

# SHARING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS

[-----HEAR-----] [-----RESPOND-----] [-----FOLLOW-----] [-----MAKE DISCIPLES-----]

Hear and understand the Gospel	Believe the Gospel	Repent and Place Your Faith in Jesus	Take up your cross and follow Jesus	Share the gospel and teach others how to follow Jesus
<p><b>1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4</b></p> <p><sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.</p>	<p><b>ROMANS 1:16</b></p> <p><i>For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.</i></p>	<p><b>ACTS 20:21</b></p> <p><i>Testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.</i></p>	<p><b>MATTHEW 16:24</b></p> <p><i>Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me."</i></p>	<p><b>MATTHEW 28:18-20</b></p> <p><sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."</p>
<p>In one sentence, the Apostle Paul wrote three essential truths of the gospel. We have all sinned against God. Jesus died in our place to pay for those sins, and His resurrection proves the power of the gospel to raise us from the dead and give us new life in Christ.</p>	<p>Acting on what someone claims is "truthful" requires absolute trust in the authority of the one who claims it. To <i>believe</i> the gospel means we have come to a place of such absolute faith and confidence in what God says that we are compelled to transfer all of our faith and trust for salvation to Jesus Christ.</p>	<p><b>Repentance</b> is a 180° turn, a complete change of heart, mind, and direction. We cannot hold on to our sin with one hand and to Jesus, as Savior, with the other.</p> <p><b>Faith</b> is the means by which we come into a saving relationship with God, but it is not <i>our</i> faith that saves us. It is the faith <i>God</i> gives to us as a free gift.</p> <p>"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."</p> <p>Ephesians 2:8</p>	<p>In Romans 12:1-3 the Apostle Paul described Christians as ones who, because they have received God's grace and mercy, follow Jesus by denying (sacrificing) their old sin desires, habits, and priorities.</p> <p>Christians trust in the truth of God's Word to renew their minds and transform them into a "new creation in Christ."</p> <p>(2 Corinthians 5:17)</p>	<p><b>WHY MAKE DISCIPLES?</b></p> <p>Jesus' ministry didn't start by building big churches or leading a religious revolution. Instead, He chose twelve men to follow Him, learn from Him, and imitate Him in everything that He did. His final command to them was to "go and make disciples." The gospel of Jesus Christ requires our obedience to this command and our complete faith and trust in Him to be with us always.</p>