

## What Is the Good News?

The Good News is that Christ died on the cross to pay for the sins of the whole world, so that whoever is contrite and trusting in Christ alone for eternal life has been delivered from eternal death!

## Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Sin “Y”

1. In a right relationship with God.
2. Fall into sin.
3. Convicted by the Holy Spirit:
  - a. Quench the Spirit – *resulting in disunity and guilt.*
  - b. Confess the sin – *resulting in forgiveness and peace.*

## Know Their Definitions

Reprove – w/Word	Loathe
Rebuke – condemn w/Law	Prudent
Exhort – encourage w/Gospel	Exile
Christian	Lofty
Anti-Christ	Conviction
Ostracize	Wretched
Spurn	Contrite
Indignation	Penitent
Ill	Admonish
Revile	Heart
Dismayed	Forbearance
Apostasy	Precepts = rules of moral
Despise	conduct

## Recent Memory Verses

<sup>NAS</sup> **Romans 2:4** Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

<sup>NAS</sup> **2 Corinthians 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.”

<sup>ESV</sup> **Philippians 1:6** ...I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

<sup>NIV</sup> **Romans 6:4** We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead

through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

<sup>NAS</sup> **1 John 4:19** We love, because He first loved us.

<sup>NAS</sup> **Romans 5:12** Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned--

<sup>ESV</sup> **Hebrews 9:28** so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

<sup>ESV</sup> **Psalm 112:7** He [*the righteous one*] is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

*All of the memory verses written above are now included in one of the two Bible Topics brochures!*

<sup>NAU</sup> **Ecclesiastes 10:2** A wise man's heart directs him toward the right, but the foolish man's heart directs him toward the left.

<sup>NAU</sup> **Ecclesiastes 8:11** Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed quickly, therefore the hearts of the sons of men among them are given fully to do evil.

## You Are Invited to Attend and Benefit

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# Memory Review



## Dialogue Evangelism 2

### 1. Caring:

- A. Casual Conversation
- B. Their Church
- C. Our Church
- D. Testimony
- E. Dialogue Questions:
  1. Do you consider yourself to be a Christian?
  2. How does a person become a Christian?
- F. Bridge:
  1. A person becomes a Christian through God's free gift.
  2. Becoming a Christian is neither earned nor deserved.

### 2. Sharing:

- A. Every Person:
  1. Is a sinner.
  2. Is born spiritually dead.
  3. Is unable to save himself.
- B. God:
  1. Is just.
  2. Is merciful.
- C. Christ:
  1. Is both God and man.
  2. Is our only Savior now and forever.

- D. **Faith:**
1. *Is* trusting in Jesus Christ alone.
  2. *Is* created by the Spirit through the Word.

3. **Preparing:**

- A. Responses
- B. New Directions
- C. Follow Up

## Evangelism Explosion

**The Two Questions:**

1. If you died today, would God welcome you into heaven?
2. Why would God welcome you in?

**The Four Responses and How to Proceed:**

? 1	? 2	Evaluation	How to proceed
Y	G	Apparently Christian	Fellowship / Recruit / Practice
Y	W	Presumption	Pop Bubble; then Share Gospel
N	G	Lack of Assurance	Teach Assurance
N	W	Apparently Non-Christian	Share Gospel

**The Outline:**

1. **Introduction:**
  - a. Their Secular Life
  - b. Their Church Background
  - c. Our Church (their Impression)
  - d. Testimony:
    - i. Church or personal
    - ii. Do not give away the answer...

*Transition: May I ask you a question?*
- e. **Two Diagnostic Questions:**
  - i. Question 1
  - ii. [1 John 5:13](#)
  - iii. May I share with you...?
  - iv. Let me ask you a second...
  - v. Question 2
  - vi. Repeat and confirm answer.

*Transition: Good News*

2. **The Gospel:**
  - a. **Grace:**
    - i. **Heaven is a free gift (Rom. 6:23).**
    - ii. **It is not earned or deserved (Eph. 2:8-9).**  
Friends Gift Illustration...

*Transition: This can be seen more clearly when we understand what the Bible says about man.*

- b. **Man:**
  - i. **Is a sinner (Romans 3:23)**  
Sin Defined...  
Three Sins a Day Illustration...  
[Matthew 5:48](#)
  - ii. **Cannot save himself**  
Omelet with Bad Egg Illustration...  
[Proverbs 14:12](#)  
Do you see now why it is...?

*Transition: This comes into sharper focus when we look at what the Bible says about God.*

- c. **God:**
  - i. Is merciful, so He doesn't want to punish us.  
[1 John 4:8b](#)
  - ii. Is just, so He must punish sin.  
[Exodus 34:7b](#)  
Bank Robber Illustration...

*Transition: God solved this problem in the Person of Jesus Christ.*

- d. **Christ:**
  - i. **Who He is:** The infinite God-Man.  
[John 1:1, 14](#)  
[John 20:28](#)
  - ii. **What He did:** He came down from heaven, put on flesh, lived without sin, received our sins, received our punishment, and laid down His life.
    1. Record Book Illustration...
    2. Greek Word: Tetelestai
    3. G-R-A-C-E Acrostic

*Transition: The gift is received by faith.*

- e. **Faith:** Key to heaven
  - i. **What it is not:** Mere intellectual assent:
    1. The Devil
    2. [James 2:19](#)
    3. [Matthew 8:29](#)
  - ii. **What it is not:** Mere temporal faith.
  - iii. **What it is:** Trusting in Jesus Christ alone for eternal life:
    1. [Acts 16:31](#)
    2. The Chair
    - iv. Motive for Godly Living Ill...
    - v. Beggar's Hand Illustration...

3. **The Commitment:**
  - a. **Qualifying Question:** Does this make sense to you?
  - b. **Commitment Question:** Would you like to receive the gift of eternal life?
  - c. **Clarification of Commitment:**
    - i. Transfer trust
    - ii. Receive – the resurrected and living Christ
    - iii. Receive – Christ as Savior  
[Acts 26:17b-18 NIV](#)
    - iv. Receive – Christ as Lord
    - v. Repent – God's work of sorrow for sins and trust in Jesus for the forgiveness of sins
  - d. **Prayer of Commitment:**
    - i. Pray FOR him (to understand, repent, and believe).
    - ii. Pray WITH him (short phrases).
    - iii. Pray FOR him (for assurance).
  - e. **Assurance of Salvation:**
    - i. Read what the Holy Spirit has just worked in your life.
    - ii. [John 6:47](#)
    - iii. Ask question 1
    - iv. Ask question 2

4. **The Immediate Follow-up:**
  - a. **Welcome to the Family of God!**
  - b. **The Means of Growth:**
    - i. Bible (7-day call back appointment; Gospel of John, Chapter a Day)
    - ii. Prayer
    - iii. Worship
    - iv. Fellowship
    - v. Witnessing
  - c. **Appointment for Church**

## Books of the Bible

**OT – Messiah is coming to save us!**

**Historical Books:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings, 1&2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther

**Poetic Books:** Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon

**Prophetic Books:**  
**Major:** Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel  
**Minor:** Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

**NT – Christ is coming to take us home!**

**Gospels:** Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

**Historical Book:** Acts

**Epistles:** Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2 & 3 John, Jude

**Prophetic Book:** Revelation