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# HAVE YOU HEARD THE GOSPEL?

There only ever has been – and ever will be – one Creator God ([Isaiah 43:10](#)). He is perfect, unchangeable, and without limitation ([Malachi 3:6](#)). He has revealed Himself to all mankind through His Word, and by His creation.

**“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”** ([Genesis 1:1](#))

He gave us a code to live by and placed it in our hearts (our conscience) to know right from wrong ([Romans 2:15](#)). But you and I – on many occasions – have chosen what is wrong ([Isaiah 53:6](#)). The Bible tells us:

**“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”** ([Romans 3:23](#))

Because of this rebellion against our Creator, we have caused a separation between us and God ([Isaiah 59:2](#)). That gap is so wide, that we can never cross it by our efforts ([Ephesians 2:12](#)). We deserve God’s just judgment. And that judgment is death – eternal separation from God.

**“The wages of sin is death.”** ([Romans 6:23](#))

In realizing this problem, some people have tried to stop doing bad things and start doing good things in an attempt to impress God with their efforts...and avoid judgment. But not only has God declared that “all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment” ([Isaiah 64:6](#)), but the Bible says that even one wrong deed subjects us to the full penalty of the law ([James 2:10](#)). Because God is perfect, His standard is perfection! Therefore you and I stand guilty before a Righteous Judge ([Romans 2:2](#)). But there is good news!

**“God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”** ([Romans 5:8](#))

God’s only Son – Jesus – came into the world to live the perfect life we should have lived ([Hebrews 4:15](#)), and suffered the sinner’s death we should have died. We stand before God condemned because of our sin...but we can trade what we have earned – death – for what Jesus has earned – eternal life ([Romans 3:24–25](#)). And while Jesus died and was buried, He didn’t stay in the grave ([Acts 2:24](#)). He rose from the dead...proving that He has power over sin and death! Now we can share in Christ’s victory over death by turning – in faith – to Jesus.

**“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”** ([John 3:16](#))

Anyone who will repent of sin ([Acts 3:19](#)) and trust – not in good works, religious systems, or traditions of men – but believe in the one and only son of God – Jesus Christ – will be saved ([Acts 16:31](#)). The Bible says:

**“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.”** ([Ephesians 2:8–9](#))