

# THE GOSPEL & BAPTISM



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**4**“Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. **5** Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. **6** These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. **7** Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road when you lie down, and when you get up. **8** Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead. **9** Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your city gates.

**DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9**





# LETTER TO PARENTS

Parents,

What an exciting time in your life and the life of your child. There is nothing more important than your child trusting in Jesus and having a personal relationship with Him. I'm certain there is no greater joy for you as a parent than to have the privilege of discipling your child in their faith.

This booklet is a resource to help you and your child to investigate the gospel of Jesus Christ together, learn about what it means to be a Christian, and why baptism is important to the Christian faith.

This booklet is a starting point of their Christian journey. The Uniting the Family in Faith team is excited to partner with you on this forever journey of following Jesus.

Partnering with you to raise the next generation for Christ,

Pastor Darren





# WHAT MAKES ME A CHRISTIAN?



The most exciting and important decision that you can make in your life is to trust and believe in Jesus Christ!

Sometimes people think that they can get to Heaven without having a relationship with Jesus. They say things like:

- My parents believe in God, so I must be going to Heaven.
- I go to church every week, so I must be going to Heaven.
- I will be really good so I can go to Heaven.
- I will give up a few bad things so I can go to Heaven.
- I will get baptized so I can go to Heaven.

Even though all of those are really good things, they do not save you. The book of John in the Bible teaches us about the only way to get to Heaven.





# WHAT MAKES ME A CHRISTIAN? CONT.



Jesus told him, "I am the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_. No one comes to the Father except through \_\_\_\_\_." (John 14:6 CSB)

According to John 14:6, who is the only person who can get us to God? \_\_\_\_\_

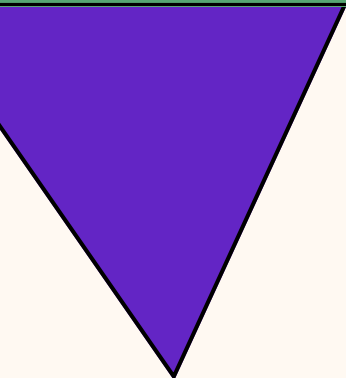
"But God proves his own \_\_\_\_\_ for us in that while we were still \_\_\_\_\_, Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for us." (Romans 5:8)

Why do you think that Christ Jesus would die for sinners?

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# WHAT IS SIN?



Sin is anything we think, say, or do that disobeys God.

## WHO SINS?

For \_\_\_\_\_ have sinned and fall \_\_\_\_\_  
of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23 CSB)



## WHAT ARE SOME WAYS THAT YOU SIN?

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## WHAT IS THE PUNISHMENT FOR SIN?

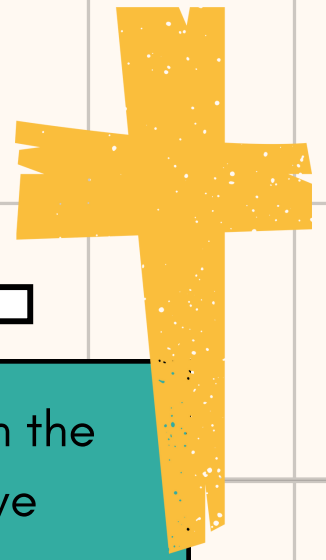
For the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin is \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Romans 6:23b CSB)

It may sound harsh, but just like when you break man's law, you have to pay man's penalty (like paying a ticket for speeding), if you break God's law, you have to pay God's penalty.





# THE GOSPEL



Jesus took our punishment for us. He died on the cross in our place. And he did it so that we wouldn't have to pay the punishment.

## WHO PAID THE PENALTY OF SIN?

"... but the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23b CSB)



## WHAT IS A GIFT?

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## DOES IT COST ANYTHING TO YOU?

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## DO YOU HAVE TO DO ANYTHING FOR THIS GIFT?

Blank space for writing an answer to the question 'DO YOU HAVE TO DO ANYTHING FOR THIS GIFT?'

All you have to do is receive or take it!



# ABC's of the Gospel

**A**

\_\_\_\_\_ that you are a sinner  
and turn to God.

**"IF WE \_\_\_\_\_ OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST  
TO \_\_\_\_\_ US OUR SINS AND TO CLEANSE US  
FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS."  
(1 JOHN 1:9 CSB)**

**B**

\_\_\_\_\_ with faith that Jesus  
died for you!

**IF YOU CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH, "JESUS IS  
LORD," AND \_\_\_\_\_ IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD  
RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE  
\_\_\_\_\_. (ROMANS 10:9 CSB)**

**C**

\_\_\_\_\_ your faith in Jesus as  
Savior and Lord.

**FOR \_\_\_\_\_ WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE  
LORD WILL BE SAVED. (ROMANS 10:13 CSB)**

## NOW WHAT?





# BAPTISM

## WHAT IS BAPTISM?

- **Act of obedience:** We get baptized to **obey** God's Word.
- **It's an outward symbol of an inward commitment.**
- **Identifies you with Christ**

"GO, THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"

(MATTHEW 28:19 CSB)

THEREFORE WE WERE BURIED WITH HIM BY \_\_\_\_\_ INTO DEATH, IN ORDER THAT, JUST AS CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD BY THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, SO WE TOO MAY WALK IN \_\_\_\_\_ OF LIFE. (ROMANS 6:4 CSB)

**BAPTISM DOES NOT  
SAVE YOU AND  
CANNOT GET YOU  
INTO HEAVEN!**

- ★ STANDING IN THE WATER IS A SYMBOL OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS.
- ★ GOING UNDER THE WATER IS A SYMBOL OF CHRIST BEING BURIED IN THE TOMB.
- ★ COMING UP OUT OF THE WATER IS A PICTURE OF CHRIST BEING RAISED ON THE THIRD DAY.



# BAPTISM CONT.

We can only get to Heaven through our belief and faith in Jesus.



"For you are saved by \_\_\_\_\_ through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—not from \_\_\_\_\_ so that no one can boast."  
(Ephesians 2:8-9 CSB)

**ETERNAL LIFE IS**  
\_\_\_\_\_

I HAVE \_\_\_\_\_ THESE THINGS TO YOU WHO  
\_\_\_\_\_ IN THE NAME OF THE SON OF GOD SO  
THAT YOU MAY \_\_\_\_\_ THAT YOU HAVE ETERNAL  
LIFE. (1 JOHN 5:13 CSB)





# REVIEW

**SPEND TIME REVIEWING THESE QUESTIONS WITH YOUR KIDS.**

<b>WHAT IS SIN?</b>	<b>WHAT ARE THE ABC'S OF SALVATION?</b>	<b>HOW DO WE BAPTIZE?</b>
<b>WHO IS JESUS AND WHY DID HE COME TO EARTH?</b>	<b>WHAT IS BAPTISM?</b>	<b>WHY DO THEY NEED TO BE SAVED?</b>
<b>WHAT DID JESUS DO TO SAVE PEOPLE?</b>	<b>WHAT DOES BAPTISM SHOW OTHERS?</b>	<b>WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES SALVATION MAKE IN THEIR LIVES?</b>

**Mom and Dad, share your salvation story with your kid and how God changed your life when you began to follow Him.**



