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The proper response to the Gospel

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This is the first step of faith is to acknowledge that we fall short of the Glory of God.

Baptisms are a celebration of new life, a celebration of the finished work of Jesus Christ, and a public declaration of the work of the Spirit in our lives.

The immediate impact of that response

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The theological power of this is that Jesus' work is so complete that our bodies become a residing place for the presence of God.

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Revelation 21:3

The message for everyone

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For you

For your children

For all who are far off

[17] And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. [18] For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. [19] So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God

Ephesians 2:17–19

[13] For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” [14] How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? [15] And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

Romans 10:13–15

What if I get rejected?

How much do you have to hate somebody to not proselytize? How much do you have to hate someone to believe everlasting life is possible and not tell them that?

– Penn Jillette

A no thanks won't negatively impact your life, but a *yes* could change someone's life forever.

Without God I can't, but without me God won't.

– Augustine

[5] What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. [6] I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

1 Corinthians 3:5–6

Expect great things from God then attempt great things
for God.

– William Carey

[29] And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, [30] while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.

Acts 4:29–30