



CHRISTIANITY|EXPLORED

WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS
YOU'VE EVER HEARD?

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Christianity Explored

- Content of the Gospel
- Share Your Story
- Reasons for Your Faith
- Answers to Common Questions

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So what?

- Each 1 ... Reach 1 = Make the commitment!
- Identify 1 person you will BLESS = Name?
- Learn G.O.S.P.E.L. = Pick up a card.
- Prepare your “Jesus story” [testimony]
- Practice “One Verse Evangelism”



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How Can God Accept Us?

Mark 10:15, 17ff

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Christianity Explored

- “What’s it all about?”
- “Who is Jesus?”
- “Why did Jesus come?”
- “Why did Jesus die?”

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Christianity Explored

“How can God accept us?”

- God is holy and just?
- We have a sin problem and deserve death
- Jesus died and came back to life to take care of our sin problem and to give us life

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How can God accept us?

God accepts me when I receive the gift of Jesus' death and life.

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How Can God Accept Us?

¹⁷ As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good--except God alone.

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How Can God Accept Us?

¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰ "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

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²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." ²² At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.
[Mark 10]

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I'm a good person.

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I don't steal.

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I don't lie.

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I give to charity.

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I'm not a murderer.

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**I'm a spiritual
person.**

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**I treat others the
way I want to be
treated.**

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I go to church.

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I've been baptized.

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I take communion.

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I read the Bible.

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I'm a good person.

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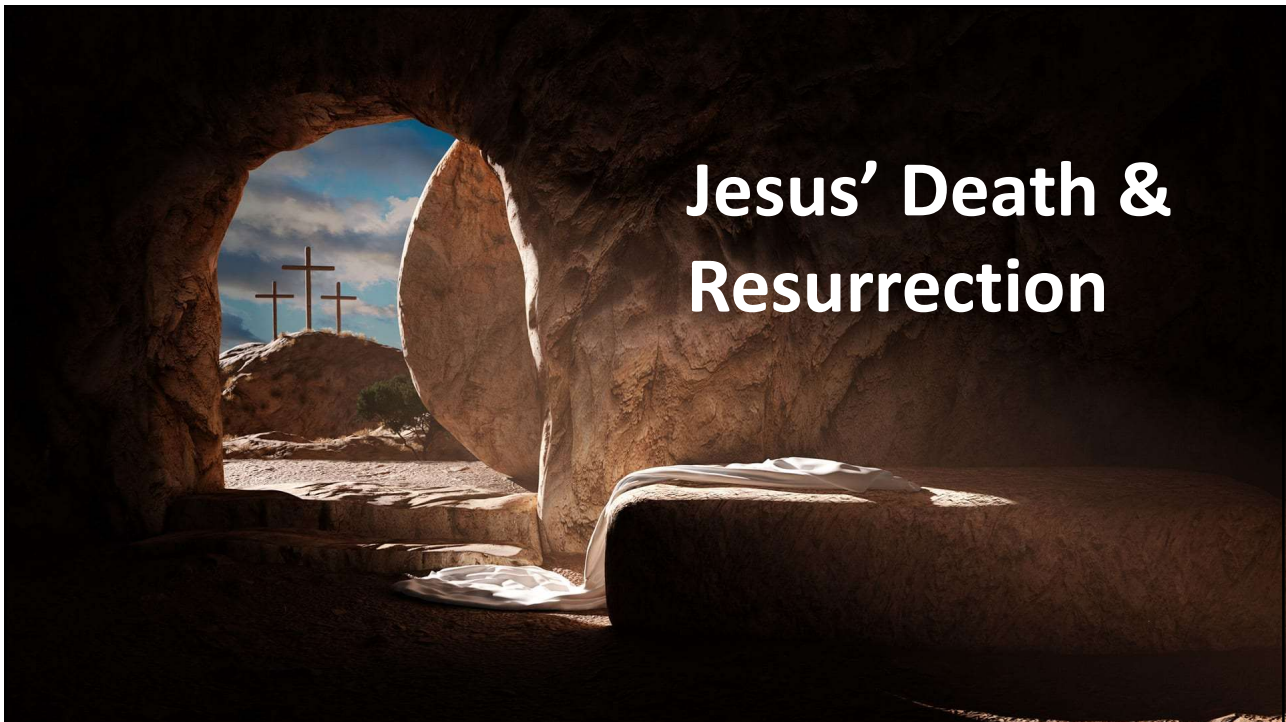
Jesus looked at them and said, "*With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.*"
Mark 10:27 (NIV)

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How Can God Accept Us?

