



**Understanding Grace Through the Reign of Death
Your Choice: Accepting Death, Fearing Death Or Defying Death
Romans 5:14**

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At the end of the sixth day of creation, God, just like any of us would do, took a step back to look at what He had created and assess it. His view was all inclusive to include the entirety of the universe as well as all He made here on Earth.



Genesis 1:31

“And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.” (NASB 2020)

Everything was good. Throw out the pre-Adamic races and the Gap Theory, everything He had made was very good.

The rabbis declared that the adverb very is added to denote that the perfection of the total creation exceeds that of its separate parts. This phrase also looks over the work of all six days. When it states: It was very good, it is not only for the sixth day, but also for all six days. However, the phrase is limited by its context to what was created during these six days. It does not include the angels since this chapter does not mention the creation of the angelic host. (Fruchtenbaum 2008, 61)

Genesis 2:1–3

“And so the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their heavenly lights. By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because on it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.” (NASB 2020)

The statement that the heavens and the earth were completed also includes all of the heavenly host as well as all creatures here on earth. The creation is completed. God has finished His creative work.

But what happened? Adam and Eve disobeyed God.

Genesis 3:17–19

“Then to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’; Cursed is the ground because of you; With hard labor you shall eat from it All the days of your life. “Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; Yet you shall eat the plants of the field; **By the sweat of your face You shall eat bread, Until you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return.**”” (NASB 2020)

There is a lot going on here beyond everything that had been under man’s authority now being cursed. I want to focus on what Paul covers here in Romans 5, death.

What we are seeing here in Genesis “is the origin of the Second Law of Thermodynamics, the law of disorder, the law of death, the law that is reflected in Hebrews 1:10–12 and I Peter 1:21.” (Fruchtenbaum 2008, 108)

God makes four provisions here; the earth is cursed and now groans awaiting redemption (Romans 8:20-23), a vegan diet for now is reconfirmed, hard labor will be the rule of the day, and physical death is now a reality.

As we examined last time:

Romans 5:12

“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all mankind, because all sinned—” (NASB 2020)

And to make sure that Adam and Eve would understand what physical death is, God makes garments of skin for them. To do that, animals had to die and their blood was shed. Dr. Fruchtenbaum discusses this.



“This would have been the first observation by Adam and Eve as to what physical death means. As they saw the animals being put to death, they realized that it would someday happen to them. This is also the first blood-sacrifice, an example of grace in the context of judgment. The covering of animal skins, which required the shedding of blood to give them the atonement, replaced the covering of fig leaves. Then the verse states: and clothed them. Physically, He clothed their nakedness, but spiritually, He also covered their sin by making for them their atonement. **The lessons to be drawn from this verse are as follows. First, to approach God, one must have a proper covering. Second, the man-made covering was not acceptable. Third, God Himself must provide the covering. Fourth, the proper covering required the shedding of blood. Fifth, God’s grace provided for them, for the covering was given before the actual expulsion from the Garden.**” (Fruchtenbaum 2008, 110)

God shows His grace, but judgment takes place and death began to reign and Paul talks about it.

Romans 5:14

“**Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses**, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the violation committed by Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.” (NASB 2020)

When we read through the book of Genesis we come to the genealogy of those who are believers in the lineage of Adam. Not all descendants of Adam and Eve were believers, but the list in Genesis 5 has those who we will be privileged to meet and question at some point in the Kingdom.

As I read this, note the phrase which will repeat more than we wish it would.

Genesis 5:3–31

“When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other sons and daughters. **Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died.** When Seth had lived 105 years, he fathered Enosh. Seth lived after he fathered Enosh 807 years and had other sons and daughters. **Thus all the days of Seth were 912 years, and he died.** When Enosh had lived 90 years, he fathered Kenan. Enosh lived after he fathered Kenan 815 years and had other sons and daughters. **Thus all the days of Enosh were 905 years, and he died.** When Kenan had lived 70 years, he fathered Mahalalel. Kenan lived after he fathered Mahalalel 840 years and had other sons and daughters. **Thus all the days of Kenan were 910 years, and he died.** When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he fathered Jared. Mahalalel lived after he fathered Jared 830 years and had other sons and daughters. **Thus all the days of Mahalalel were 895 years, and he died.** When Jared had lived 162 years, he fathered Enoch. Jared lived after he fathered Enoch 800 years and had other sons and daughters. **Thus all the days of Jared were 962 years, and he died.** When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah. Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. **Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.** When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he fathered Lamech. Methuselah lived after he fathered Lamech 782 years and had other sons and daughters. **Thus all the days of Methuselah were 969 years, and he died.** When Lamech had lived 182 years, he fathered a son and called his name Noah, saying, “Out of the ground that the LORD has cursed, this one shall bring us relief from our work and from the painful toil of our hands.” Lamech lived after he fathered Noah 595 years and had other sons and daughters. **Thus all the days of Lamech were 777 years, and he died.**” (ESV)

What we clearly see is that, beginning with Adam, and continuing on to Moses, death reigned. Ambrosiaster, writing in the 4th century, made an observation, about what we see in here in Romans 5:14.

