

**Discovery Class: Salvation and Church Membership**  
**First Baptist Church Ruidoso**

What is the Gospel? the "good news" of Jesus Christ

1 Corinthians 15:3-4: *For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.*

3 Key Elements to the Gospel

I. An Explanation of the facts of salvation

A. All People have sinned (Romans 3:23)

B. The Penalty / Payment for our sins is death (Romans 6:23)

C. Jesus Christ died to pay the penalty for our sins (Romans 5:8)

II. An Invitation to respond to Christ personally in repentance and faith (Romans 10:9-10; Romans 10:13)

III. A Promise of Forgiveness and Eternal Life (Ephesians 1:7-8; John 3:16)

What is Salvation? The Process of God saving us from sin

I. Justification (declared right before God)—God saving us from the Penalty of Sin

II. Sanctification (being set apart for God)—God saving us from the Power of Sin

III. Glorification (when we enter heaven)—God saving us from the Presence of Sin

2 Corinthians 5:17: *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*

What is your salvation based on:

- A. The Word of God—John 3:16; 1 John 5:11-13—God wants you to know that you have eternal life.
- B. The Promises of God—Romans 10:9; John 5:24
- C. The Character of God—1 Corinthians 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:24; Hebrews 10:23
- D. The Spirit of God—Ephesians 1:13-14—The HS at work in you is indisputable proof of your salvation. The HS work in your life will bring you changes. Some changes will be gradual; some will be instant. The inward and outward changes that result are the final proof of your salvation.