

**THE APEX**  
**The Basics – Part 5**

**ON TV:** Why can't the Christian God just **forgive** and **forget**?

**ON TV:** Christ **died for our sins** and was **buried**. He was **raised from the dead** the third day and was **seen**.

**ON TV:** What kind of **religion** would incorporate something like this into it?

**ON TV:** Why would God create a **standard so high** that none of us can meet, and then **hold us accountable** to it?

**ON TV:** What must a person **believe** in order to be a faithful follower of Jesus?

**ON TV:** When cultural and peripheral are considered basic and essential, **Christianity is no longer "good news of great joy"** for all people.

**ON TV:** Non-basics or non-essentials eventually become **obstacles** to someone's faith.

**ON TV: #1:** Jesus is **God's Son**, and **our King**.

**ON TV: #2:** Jesus came to **reveal** what God is like.

**ON TV:** When you hear the name **"God"** and then the name **"Jesus,"** do they **elicit two different emotions in you**?

**ON TV: #3:** Jesus defines **sin** as anything that **harms you or another person**.

**ON TV: #4:** Jesus promised **justice in the end** and invites us to **trust him in the meantime**.

**ON TV: #5:** Jesus **died** for your **sin** to **reconcile you to God**.

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** "1a Now, brothers, I want to **remind you of the gospel** I preached to you...2a By this gospel you are saved... 3a For what I received I passed on to you **as of first importance**..." 1 Corinthians 15:1a, 2a, 3a

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** "3 For what I passed on to you **as of first importance**; that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures, 4 that **he was buried**, that **he was raised** on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that **he appeared** to Peter, and then to the Twelve. 6 After that, **he appeared** to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then **he appeared** to James, then to all the apostles..." 1 Corinthians 15:3-7a

**ON TV:** Why did Jesus have to **die**?

**ON TV:** Why did Jesus have to **die for sin**?

**ON TV:** Something can be **true**, whether we **fully understand it or not**.

**ON TV:** Our **inability to grasp** God's righteousness causes us to **overestimate** our own righteousness.

**ON TV:** We never see our own self-righteousness in the **mirror**.

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** "20 Therefore **no one will be declared righteous** in God's sight by observing the law; rather, through the law **we become conscious of sin**. 22b ...There is no difference, 23 for **all** have sinned and fall short of the **glory** of God, 24 and are **justified freely** by his **grace** through the **redemption** that came by Christ Jesus. 25 God presented him as a **sacrifice of atonement**, through faith in the shedding of his blood. Romans 3:20, 22b-25a

**ON TV:** Are we going to **sit around and wait** until we understand it all?

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** “25b ...He did this to **demonstrate his justice**, because in his **forbearance** he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—26 he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be **just** and the one **who justifies** those who have **faith in Jesus**.” Romans 3:25b-26

**ON TV:** Because of **His justice**, He **demands payment**. Because of **His mercy**, He **delayed payment**. Because of **His grace**, He made the **payment Himself**.

**ON TV: #5** Jesus **died** for our **sin** to **reconcile** us to God.

**ON TV:** Heavenly Father, **I have sinned**. I’ve **fallen short** of your standard of right living. **My sin created a debt** I cannot repay. **I believe** Jesus’s death paid my sin debt. **I’m placing my trust** in him, as my **Savior**, my **Forgiver**, and my **King**. Amen