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Paul says that death reigned, not that it is now reigning. Those who understand the limits of the law—what the future judgment of God will be—have been delivered from its control. Death reigned, because without the revelation of the law there was no fear of God on earth. But the higher meaning is that, since death reigned from Adam to Moses over those who sinned according to the transgression of Adam, how much more will grace reign by the abundance of God's gift of life through the one Jesus Christ. For if death reigned, why should grace not reign even more, since it has justified far more people than the number over whom death reigned? (Ambrosiaster 1998, 141)

There are three ways to look at death; acceptance, denial or defy.

Looking at our culture today, we are nowhere near where the ancient Greeks were, they were accepting of death. At the time of Job, it was also accepted as a reality of life.

Job 1:20–21

"Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."" (ESV)

Most of the world today and our culture for sure, are more into denying the existence of death. No one wants to talk about it and instead act as if it does not exist. Gayle Erwin found a way to force the issue.

This is a cowboy poem he would tell; the name of the poem is not something we believe at all, but as I read the poem, you will get the point. It is to consider eternity which is why he told it. The poem is entitled, Reincarnation.

"What is reincarnation?" A cowboy asked his friend. "It starts," his old pal told him, "when your life comes to and end. They comb your hair and wash your neck and clean your finger nails, and put you in a padded box away from life's travails.

Now the box and you goes into the hole that's been dug into the ground. Reincarnation starts in when your planted 'neath that mound.

Them clods melt down just like the box and you who is inside, and that's when you begin, your transformation ride. And in a while the grass will grow upon your rendered mound, till someday upon that spot a lonely flower's found.

And then a horse may wander by and graze upon that flower, that once was you and has now become your vegetated bower. Now the flower, the horse done eat, along with his other feed, makes bone and fat and muscle sinew, full essential to the steed.

But there's a part that he can't use, so it just passes through. And there it lies upon the ground, this thing that once was you. And if per chance I should pass by and see this on the ground, I'll stop a while and ponder this object that I've found. I'll think about reincarnation and life and death and such, and I'll come away concluding.... "Why....you ain't changed that much". Author unknown.

In our western culture, we deny death to the degree that way too many, even in the church are now embracing false teaching surrounding it even to the degree that the existence of hell is denied. Life though is simple, we only get one shot at it, then eternity. And how we do eternity is our decision.

It is this denial of death that has led many to seek alternatives to it, and of course, those alternatives must be on their terms rather than God's terms. Welcome to religion.



Let me remind you again of my working definition of religion, it is man seeking god on man's terms rather than on those terms which God has already laid out.

And we are going to discover that the issue of death has led way too many to a different Jesus, one who is culturally friendly. The Jesus of the manger, not the Jesus of the cross and definitely not the Jesus of the Second Coming. Judgment is indeed coming.

Hebrews 9:26–28

“for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.” (ESV)

And even so come quickly Lord Jesus.

But why the denial or watering down of reality? This topic of what happens after death is one recently surveyed by Dr. George Barna at the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University.

While the survey found that 84% of adults—including 95% of self-professed Christians—believe that there is such a thing as sin, millions of American adults do not believe their sinfulness will resign them to a future of fire and brimstone. Overall, a mere 3% of adults believe their soul, spirit, or essence will experience unending torment and punishment. All told, more than three out of five people (63%) expect an eternity filled with peace and rest. One out of five (19%) anticipate some form of reincarnation—either joining with the universe or returning to earth as another life form. About one out of every eight adults (13%) contends they will simply cease to exist.

