

## WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

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### What is the gospel?

**What is the Gospel?** It's Jesus himself. **Got Jesus?**

"God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has *the* life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have *the* life." **1 John 5:11-12** (John 1:12 "received him")

**MAIN IDEA: What is the Gospel message?**

**SUM: God saves Sinners thru Christ because He loves them.**

### **GOD...**

**START HERE: God is real.** (Heb. 11:6)

The Gospel starts with God.

**God LOVES us** (*John 3:16*) ***but we are separated from him because of sin.***

"your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear." **Isaiah 59:2** ESV

### **SINNERS...** *all of us, separated...*

#### **Psalm 107**

"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way..." **Isaiah 53:6**

"There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God." **Rom. 3:10-11**

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" **Rom. 3:23**

"For the wages of sin is death" **Romans 6:23** (Ezek. 18:20; Gen.3:3)

The result of sin is **ALIENATION.**

Sin is our problem.

## **SAVES THRU CHRIST...** *Reconciliation.*

**God's solution for our sin was to bear the cost of our offenses entirely on himself!**

"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all." **Isaiah 53:5-6** (**1 Cor. 15:3-4**)

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross" **1 Pet. 2:24**

"For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ." **2 Corinthians 5:21** NLT

"Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God." **1 Peter 3:18**

### **DO vs. DONE**

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

"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it." **Eph. 2:8-9** <sup>NLT</sup>

### **WHY? God's Motive is Love.**

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." **John 3:16** NLT

**TO THE WORLD** (Mission)

**TO OURSELVES** (Daily)