

## The Power of God's Word

Lesson 3  
Power To Save Us

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## The Foolishness and Weakness of God

1. The foolishness and weakness of God
2. Why would God make the gospel conflict with the wisdom and strength of men?
3. Naaman was cured when he believed and obeyed God's powerful word
4. Jericho's walls fell when they believed and obeyed God's powerful word

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## The Foolishness and Weakness of God

5. The man born blind was healed when he believed and obeyed Jesus' powerful word
6. God forgives us by Jesus' blood when we believe and obey His powerful word
7. God forgives sinful Christians when we believe and obey His powerful word

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## Some Tragic Examples of Errors Taught About What We Must Do To Be Saved

1. Saved by infant baptism because all are born guilty of sin
2. Saved by the sinner's prayer (saved by faith only without further obedience)
3. Saved by a miraculous operation of the Holy Spirit overriding our free will
4. Saved unconditionally (all will be saved regardless of their beliefs and conduct)

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## Introduction

- Following any of these errors on salvation prevents us from receiving forgiveness of sins provided by the power of God's Word
- God who is gracious, loving, merciful, holy and just will forgive us of our sins if we obey his prescribed conditions of pardon that He has revealed in the gospel, His only power to save us

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## Introduction

- We will try to clearly teach what God has done to save us and what we must do to be saved
- We will also try to contrast the truth revealed in the gospel with some of these errors that if followed can never save any of us from our sins!

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## By Our Own Power We Have Become Dead In Our Sins

- Contrary to popular belief and teaching, no one is born guilty of sin
- Although after Adam's sin, physical death came to all, spiritual death comes to us in the same way as to Adam, when we choose to sin against God
- To be dead in our sins means that we are separated from God
- We become separated from God when we choose to sin against God, violate His law <sup>8</sup>

## No One Is Born Guilty of Sin

Deu 1:39 'Moreover, your little ones who you said would become a prey, and your sons, who this day have no knowledge of good or evil, shall enter there, and I will give it to them and they shall possess it.'

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## No One Is Born Guilty of Sin

Eze 18:18 "As for his father, because he practiced extortion, robbed his brother and did what was not good among his people, behold, he will die for his iniquity.

Eze 18:19 "Yet you say, 'Why should the son not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity?' When the son has practiced justice and righteousness and has observed all My statutes and done them, he shall surely live.

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## No One Is Born Guilty of Sin

Eze 18:20 "The person who sins will die. The son will not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity, nor will the father bear the punishment for the son's iniquity; the righteousness of the righteous will be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself.

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## No One Is Born Guilty of Sin

1Jn 3:4 Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

Jas 4:17 Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.

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## No One Is Born Guilty of Sin

Mat 18:2 And He called a child to Himself and set him before them,

Mat 18:3 and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 18:4 "Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

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## No One Is Born Guilty of Sin

Mat 18:5 "And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me;

Mat 18:6 but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

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## By Our Own Power We Have Become Dead In Our Sins

Eph 2:1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,

Eph 2:2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

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## By Our Own Power We Have Become Dead In Our Sins

Eph 2:3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

Jas 2:26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

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## By Our Own Power We Have Become Dead In Our Sins

Isa 59:1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not so short That it cannot save; Nor is His ear so dull That it cannot hear.

Isa 59:2 But 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.

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## By Our Own Power We Have Become Dead In Our Sins

Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

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

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## The Gospel Is God's Power To Save Us

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Rom 1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

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## The Gospel Is God's Power To Save Us

1Co 1:21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

1Co 1:22 For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom;

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## The Gospel Is God's Power To Save Us

1Co 1:23 but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness,

1Co 1:24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1Co 1:25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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## Even While Dead In Our Sins We Can Obey The Gospel To Be Saved

Luk 15:17 "But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger!

Luk 15:18 'I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight;

Luk 15:19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.'"

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## Even While Dead In Our Sins We Can Obey The Gospel To Be Saved

Luk 15:20 "So he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

Luk 15:21 "And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

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## Even While Dead In Our Sins We Can Obey The Gospel To Be Saved

Luk 15:22 "But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet;

Luk 15:23 and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and celebrate;

Luk 15:24 for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.' And they began to celebrate.