God accepts us not because of what we've done but based on what he's done for us!

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How Can God Accept Us?

God accepts us because of...

- **Jesus' death on the cross - death**
- **Jesus' resurrection from the dead - life**

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Jesus' Death

Sacrifice (Personal Offering)

“But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by *the sacrifice of himself*.” **Hebrews 9:26 (NIV)**

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Jesus' Death

Reconciliation (Relational)

“For if, when we were God's enemies, we were **reconciled** to him through the **death of his Son**, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved **through his life!**” **Romans 5:10 (NIV)**

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Jesus' Death

Justification (Legal)

“...and are **justified** freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.” **Romans 3:24 (NIV)**

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Jesus' Death

Redemption (Payment)

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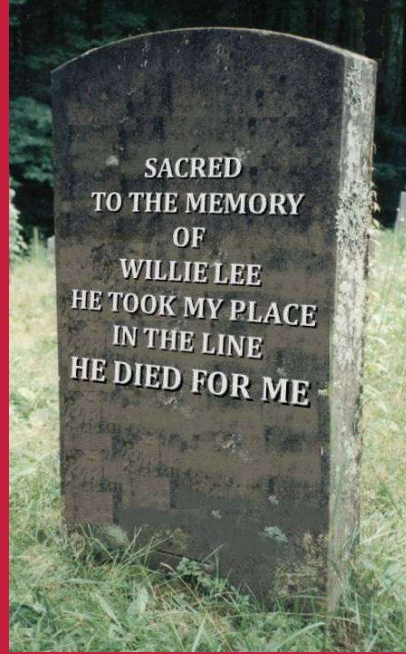
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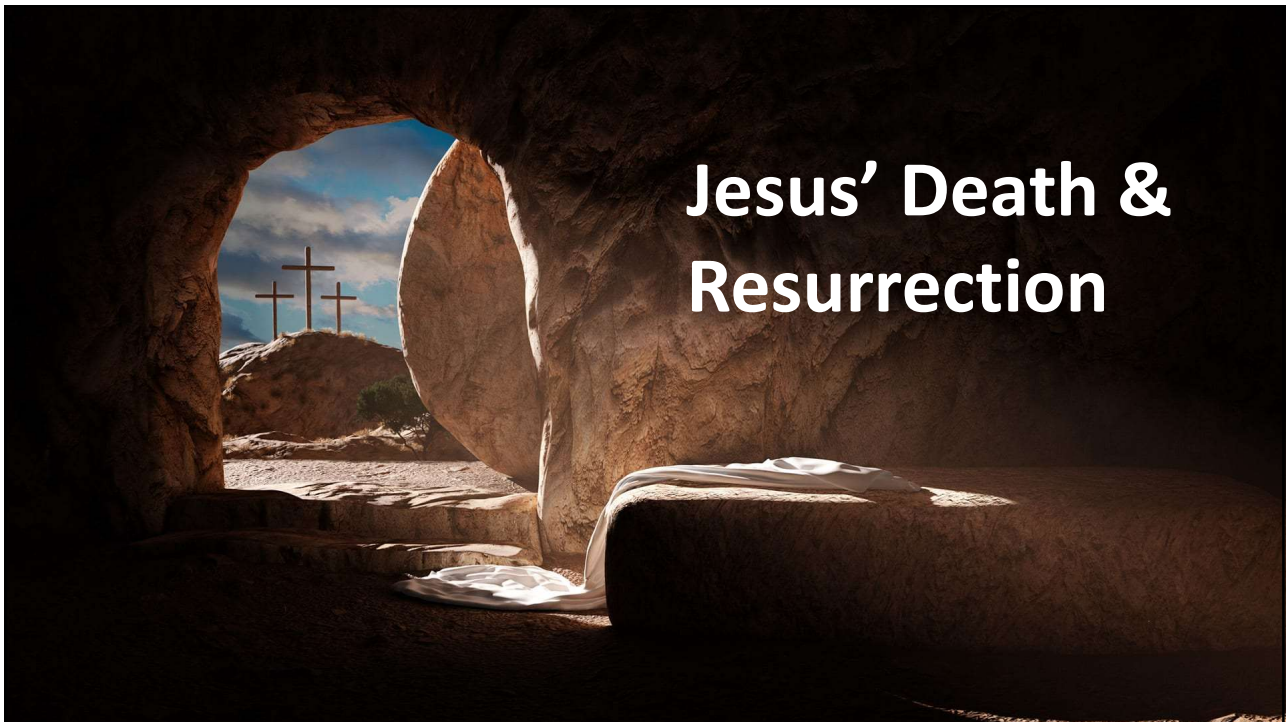
Ransom (Freed by Payment)

