



FOLLOWING JESUS: SALVATION & BAPTISM

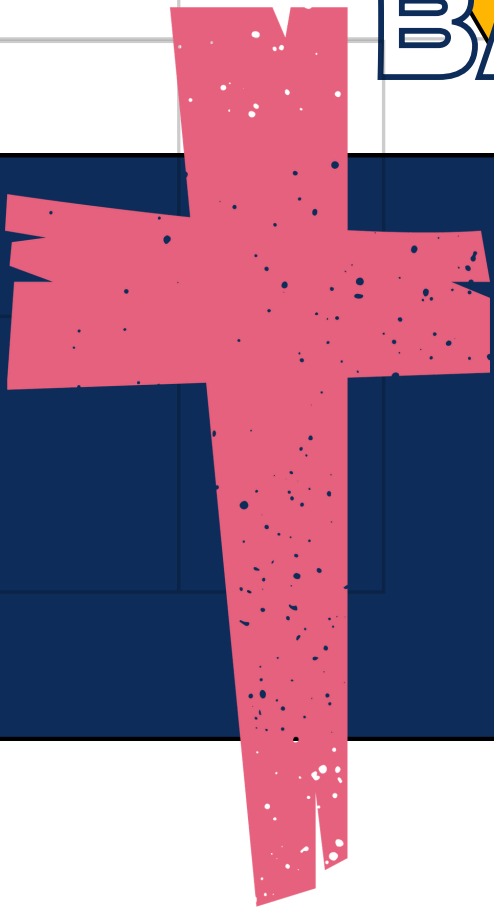


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DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9

“LISTEN, ISRAEL: THE LORD OUR GOD, **THE LORD IS ONE.**

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR **HEART**, WITH ALL YOUR **SOUL**, AND WITH ALL YOUR **STRENGTH**.

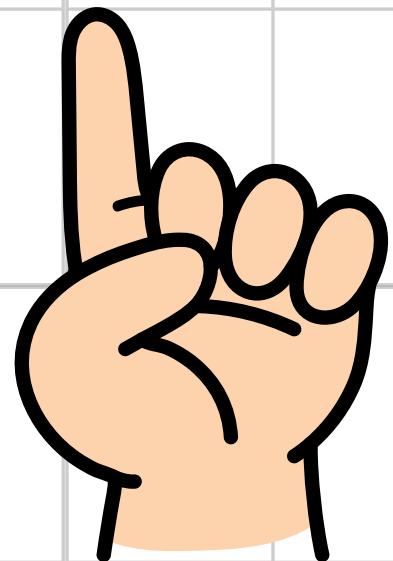
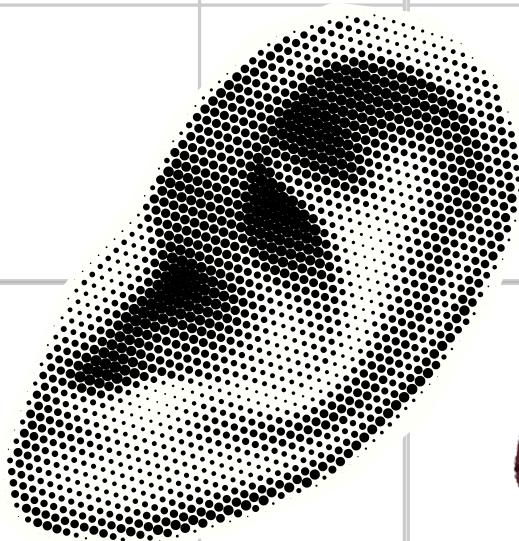
THESE WORDS THAT I AM GIVING YOU TODAY ARE TO BE IN YOUR HEART.

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**.

BIND THEM AS A SIGN ON YOUR HAND AND LET THEM BE A SYMBOL ON YOUR FOREHEAD.

WRITE THEM ON THE DOORPOSTS OF YOUR HOUSE AND ON YOUR CITY GATES.”



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?



Being a Christian is not about:

- Going to church
- Being good
- Getting baptized

It is about trusting Jesus alone.

Reflection:

Why do you think good behavior can't save us?

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UNDERSTANDING SIN

Sin is rebellion against God.

It affects:

- Our thoughts
- Our words
- Our actions
- Our hearts

Read Romans 3:23.

What does “fall short” mean?

**Sin is anything
we think, say, or
do that disobeys
God’s law.**

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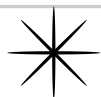
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Sin separates us from God.

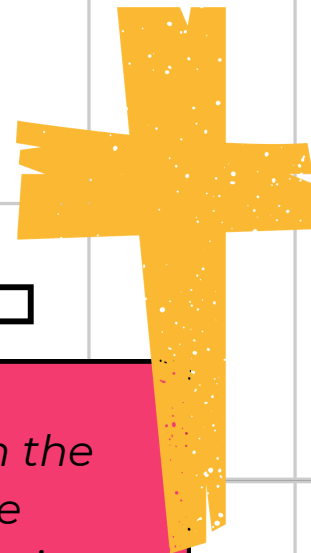
Jesus took and paid for our punishment.

Why is it amazing that Jesus died “while we were still sinners”?





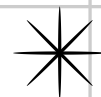
THE GOSPEL



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 for our sins.

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?

DOES IT COST ANYTHING TO YOU?

DO YOU HAVE TO DO ANYTHING FOR THIS GIFT?

All you have to do is receive or take it!

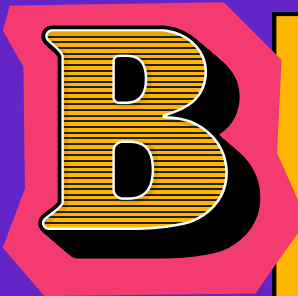
ABC's of the Gospel



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_____ that you are a sinner and turn to God.

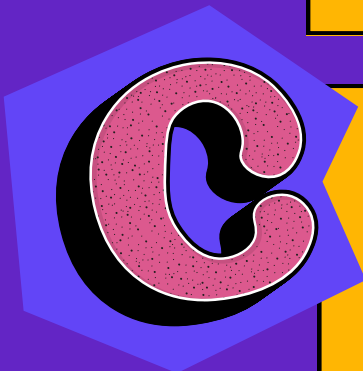
**"IF WE _____ OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO _____ US OUR SINS AND TO CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS."
(1 JOHN 1:9 CSB)**



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.

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

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



THE GOSPEL IN MY LIFE

WHAT DOES BAPTISM MEAN TO YOU?

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE BAPTIZED?

**WHAT DO YOU WANT YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO KNOW ABOUT
WHAT GOD HAS DONE IN YOUR HEART?**





MY SALVATION DECISION



IF YOU HAVE COME TO JESUS IN *REPENTANCE*
(TURNING AWAY FROM YOUR SIN), *BELIEVING* IN
FAITH, HE IS THE ONLY WAY FOR THE *FORGIVENESS*
OF SIN, AND YOU WANT TO FOLLOW JESUS BY
BEING HIS DISCIPLE AND OBEYING HIS COMMANDS,
YOU ARE READY FOR BAPTISM.

SIGN: _____

PARENT(S) SIGN: _____

DATE: _____



