

Right Relationship – Right Behaviour  
Wrong Relationship – Wrong Behaviour  
Remedy The Gospel  
Reconciled – Restored Relationship  
Regenerated – Right Behaviour

## The Gospel – The Good News

I Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

### 1. Jesus Christ died for our sins (to restore the relationship)

1 Timothy 4:9-10 This is a trustworthy saying, that deserves full acceptance, and for this we labour and strive. That we have put our hope in the living God who is the saviour of all men and especially of those who believe.

#### A. Substitution

Hebrews 2:9 He suffered death so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

##### i. The definition

Substitution is Jesus taking the sinner's place to bear the guilt and condemnation of the law of God for sin.

##### ii. The extent

Potentially the world  
Objectively

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Effectually the believer  
Subjectively

1 Peter 2:24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree...

#### B. Redemption

1 Peter 1:18-19 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed... but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

##### i. The definition

Redemption is liberation from sin because of the payment, the death of Christ.

##### ii. The extent

Potentially the world  
Objectively

1 Timothy 2:5-6 For there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all men - the testimony given in its proper time.

Effectually the believer  
Subjectively

Revelation 5:9 "You are worthy... because you were slain and with your blood you purchased men to God from every tribe and language and people and nation."

### C. Propitiation

Romans 3:25-26

#### i. The definition

Propitiation is the death of Christ which satisfies God's justice concerning sin.

#### ii. The extent

Potentially the world

Objectively

1 John 2:2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Effectually the believer

Subjectively

1 John 2:2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins

### D. Reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:19 God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

#### i. The definition

Reconciliation means to change the position of a person from hostility to harmony with respect to God, objectively and subjectively.

#### ii. The extent

Potentially the world

Objectively

2 Corinthians 5:19 God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them.

Effectually the believer

Subjectively

2 Corinthians 5:18 All this is from God who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

## 2. Jesus Christ rose to give us life (to regenerate the believer)

Luke 10:10 I have come that they might have life and have it to the full.

### A. The reason Jesus came

John 10:10 I have come that they might have life and have it to the full.

#### i. Restore the relationship

Romans 5:10 For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son,

#### ii. Restore the behaviour

how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life.

### B. A life-giving spirit

1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:45 So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being", the last Adam, a life giving Spirit.

### C. The Hope of Glory

#### i. Reflected likeness

Colossians 1:27 Christ in you the hope of glory.

#### ii. Set free

Romans 8:2 Through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

### 3. The response of faith or belief

The question has never changed. It remains the same today, "What must I do to be saved."

#### A. The nature of faith

##### i. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ

Acts 16:30-31 "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved"

##### ii. The Lord Jesus Christ

John 6:28-29 Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

Romans 10:10 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord." and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

#### B. The elements involved in faith

- i. **Intellect**            There must be knowledge with understanding
- ii. **Emotion**            There must be conviction with assent.
- iii. **Will**                There must be trust with appropriation.

To have faith is to believe in or to trust in for salvation.

Faith is faith regardless what the object may be. The faith that is necessary to sit on a chair or swallow medication is essentially the same faith as the faith that is necessary to be saved. Faith is simply trusting.

The object of faith does not determine the nature of faith. If someone writes a cheque believing they have sufficient funds when they really don't, have they believed any less than if they did have sufficient funds? Of course not! In the same way, a person can believe in Buddha and another believes in Christ. Both believe in the same way, but only one person will be saved. The difference is the object of their faith.