, let's start and see what is said about the Gospel. Look up the Bible reference given and then write out the answer in your own words.

1. What does Romans 1:16 say the Gospel is to everyone who believes?

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**That's important, isn't it? Let's take a look at the Gospel in four steps.**

#### **STEP ONE – GOD'S PLAN (PEACE AND LIFE)**

2. What is the one word in John 3:16 that describes why God sent His Son for you and me? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Look at John 10:9-10, why did Jesus come?

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#### **STEP TWO – THE PROBLEM (SEPARATION)**

Sin is doing things our way instead of God's way. The Bible says that our sins have separated us from God.

4. In Romans 3:23, how many of us have sinned?
5. What does Romans 6:23 tell us about the wages of sin?

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### STEP THREE – GOD’S SOLUTION (JESUS)

God sent His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins and to conquer death by raising Him from the dead. This way we can come to God and receive all the good things He has for us.

6. What did Christ go through to bring us to God? (Read 1 Peter 3:18)

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7. True or false: In Romans 5:8, God loved us and died for our sins because we were so good that we deserved it. \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

8. In Ephesians 2:8-9, is being saved from sins; something that I work for or something God freely gives me? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

9. In John 14:6, is there any other way to the Father except through Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

### STEP FOUR – OUR RESPONSE (RECEIVE JESUS)

Now that we know what God has done, we need to receive the result into our lives.

10. How does one become a child of God? (Read John 1:12)

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11. What does Romans 10:13 say about who can be saved?

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Do you know that God loves you? \_\_\_\_\_. Have you admitted that you have sinned? \_\_\_\_\_. Do you realize that Jesus died on the cross for you and is the answer to your problems? \_\_\_\_\_. Have you received Jesus as your Lord and Savior? \_\_\_\_\_.

**If you haven't received Jesus into your heart and life, you can receive Him now through prayer. What to pray:**

*"Heavenly Father, I know that I am a sinner and need your forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ Your Son died on the cross for my sins and that you raised Him to life. Please forgive me for my sins and cleanse me by your blood. I accept You by faith as my personal Lord and Savior. Give me a thirst for Your Word and help me to follow You all of my days. I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen."*

Did you receive Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_. If so, then God has forgiven you, made you His child and came into you. He said that He would and He never breaks His word.

12. Read 1 John 5:11-12. Because you have received Jesus, God says that you now have something. What is it?

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