Among those who expect a future of peace and serenity, one-fifth (13% of all adults) foresee a period of purification for their soul before spending the rest of time in that state of bliss. Spiritual optimism is widespread. Among those who say they are Christian, three out of four (77%) said they will enjoy eternal comfort and peace. That eternal reward, however, was described in three different ways. Half of the self-identified Christians (52%) say after they die, their soul, spirit, or essence will reside in the presence of God—a condition widely described as “Heaven.” But about one out of every eight (13%) said it will be a two-step process for them, in which their soul will first go through a period of purification before experiencing peace and rest for the duration of eternity. That expectation was more than twice as common among Catholics as Protestants. The third expected outcome, anticipated by 12%, is experiencing eternal peace, serenity and joy without any divine being present. Surprisingly, Protestants, Catholics, and people of non Christian faiths were equally likely to predict this future for themselves. (Barna 2025)

Trying to deal with death, what we see is many first, want to remove the negative aspects of death since they want to approach God their way. So, hell, eternal punishment away from the presence of God, is the first casualty.

The true truth is that Jesus Christ will personally judge every person who dies without Christ, individually.

Jesus Christ will also have a one-on-one meeting with each believer as well, that is the Bema Seat. My point, we are all personally accountable to our creator, all of us. Those who trust in Christ have a future with Him, those who do not, eternal punishment away from Him.



I have had folks ask me more than once how anyone could believe what the culture pushes, but the data here is rather sad to contemplate. Jesus prophesied how many, will respond at the Great White Throne as He personally judges each and every person who died in their sin.

Matthew 7:21–23

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. **On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’**” (ESV)

What day? Judgment day, the Great White Throne. Once again, the data from the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University reminds me of what Paul told the church in Corinth, make sure.

2 Corinthians 13:5

“Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?” (NASB 2020)

When you and I come to Christ exercising faith in Him to be our Lord and Savior, asking Him to forgive our sin and believing that He died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins, paying for them in our place, and that He then rose from the dead, relinquishing control of your life to Him. You are saved. It does not matter what you feel, it is now a fact.

Our eternal destination depends on Jesus Christ and the blood He shed for us on the cross. His blood, which we are now relying on, is our ticket to heaven for eternity.

As we test ourselves, are we relying on Christ or on our own personal effort and works. That would be a fail.

Are we relying on Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit to change us to be more like Him and achieve victory over a sinful pattern, or do we lack even the willingness to change the behavior. Instead saying I have my fire insurance and then living as we want. That would be a fail as well.

If you gave your life to the Lord and lived for Him in the past, and then because of sin walked away for a period of time but life isn't good and you want to return to Him. Did I stop being saved when I walked away. Not if you are truly born again. Everyone doubts, at times. Make sure your armor is on.

1 Peter 1:3–5

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to **His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**” (NASB 2020)

Doubt is not the opposite of faith; it is the flip side of the same coin. Sincere doubt signifies a search—a search that God honors. (Hope for the Heart 2024, 7)

Is there a problem today with those who, through their fear of death, create a false assurance of their own salvation and seek confirmation of that false assurance through a Laodicean church? Remember, our culture fears death. Absolutely. They will claim they are born again, but as you talk to them, you begin to discover some of the same things that were revealed in the same survey we have been talking about.



*“People who call themselves **“born-again,”** represents one third of the public (33%). More than four out of five of them (82%) believe they will experience eternal life in peace and serenity, including six out of 10 (62%) who say that will include the presence of God.*

***Overall, this group was perhaps the most biblically confused of the three born-again segments examined. Just 58% of them believe every person will be personally judged by God. More than four out of 10 say good people can earn their salvation (41%), one-third believe in reincarnation (35%), one-third say there are many viable paths to salvation (35%).** Further, a large minority says a simple admission of sinning constitutes repentance (40%), and one-quarter of the group does not believe that confessing their sins is very important in their salvation process. **One out of every three does not consider themselves to be a sinner.** Ultimately, just six out of 10 of the self-described born-again segment believes they will live eternally in the presence of God.”* (Barna 2025)

Dr. Barna made a passing reference to two other groups. There is the cultural Christian category which 43% of the nation falls into. They are confused about what a Biblical worldview actually is. *“While nine out of 10 believed that everyone will be personally judged by God, a majority also believed that “a person who is generally good, or does enough good things for other people, will earn a place in Heaven.”*

There is a widespread misunderstanding among these people about the biblical notion of repentance. Nearly half of this group believes repentance is simply admitting to sinfulness, regardless of future behavior. Half of the segment also said there are many viable paths to eternal salvation.” (Barna 2025)
No there isn't.

