

GOD'S SOLUTION OF SALVATION—THE GOSPEL

1. YOU ARE A SINNER

- Sin refers to any departure from God's perfect standard of goodness, including actions, words, and even thoughts (Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28, 48).
- So clearly, all of us have sinned (Romans 3:23).

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"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

2. THE PENALTY OF SIN IS DEATH

- God must judge sin (Hebrews 9:27).
- And God's judgment results in eternal separation from Him in a real place called hell (Romans 1:18; 2:5; 5:12; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10).
- And our best efforts can't fix this problem (Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:20; Titus 3:5)

Romans 6:23a

"For the wages of sin is death..."

3. CHRIST DIED FOR YOU

- God the Father loves sinners (Romans 5:8).
- So He sent His perfect Son, Jesus Christ... (John 3:16)
- ...who died as a sacrifice for our sins (2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18)...
- ...and rose from the dead conquering sin and death (John 11:25; 2 Timothy 1:10)...
- ...and is our only way to the Father (John 11:25; Acts 4:12).

Romans 5:8

*"But God demonstrates His own love toward us,
in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

4. YOU CAN BE SAVED THROUGH FAITH

...simply believe that Jesus, God's own Son, died for your sins and rose from the dead.

Ephesians 2:8-9

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves,
it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."*

John 1:12; 3:16

*"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who
believe in His name... For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."*