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to *give his life* as a **ransom** for many.” Mark 10:45 (NIV)

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Jesus' Resurrection

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

1 Corinthians 15:17 (NIV)

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Jesus' Resurrection

Victory (Overcome)

“...Christ Jesus...has **destroyed death** and has **brought life** and immortality to light through the gospel.” **2 Timothy 1:9-10 (NIV)**

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Jesus' Resurrection

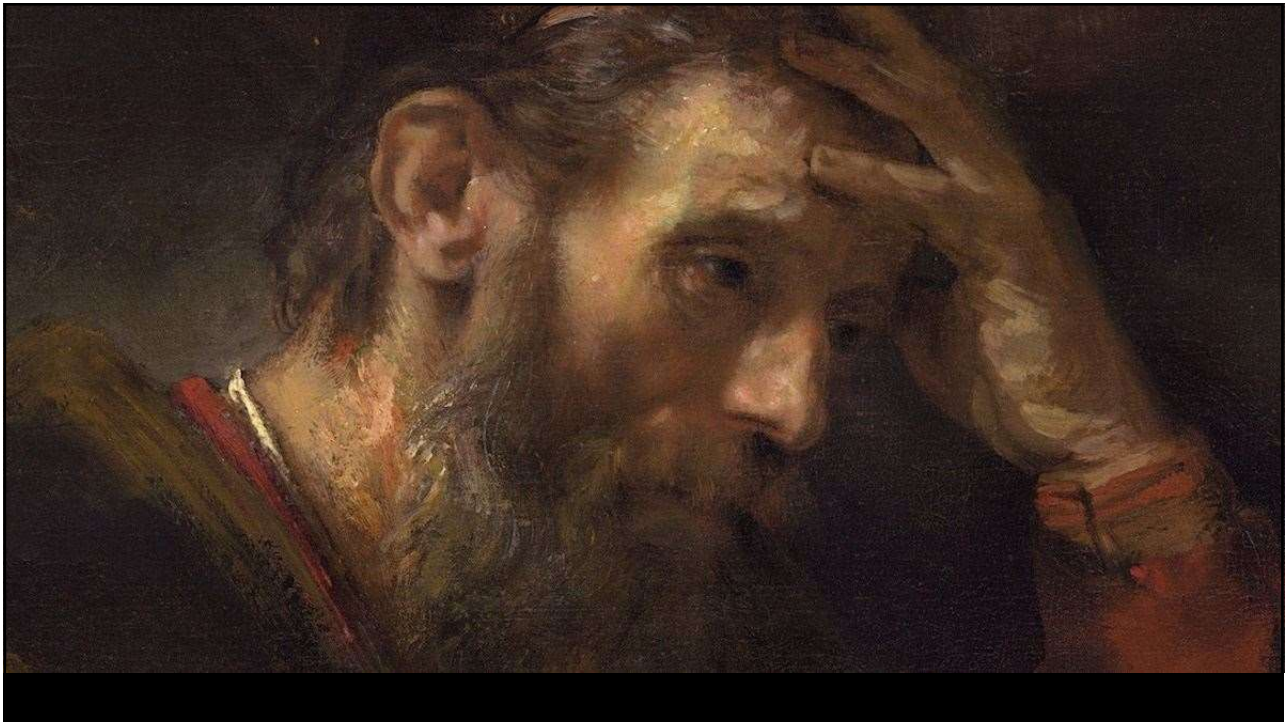
- God's “yes” to the life and death of Jesus.
- Demonstrated Jesus' victory over sin and death.
- Jesus is alive and offers his life to all who turn to him in faith.

