



# CHRISTIANITY|**EXPLORED**

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

# 1 Peter 3:15 (ESV)

...but in your hearts **honor Christ the Lord** as holy, always being **prepared to make a defense** to anyone who asks you for a **reason** for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,...

# Christianity Explored

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

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- “What’s It All About?” – the gospel about Jesus Christ
- “Who Is Jesus?” – the one sent by God to rescue us and set things right



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# Why Did Jesus Come?

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“Why did Jesus come?”

Question: How can a loving God send anyone to hell?



# Why Did Jesus Come?

I have a sin problem that only Jesus can solve.





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# Why Did Jesus Come?

Jesus came because we are “lost”

- What belongs to God has wandered away from him
- We are estranged from God
- God came looking for us in Jesus



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# Why Did Jesus Come?

“...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ... Romans 3:23 (NIV)

# Why Did Jesus Come?

## Our Problem: Sin

- Attitude of rebellion against God
- God-defying selfishness
- Root cause of all our problems

# Our Problem: Sin

- **Condition of our being human** – through Adam's sin we've all been incorporated into his rebellion
- **Choice of sin** – each one personally responsible for their own personal rebellion

# How the Bible Views Sin

- Violation of God's nature (Lev. 11:45)
- Breach of the covenant (Deut. 29:19-21)
- Breaking the law (Deut. 6:24-25)
- Missing the mark (Mark 1:5)



# Consequences of Sin

- Severs our relationship with God
- Barrier between us and God, others, and ourselves
- Enslaved by sin – entrapped by our selfishness
- Spiritually blind and morally corrupt

# Consequences of Sin

- Guilt & Shame
- Death – spiritual & physical
- Eternal Separation from God—Hell
- Helplessness and hopelessness  
apart from God



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# How Does God View Sin?

- God hates sin (Deut. 12:31)  
...separates us from our holy God  
...destroys us and God's purpose of love
- Loving Father – he seeks after us
- Righteous Judge – he does what is right



# The Questions—Hell

How can a loving  
God send anyone  
to hell?



# The Questions—Hell

- Presupposes God is NOT loving or fair (i.e. God is unjust)
- Hell is NOT for pretty good people who just didn't believe the right things...

# The Questions—Hell

- Hell is for people who choose to rebel against God and put themselves at the center of their universe
- Persist in God-defying rebellion and blatant defiance of God



# How Do You View Your Sin?

- Ignore it?
- Cover it up?
- Attempt to justify it?
- Wallow in it?

# So what?

It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this  
your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost,  
and is found."

Luke 15:32

- Are you lost? Jesus is looking for you!

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# G.O.S.P.E.L. (Dare2Share)

- G od created us to be with Him.
- O ur sins separate us from God
- S ins cannot be removed by good deeds.
- P aying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.
- E veryone who trusts in Him alone has eternal life.
- L ife with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.



# Your First Step



**“Follow me!”**



# So what?

- Are you found? Jesus is seeking to free you from the power of sin!

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1













In the Kingdom of God,  
whosoever will may come.

So we come.

And like the Prodigal Son,  
the bath comes after the hug.

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# Your Next Step

- Baptism?
- Newcomers Coffee?
- Community? (Church)
- LIFE Group?
- Ministry Team?



**“Follow me!”**



# 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 “story” of Jesus