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## Even While Dead In Our Sins We Can Obey The Gospel To Be Saved

Heb 5:8 Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.

Heb 5:9 And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,

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## Even While Dead In Our Sins We Can Obey The Gospel To Be Saved

1Pe 4:17 For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

2Th 1:8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

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## Even While Dead In Our Sins We Can Obey The Gospel To Be Saved

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

Act 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

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## Even While Dead In Our Sins We Can Obey The Gospel To Be Saved

Act 2:38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

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## Power To Save Us

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## We Are Saved By Grace Through Faith

- Because of His perfect love for us, God, being rich in mercy (pity) for us, brought forth salvation in Christ by His grace and power
- This salvation is by grace, unmerited favor, because we have sinned against Him
- We can never earn salvation by perfect law-keeping

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## We Are Saved By Grace Through Faith

- This gracious salvation was brought about by Jesus' life, death (for the forgiveness of our sins), burial, resurrection, ascension to heaven, reign as King, high priest and head of His one church (saved body of people)
- But, in order to receive forgiveness of sins, we must respond to God's grace by faith in Jesus

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## We Are Saved By Grace Through Faith

Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Rom 3:24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

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## We Are Saved By Grace Through Faith

Rom 3:25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;  
Rom 3:26 for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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## We Are Saved By Grace Through Faith

Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Rom 5:2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

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## We Are Saved By Grace Through Faith

Rom 5:6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.  
Rom 5:7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.  
Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

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## We Are Saved By Grace Through Faith

Rom 5:9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

Rom 5:10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

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## We Are Saved By Grace Through Faith

Rom 5:11 And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

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## We Are Saved By Grace Through Faith

Eph 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

Eph 2:5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

Eph 2:6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

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## We Are Saved By Grace Through Faith

Eph 2:7 so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

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## We Are Saved By Grace Through Faith

Eph 2:9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

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## We Are Saved By Grace Through Faith

- Mixing up God's part in salvation with man's part leads to errors
- Although God's part in salvation is greater than man's by far, man's part is essential if we are going to be saved
- Although God requires us to do something to receive His gracious salvation, we completely depend on Him to reveal what we must do and to do what He has promised, forgive our sins by Jesus' blood <sup>41</sup>

## We Cannot Be Saved By Flawlessly Keeping God's Law

- If we could perfectly keep God's law without any sin, salvation would not be by grace, unmerited favor, but by a debt owed to us by God
- Therefore, trusting in our own perfect obedience to His law will prevent us from being saved
- To be saved, we must turn from our sins and put our faith in a gracious powerful God to forgive us of our sins

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## We Cannot Be Saved By Flawlessly Keeping God's Law

Luk 17:10 "So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy slaves; we have done only that which we ought to have done.'"

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## We Cannot Be Saved By Flawlessly Keeping God's Law

Rom 3:27 Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith.

Rom 3:28 For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

Rom 4:1 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found?

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## We Cannot Be Saved By Flawlessly Keeping God's Law

Rom 4:2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

Rom 4:3 For what does the Scripture say?  
"ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS."

Rom 4:4 Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due.

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## We Cannot Be Saved By Flawlessly Keeping God's Law

Rom 4:5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness,

Rom 4:6 just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:

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## We Cannot Be Saved By Flawlessly Keeping God's Law

Rom 4:7 "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN, AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED.

Rom 4:8 "BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT."

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## We Must Have A Trusting Working Obedient Faith In God To Be Saved

- The Scriptures clearly teach us that belief alone will not save us
- Neither will faith that denies and rejects works of faith God requires of all to be saved, forgiven of their sins
- We must have a saving faith that believes in God enough to trust and obey whatever he commands us to do to be saved
- We trust In Him alone to forgive us not in our own obedient faith

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We Must Have A Trusting Working Obedient  
Faith In God To Be Saved

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Heb 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

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Faith In God To Be Saved

Heb 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Heb 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. 50

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Heb 11:9 By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise;

Heb 11:10 for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

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Jas 2:18 But someone may well say, "You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works."

