

# Simplifying the Good News



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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

*16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes*

—Romans 1:16 (ESV)

*“The gospel is so simple a child can understand it and it is so profound that studies by the wisest theologian will never exhaust its riches.”*

— Charles Hodge, 19th century theologian

## 1. GOD = Creator

*20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.*

—Romans 1:20 (ESV)

*12 So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.*

—Romans 14:12 (ESV)

## 2. US = Sinner

*18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.*

—Romans 1:18 (ESV)

*6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way*

—Isaiah 53:6 (ESV)

*10 as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one;  
—Romans 3:10 (ESV)*

*23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,  
—Romans 3:23 (ESV)*

### **3. JESUS = Savior**

*1 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you... For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,  
—1 Corinthians 15:1,3-4 (ESV)*

*18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,  
—1 Peter 3:18 (ESV)*

### **4. RESPONSE = Faith**

*15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."  
—Mark 1:15 (ESV)*

*1 Therefore, since we have been justified [been made right] by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.  
—Romans 5:1-2 (ESV)*

*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. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.  
—Romans 10:9-10 (ESV)*