John 14:6

“Jesus said to him, **“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.”** (NASB 2020)

What we see though with the first two groups, and by the way they allege to be born again, is the damage that is being done by those who do not teach the truth of God's word. Over 76% of those who claim to be born again, are terribly confused and many of them are placing trust in their eternity on things that have nothing to do with reality we see in the Bible. Bad teaching or false teaching, especially teaching a quid pro quo Jesus, a progressive Jesus, or a cultural Jesus does not help anyone to understand that we are all sinners in need of a Savior and Jesus Christ has already paid the price for us on the cross.

They have listened to purveyors of cheap grace and are leaning into that. Dietrich Bonhoeffer adds a definition for us that I believe fits.

Cheap grace means grace as doctrine, as principle, as system. It means forgiveness of sins as a general truth; it means God's love as merely a Christian idea of God. Those who affirm it have already had their sins forgiven. The church that teaches this doctrine of grace thereby confers such grace upon itself. The world finds in this church a cheap cover-up for its sins, for which it shows no remorse and from which it has even less desire to be set free. Cheap grace is, thus, denial of God's living word, denial of the incarnation of the word of God. Cheap grace means justification of sin but not of the sinner. Because grace alone does everything, everything can stay in its old ways... Cheap grace is that grace which we bestow on ourselves. Cheap grace is preaching forgiveness without repentance; it is baptism without the discipline of community; it is the Lord's Supper without confession of sin; it is absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without the living, incarnate Jesus Christ. (Bonhoeffer 2001, 43-44)

This is not the grace of God that Paul is talking about here. The grace of God is costly; His Son died on the cross for it. Let me put it this way, GRACE = God's riches at Christ's expense. It is not fire insurance to continue to live the way you want. It is not a cover to affirm sinful abominable lifestyles as some



churches now do. It is not a cover to fleece the flock as many do and it is not a cover for false teachers to create their own theology to simply enhance or add to their own personal empire at the cost of what it is they are glossing over. It is god's grace as presented in the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ.

That is what we see in the data.

Chuck Smith clears this up for us. "We seem to have great difficulty accepting the grace of God. We're always trying to give God a reason to love us, accept us, or forgive us. But God loves, accepts, and forgives those who are miserable, rotten, and without merit. All we must do is cast ourselves upon Him and cry, "God, be merciful to me a sinner." To him who simply believes, God imputes his faith for righteousness (Romans 4:5). God accounts me just as righteous as His own dear Son." And that grace, changes everything. (Smith 1981, 39)

Yes, there is a third group of those who attest to being born again, it is this group "*who claimed they have confessed all of their sins to Jesus; prayed to Christ to forgive them for those sins; changed their thinking and behavior related to such sins; specifically asked Jesus to save them from the consequences of their sins; and believed that after they die their soul, spirit, or essence will live in the presence of God. Defined in this manner, one out of four adults fit the characterization (27%).*" (Barna 2025)

But even this group reflected some confusion even though they appear to be ones who are solid in their salvation and understandings of it. There is still this persistent belief that good people can still earn their way to heaven. Paul has made that crystal clear here in Romans, but this is not a popular book that many teach from anymore since it does destroy the myths of the culture at the very outset of the book.

There still is also a nagging problem with cheap grace even impacting around a third of this group who do not believe sanctification requires us to become more like Jesus. Again, the idea of fire insurance with no change attached. And 27% still say there is more than one way to God.

As believers in Christ, we should fall into the third category of being defiers of death due to our faith in Jesus Christ. The moment we come to Christ, our eternal destination changes and eternal life is now a personal possession.

As we grow in Christ, we begin to understand that we are not denying the existence of death or trying to cover it up with religion, we have found the truth in Christ. And attached to this truth is a promise.

1 John 2:25

"This is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life." (NASB 2020)

What we learn is that our culture of death deniers are actively looking for alternatives to extend life and do so their way. Again, religion but it is this denial that has also produced the growing technologies associated with transhumanism. People want to live forever, their way. Ray Kurzweil provides his vision of this so-called desired future. "It is already starting to have a clinical impact but we are still in the early part of this particular exponential curve. The current trickle of applications will become a flood by the end of the 2020s. We will then be able to start directly addressing the biological factors that now limit maximum life span to about 120 years, including mitochondrial genetic mutations, reduced telomere length, and the uncontrolled cell division that causes cancer. (Kurzweil 2024, 135)

That doesn't sound too bad. But he also states the following as well.