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Jesus' Resurrection

- We receive the righteousness of Christ.
- We live a resurrection life through the power of the risen Christ.

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Jesus' Life

“But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may

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Jesus' Life

gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in[a] Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.”

Phil. 3:7-9 (NIV)

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“You are more sinful than you ever imagined, but more loved than you ever dreamed.”

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"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." **John 3:16 (NIV)**

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"For the wages of sin is death, but the **gift of God** is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."
Romans 6:23 (NIV)

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How Can God Accept Us?

Receive the gift of Jesus' death and life that God offers through Jesus Christ.

- Admit – Confess & Repent
- Believe – Faith & Trust
- Commit – Surrender & Follow

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Sample Prayer

Admit - Lord, I **admit** I am a sinner. I need and want Your forgiveness. I turn away from my sin.

Believe - By **faith** I put my **trust** in you as the Son of God, my Savior and Lord of my life and receive your forgiveness.

Commit - From now on with your help, I choose to **live for You**, with You in charge. Amen

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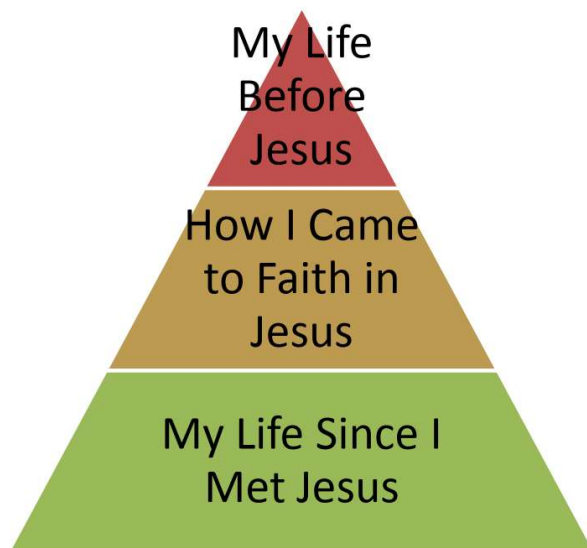
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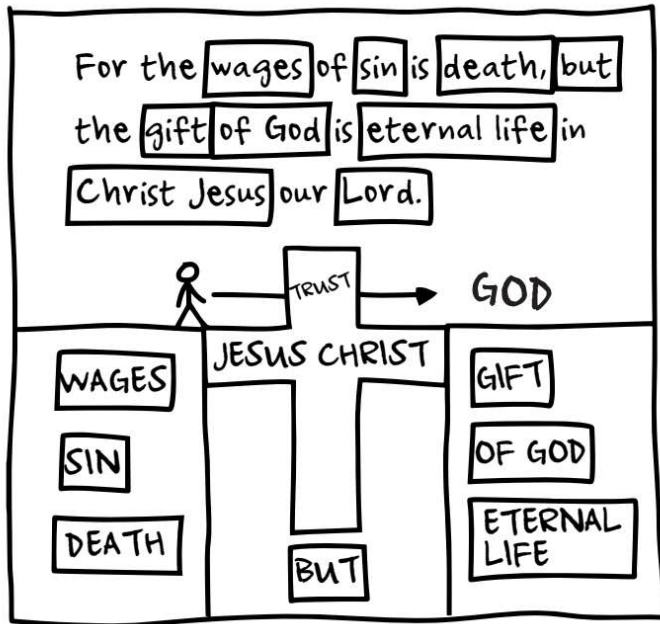


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Share Your Story



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**One Verse
Evangelism**

Romans 6:23