

heart and life. True faith receives Jesus, not only as the Savior Who died for your sins but also as the resurrected Lord of your life. This means giving your entire life to Jesus Christ in submission and obedience. ***“Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart”*** (Jeremiah 29:13).

Will you seek for Christ today with all of your heart? If you do, you will find Him.

The best I know how, I now repent of my sins and receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.

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What is the Gospel?



The Gospel is defined in 1 Corinthians 15:3–4: ***“I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”*** This important passage of Scripture sums up the essentials of salvation. They are:

- The sinful, lost, natural state of man—***“Christ died for our sins.”*** By nature we are sinners, lost, without hope in the world.
- The atoning, substitutionary death of Jesus Christ, God in human flesh—***“Christ died for our sins.”***
- The Deity of Christ—***“Christ rose again the third day.”*** The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the great proof of His deity (that He is God). The resurrection authenticates Christ’s virgin birth, sinless life, preexistent deity, and all of His claims and promises.
- These fundamental truths are recorded where? In the Scriptures! Christ died ***“according to the Scriptures.”*** He rose the third day ***“according to the Scriptures.”*** This means that **the Bible, God’s Word, is inspired** (breathed out) **by God. This is an essential part of the Gospel.**

Only those who hold to these essentials of the Gospel are Christians. Those who deny these essentials of the Gospel are not Christians. The

essentials of the Gospel are as clear as black and white. ***“Christ died for our sins.”*** Paul wrote in the plural. He included himself and the entire human race. If you do not recognize that you are a sinner, you cannot be saved. ***“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us”*** (1 John 1:8).

You must believe the Gospel with all of your heart! You are not saved merely by agreeing in an abstract manner—“Yes, I realize I am a sinner. I agree that Christ is the Son of God Who died for my sins and was resurrected from the dead. I believe the Bible and all that.” In order to be saved, you must believe in Christ with all of your heart. True faith is not an abstract belief in something or someone, like believing that a certain historical event actually took place. True faith is life-changing. ***“With the heart man believeth unto righteousness”*** (Romans 10:10).

The purpose of the Gospel is to lead us to Jesus Christ. He is the only Person Who can absolutely change anyone’s life. ***“If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new”*** (2 Corinthians 5:17). If you have not sought Jesus Christ with all of your heart, you are still in your sins. The Bible says, ***“Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves”*** (James 1:22). ***“Faith, if it hath not works, is dead”*** (James 2:17). In order to be saved, you must accept Jesus Christ into your