"Biological life is suboptimal because evolution is a collection of random processes optimized by natural selection. Thus, as evolution has "explored" the range of possible genetic traits, it has depended heavily on chance and the influence of particular environmental factors. Also, the fact that this process is



gradual means that evolution can achieve a design only if all the intermediate steps toward a given feature also lead creatures to be successful in their environments. So there are surely some potential traits that would be very useful but that are inaccessible because the incremental steps needed to build them would be evolutionarily unfit. By contrast, applying intelligence (human or artificial) to biology will allow us to systematically explore the full range of genetic possibilities in search of those traits that are optimal—that is, most beneficial. This includes those inaccessible to normal evolution.” (Kurzweil 2024, 189)

But we do see that during the Tribulation, when Transhumanism finally is having its ultimate expression and application under the reign of the Beast. We read this, there is a problem in paradise. There will be millions who will take the mark of the Beast, and there is serious discussion if that is a genetic change in the DNA of those who take the mark that makes them and “it” along with the beast. All who take it have a problem.

Revelation 16:2

“So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth; and a harmful and painful sore afflicted the people who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.” (NASB 2020)

As followers of Jesus, we live very differently than the culture and are no longer in denial of death. Many of us are looking forward to it like Paul did.

2 Corinthians 5:6–10

“Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight—but **we are of good courage and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord. Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive compensation for his deeds done through the body, in accordance with what he has done, whether good or bad.” (NASB 2020)

Job 19:25–27

“Yet as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, And at the last, He will take His stand on the earth. “Even after my skin is destroyed, Yet from my flesh I will see God, Whom I, on my part, shall behold for myself, And whom my eyes will see, and not another. My heart faints within me!” (NASB 2020)

How is that Paul and Job arrived at this point and have this defiance of death?

The solution is right here in Romans, and we have been studying it.

The Bible explains to us from Genesis to Revelation, why there is this universal reign of death. Why all creation is groaning even now as we suffer universally from the Second Law of Thermodynamics as well as the reign of death.

We have covered it today.

Romans 5:14

“Nevertheless **death reigned from Adam until Moses**, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the violation committed by Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.” (NASB 2020)

Four facts about sin: First, sin entered the world through one man. Second, death came because of sin. Third, death spread to all humanity. Fourth, because all humanity has sinned in Adam, Adam’s sin was imputed to his posterity. Adam’s sin was a violation of a specific, divine command. (Fruchtenbaum 2008, 112)



We also see here in this verse, that Adam is a type of the one who is to come, that is Jesus Christ. Paul also discussed this with the church in Corinth showing how Adam was a pattern of Jesus.

“Type” is a technical Jewish term referring to a figure or event of the past that provides a pattern or model for the new age inaugurated by Christ. The term meant the “mark” or impression left by a sharp blow, as with a “stamp” made by a die or molded figure. In the New Testament this was a historical event that prefigured the New Testament reality. (Osborne 2004, 141)

1 Corinthians 15:21–22

“For since by a man death came, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.” (NASB 2020)

1 Corinthians 15:45–49

“So also it is written: “The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING PERSON.” The last Adam was a life-giving spirit. However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven. As is the earthy one, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly one, so also are those who are heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.” (NASB 2020)

Looking at what is in Romans and then adding in what Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, we get a complete picture of this typology.

Adam and Jesus were both representing us. One resulting in death due to failure, the other to righteousness due to victory.

Adam and Jesus became the heads of certain people. Adam, the old man lost in sin, Jesus, the redeemed.

Adam and Jesus both had covenants made with them by God. Adam failed in his, Jesus was victorious.

Adam and Jesus passed on the effects of their acts to others. Adam passed on sin, condemnation and death where Jesus passed righteousness, justification and eternal life to all who believe.

The only remedy to this reign of death in the entire universe is Jesus Christ. “How did Jesus accomplish this great transformation? He did it by dying in our place, by taking the punishment for our sins upon himself. He became our representative, just as Adam had been our representative before him. He endured the punishment of our death, and then he rose again so that we might enjoy the reality of eternal life.” (Boice 1991-, 575)

And you can still take advantage of this remedy today. Moving from the fear of death, the defying it in Jesus Christ. How? By believing.

Romans 3:21–24

“But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.” (NLT)

Romans 10:9–13

“If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly



declaring your faith that you are saved. As the Scriptures tell us, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.” Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. For “Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.” (NLT)

ABC’s of Salvation

- A. Acknowledge that you are a sinner, tell Him that.
- B. Believe that Jesus died on the cross for our sin and that He rose from the dead.
- C. Confess that Jesus is Lord. Tell someone about what you have done.

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