

**John 10:10 (NLT)** <sup>10</sup> The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. (NIV - I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.)

**Psalms 16:11 (NLT)** <sup>11</sup> You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.

### Three Important Indisputable Facts:

- I. Fact: Jesus of Nazareth Lived
- II. Fact: We die
- III. Fact: Jesus spoke as an authority about life in this life; and life in eternity

### Your Options On Jesus:

- A. Ignore Him (& Eternity)
- B. Act Like He's Your Lord
- C. Surrender To Him As Lord

**Romans 1:16–17 (NLT)** <sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. <sup>17</sup> This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.”

## Session # 3 The Good News For You & Yours

**Romans 5:8** But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

### Reconciliation To God

**2 Corinthians 5:18 (NLT)** <sup>18</sup> And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.

**Definition of Reconciliation** – (the restoration of friendly relations) - is the process of restoring a broken relationship, most fundamentally between God and humanity, through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

**2 Corinthians 5:19 (NLT)** <sup>19</sup> For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us [Christians] this wonderful message of reconciliation.

**Romans 5:10 (NLT)** <sup>10</sup> For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son.

### Have You Been Born Again?

**John 3:1–6** (NLT) There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. <sup>2</sup> After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. “Rabbi,” he said, “we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you.”

<sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”

<sup>4</sup> “What do you mean?” exclaimed Nicodemus. “How can an old man go back into his mother’s womb and be born again?”

<sup>5</sup> Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.

**John 3:15** (NLT) <sup>15</sup> so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.

**John 3:16–17** (NLT) <sup>16</sup> “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

## 1. Sin Separates Us From God!

**Romans 3:23** (NLT) <sup>23</sup> For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.

**Romans 6:23** (NLT) <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Isaiah 59:2** (NLT)

<sup>2</sup> It’s your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.

**Matthew 7:23** (NLT) <sup>23</sup> But I will reply, ‘I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God’s laws.’  
(practice lawlessness NASB, you evildoers NIV)

**Ephesians 5:25–27** (NLT) <sup>25</sup> For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God’s word. <sup>27</sup> He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.

⇒ If we come to Christ, we become the Church. Because of His sacrifice we (the Church) are made perfect, and without fault.

## 2. People Can’t Earn Eternal Life

**Ephesians 2:8–9** (NLT) <sup>8</sup> God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

- ⇒ Doing more good than bad, does not get people into heaven.
- ⇒ Being cleansed of sin and being born-again gets us into heaven. Only Jesus can pay for your sins and make us righteous. Only through Jesus do we have the second birth, the spiritual birth.

**Proverbs 14:12 (NLT)** <sup>12</sup> There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.

### 3. Jesus Died To Pay For Your Sins

**Isaiah 53:5 (NLT)** <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our rebellion, **crushed for our sins**. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.

**Colossians 1:19–22 (NLT)** <sup>19</sup> For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, <sup>20</sup> and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross. <sup>21</sup> This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. <sup>22</sup> Yet now he has **reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body**. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and **you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault**.

**2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)** <sup>21</sup> For God made Christ, who never sinned, **to be the offering for our sin**, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

**1 Peter 2:24a (NLT)** <sup>24</sup> **He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross**

**1 John 2:2 (NLT)** <sup>2</sup> **He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.**

**John 1:10–13 (NLT)** <sup>10</sup> He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who **believed him** and **accepted him**, he gave the right to become children of God. <sup>13</sup> They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

**Romans 10:9–10 (NLT)** <sup>9</sup> If you **openly declare** that Jesus is Lord and **believe in your heart** that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by **openly declaring** your faith that you are saved.

**2 Peter 3:9 (NLT)** <sup>9</sup> The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to **repent**.

**Action: Make Jesus Lord of Your Life. Turn from sin, give yourself to Him by faith, believe in Him, and follow Him from this day forward!**

"Dear God,

I know I'm a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is Your Son.

I believe that He died for my sin and that you raised Him to life. I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as Lord, from this day forward. Guide my life and help me to do your will. I pray this in the name of Jesus.  
Amen."

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