

# **The Gospel is Good News That Brings Great Joy!**

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- A. Our Desperate Situation without Christ
  
- B. God's Rescue
  
- C. Our Response – Faith in Christ's Finished Work
  - 1. Respond in faith
  - 2. Rejoice
  - 3. Remember
  - 4. Reach out to others

## **What is sin?**

It is the glory of God not honored.  
The holiness of God not revered.  
The greatness of God not admired.  
The power of God not praised.  
The wisdom of God not esteemed.  
The beauty of God not treasured.  
The goodness of God not savored.  
The faithfulness of God not trusted.  
The commandments of God not obeyed.  
The justice of God not respected.  
The wrath of God not feared.  
The grace of God not cherished.  
The presence of God not prized.  
The person of God not loved.  
That is sin. (*John Piper*)

## Our Spiritual Condition without Christ

## BUT GOD

## What God Has Done for us in Christ

1. Dead

(Ps 14:1-3, Rom 3:23, Is 53:6)

1. Made us alive in Christ

(Eph 2:5, John 14:6)

2. Enslaved – affects how we walk

a. to the world (Rom 12:2)

to Satan (I Pet 5:8, Jn 8:44, Rev 12:9)

to our flesh (Titus 3:3)

b. disobedient, dishonoring to Christ, powerless to change

2. Set free, empowered to love and obey God

(II Cor 5:17, Rom 6:6)

3. Helpless and hopeless

(Eph 2:12, Rom 5:6)

3. Made a way when there was no way

(Titus 3:4-7, Jn 14:6, Jn 3:16)

4. Deserving God's wrath

(Rom 6:23, Rom 1:18, Jn 3:36)

4. Recipients of God's love, mercy, and grace

(Eph 2:4, Rom 5:8; 6:23; 8:1,

II Cor 5:21,22, I Pet 3:18)

5. Separated from Christ / enemies

(Rom 5:10)

5. Seated with Christ / reconciled

(Eph 2:6; 1:20, Rom 5:1,10)