Jas 2:19 You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.

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Faith In God To Be Saved

Jas 2:20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?

Jas 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?

Jas 2:22 You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected;

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Jas 2:23 and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS," and he was called the friend of God.

Jas 2:24 You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.

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Jas 2:25 In the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?

Jas 2:26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

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Rom 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

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Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?

Rom 6:2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

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Faith In God To Be Saved

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Rom 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

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Rom 6:17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,

Rom 6:18 and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

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2. The gospel is God's power to save us
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4. We are saved by grace through faith
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6. We must have a trusting working obedient faith in God to be saved

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## Wrong Answers To What Must We Do To Be Saved?

1. Do nothing because God before creation chose who will be saved and lost
2. Do nothing because God will save all
3. Do nothing because the Holy Spirit will do everything for you to be saved
4. Live a good moral life
5. Believe in Jesus and accept Him as your Lord and Savior by praying the sinner's prayer

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## What Must We Do To Be Saved?

1. Hear the gospel (good news)
2. Believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God
3. Repent (change your mind) of your sins
4. Confess Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God before men
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the forgiveness of your sins

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## Hear The Gospel (Good News)

- Jesus proclaimed that His apostles preach the gospel (good news) to the world
- It is God's power to save us in a message that must be heard, understood and obeyed, trusting in God's power to save us through Jesus' shed blood
- We do not wait for the Holy Spirit to miraculously work from within us but we humbly and honestly hear the gospel revealed and confirmed by the Spirit

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## Hear The Gospel (Good News)

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Rom 1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

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## Hear The Gospel (Good News)

Mar 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

Joh 20:30 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

Joh 20:31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

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## Hear The Gospel (Good News)

Rom 10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him;

Rom 10:13 for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."

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## Hear The Gospel (Good News)

Rom 10:14 How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?

Rom 10:15 How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!"

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## Hear The Gospel (Good News)

Rom 10:16 However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?"

Rom 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

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## Hear The Gospel (Good News)

Act 1:8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Act 2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

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## Hear The Gospel (Good News)

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.

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## Hear The Gospel (Good News)

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

Act 2:5 Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven.

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## Hear The Gospel (Good News)

Act 2:6 And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language.

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## Hear The Gospel (Good News)

Act 2:14 But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words.

Act 2:15 "For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day;

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## Hear The Gospel (Good News)

Act 2:16 but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:

Act 2:17 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS;

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## Hear The Gospel (Good News)

Act 2:18 EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT And they shall prophesy.

Act 2:19 'AND I WILL GRANT WONDERS IN THE SKY ABOVE AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH BELOW, BLOOD, AND FIRE, AND VAPOR OF SMOKE.

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## Hear The Gospel (Good News)

Act 2:20 'THE SUN WILL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD SHALL COME.

Act 2:21 'AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.'

Act 2:22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words:...

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## Believe That Jesus Is The Christ, The Son Of God

- This belief in Jesus underlies all we do in His service, leading us to trust and obey
- Our faith is in Jesus not in ourselves
- This belief is based on the evidence given in the gospels and in Acts of who Jesus is, the Messiah, the Son of God

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## Believe That Jesus Is The Christ, The Son Of God

Mat 16:15 He \*said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Mat 16:16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Mat 16:17 And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

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## Believe That Jesus Is The Christ, The Son Of God

Mat 16:18 "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

Mat 16:19 "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."

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Mar 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

Mar 16:16 "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.

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## Evidence For Why We Should Believe Jesus Is The Christ, The Son of God

1. Jesus' claims about Himself and miracles
2. Jesus' sinless life
3. Jesus' death (for forgiveness of our sins), burial, resurrection, ascension into heaven and reign over heaven and earth
4. Fulfilled prophecies
5. Apostles' eyewitness accounts
6. Apostles' miraculously receiving, revealing and confirming the gospel

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Act 2:22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know--

Act 2:23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

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Act 2:24 "But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

Act 2:25 "For David says of Him, 'I SAW THE LORD ALWAYS IN MY PRESENCE; FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, SO THAT I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN.

