

Conversion & Evangelism

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Acts 2:42-47 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. **43** And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. **44** And all who believed were together and had all things in common. **45** And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. **46** And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, **47** praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

The Gospel in Four Questions

Question 1—Who God Is?

Probe: What do you believe about God?

Answer: God is the creator and judge to whom we are accountable.

Exodus 34:6-7 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, **7** keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

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Question 2—Who We Are?

Probe: What do you think God will do when we stand before him on judgement day?

Answer: We are sinners who have rebelled against God and so fall under his wrath.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Question 3—What Has God Done?

Probe: Who do you believe Jesus is?

Answer: Jesus Christ died on our behalf in order to satisfy God's wrath direct at us.

Isaiah 53:4-5 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. **5** But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace and with his wounds we are healed.

Question 4—What We Must Do?

Probe: How do you believe someone is saved?

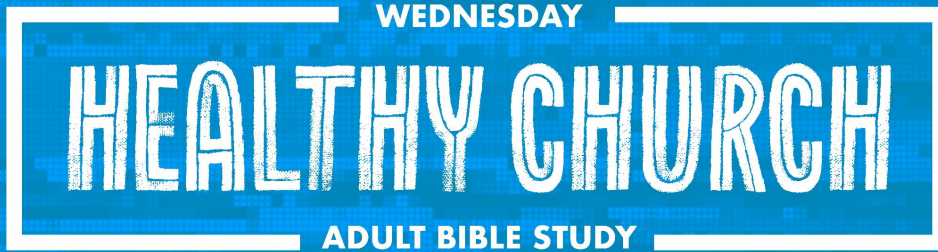
Answer: We must repent of our sins, trust in Jesus, and submit to him as Lord to save us.

Mark 1:14-15 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, **15** and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

2 Corinthians 7:10 For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes [*trusts*] in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 10:9 Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.



A Simple Script

We can think of the gospel as the answer to four questions: (1) Who is God? (2) Who are we? (3) What has God done for us? (4) what can we do in response?

So first, who is God? The Bible teaches us that God is our creator and king. The Bible also teaches us that our creator and king is just and loving. Furthermore, part of God's role as our king involves giving us a law, a standard of right and wrong, that we must obey.

Exodus 34:6-7

But then who are we? The Bible tells us that we are sinners, which means we break God's law. As a result, in the eyes of God, we are criminals. Moreover, because God is just, he cannot allow us to escape the punishment we deserve for our crimes.

Romans 3:23

Thankfully that's not the end because God has done something for us. God is not only just he is also loving. God does not desire to punish us but to have a relationship with us. So God came in the form of a man named Jesus, who lived a perfect life, died on a cross, and there took all of the punishment we deserved. Three days later, he rose again from the dead. Jesus was an innocent man who took the punishment due to us criminals.

Isaiah 53:4-5

Finally, what can we do in response to have this salvation Jesus purchased? Jesus requires only three things from us: (i) that we repent of our sins, we confess honestly and sincerely that we have done wrong; (ii) that we trust in him to save us; (iii) that we submit to him as our king.

Mark 1:14-15; Romans 10:9; John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 7:10