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## Believe That Jesus Is The Christ, The Son Of God

Act 2:26 'THEREFORE MY HEART WAS GLAD AND MY TONGUE EXULTED; MOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL LIVE IN HOPE;

Act 2:27 BECAUSE YOU WILL NOT ABANDON MY SOUL TO HADES, NOR ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY.

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Act 2:28 'YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE; YOU WILL MAKE ME FULL OF GLADNESS WITH YOUR PRESENCE.'

Act 2:29 "Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

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Act 2:30 "And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE,

Act 2:31 he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY.

Act 2:32 "This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.

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## Believe That Jesus Is The Christ, The Son Of God

Act 2:33 "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

Act 2:34 "For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

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Act 2:35 UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET."

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

Act 16:31 They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

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6. We must have a trusting working obedient faith in God to be saved
7. What must we do to be saved?

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## What Must We Do To Be Saved?

1. Hear the gospel (good news)
2. Believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God

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## Repent (Change Your Mind) of Your Sins

- Belief alone will not save us
- Belief and the sinner's prayer will not save us because it is not a work of faith to become a Christian
- To be cleansed by the power of the blood of Jesus, we must believe in Jesus enough to repent of our sins
- Repentance means a change of mind leading us to turn from our sins to God

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## Repent (Change Your Mind) of Your Sins

Luk 24:46 and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day,  
Luk 24:47 and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

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Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

Act 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

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Act 2:38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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2Co 7:9 I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us.

2Co 7:10 For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death. 97

## Confess Jesus Is The Christ, The Son of God Before Men

- We must confess before men our belief that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God
- This must be done in order for us to be saved
- This is not the sinner's prayer but a confession of our faith in who Jesus is

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## Confess Jesus Is The Christ, The Son of God Before Men

Mat 10:32 "Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven.

Mat 10:33 "But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

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## Confess Jesus Is The Christ, The Son of God Before Men

Rom 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

Rom 10:10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

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Rom 10:13 for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."

Act 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him.

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Act 8:36 As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch \*said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?"

Act 8:37 [And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."]

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Act 8:38 And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him.

Act 22:16 'Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'

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## Be Baptized (Immersed In Water) For The Forgiveness of Your Sins

- Many malign, pervert and reject baptism
- The gospel teaches clearly those penitent believers who confess Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God must be baptized (immersed in water) for forgiveness of sins
- In baptism, God cleanses us by the power of the blood of Jesus, shed for the forgiveness of our sins
- Baptism is a work of faith that brings us into relationship with God through Christ <sup>104</sup>

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Mat 26:28 for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

Mat 26:32 "But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

Mar 16:16 "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.

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Act 2:39 "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."

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Act 2:40 And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!"

Act 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

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Act 16:31 They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Act 16:32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house.

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Act 16:33 And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his household.

Act 16:34 And he brought them into his house and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, having believed in God with his whole household.

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## Be Baptized (Immersed In Water) For The Forgiveness of Your Sins

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Rom 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

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Act 22:16 'Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'

Col 2:11 and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;

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Col 2:12 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Col 2:13 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

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Gal 3:26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Gal 3:27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

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1Co 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Col 1:18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

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1Pe 3:18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

1Pe 3:19 in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison,

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1Pe 3:20 who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water.

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1Pe 3:21 Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you--not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience--through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

1Pe 3:22 who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

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## Power To Save Us

1. By our own power we have become dead in our sins
2. The gospel is God's power to save us
3. Even while dead in our sins we can obey the gospel to be saved
4. We are saved by grace through faith
5. We cannot be saved by flawlessly keeping God's law

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## Power To Save Us

6. We must have a trusting working obedient faith in God to be saved
7. What must we do to be saved?

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## What Must We Do To Be Saved?

1. Hear the gospel (good news)
2. Believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God
3. Repent (change your mind) of your sins
4. Confess Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God before men
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the forgiveness of your sins