

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



Why Did Jesus Come? Luke 19:10

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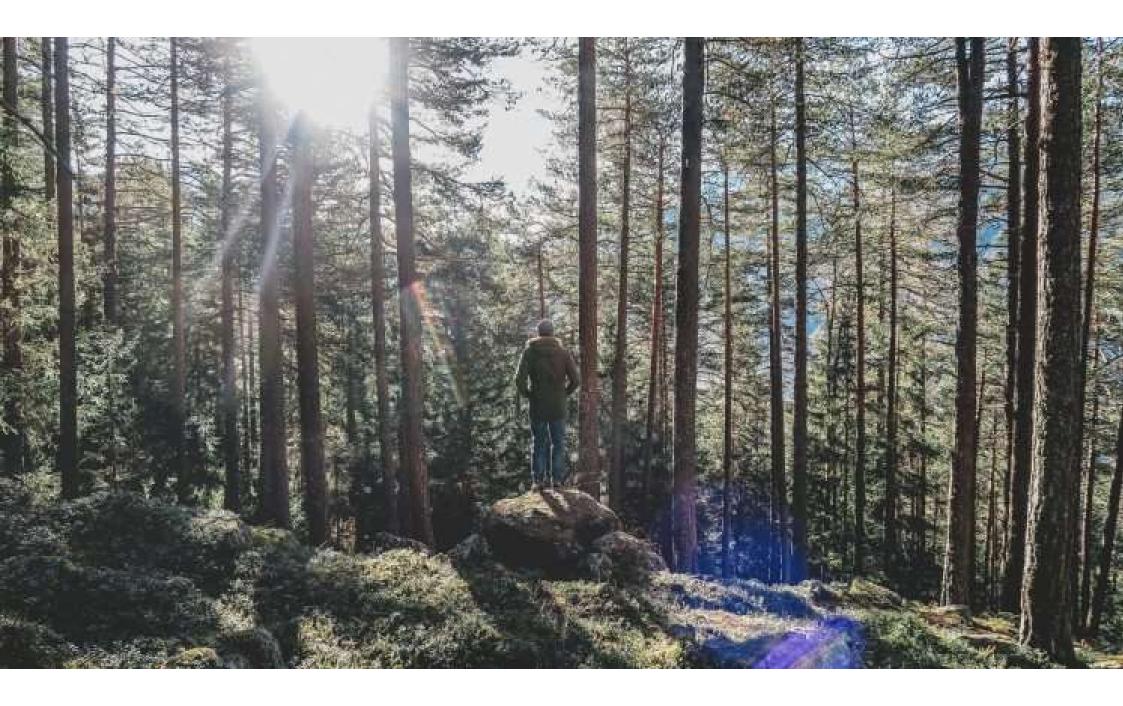
"Why did Jesus come?"

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



Why Did Jesus Come?

I have a sin problem that only Jesus can solve.



Luke 19:10

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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 <u>sinned</u> and <u>fall short</u> 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

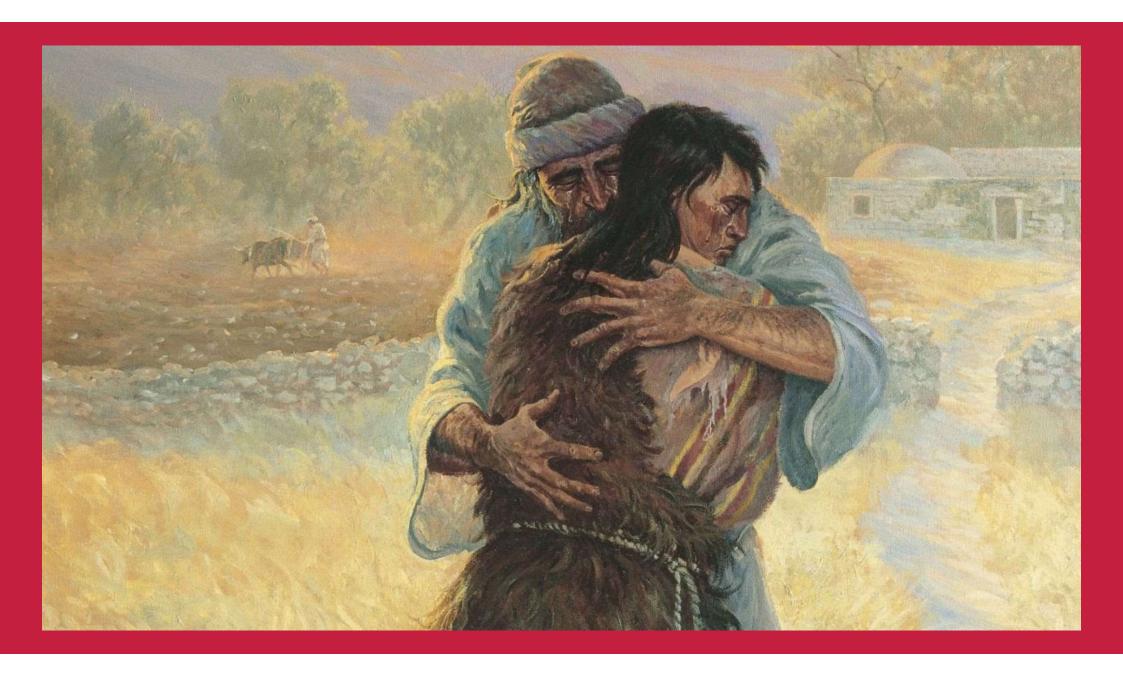
How Do You View Your Sin?

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

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Are you lost? Jesus is looking for you!

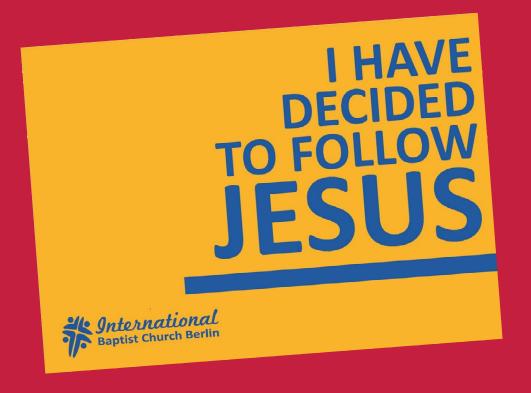
"It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; **he was lost, and is found**." Luke 15:32



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!"

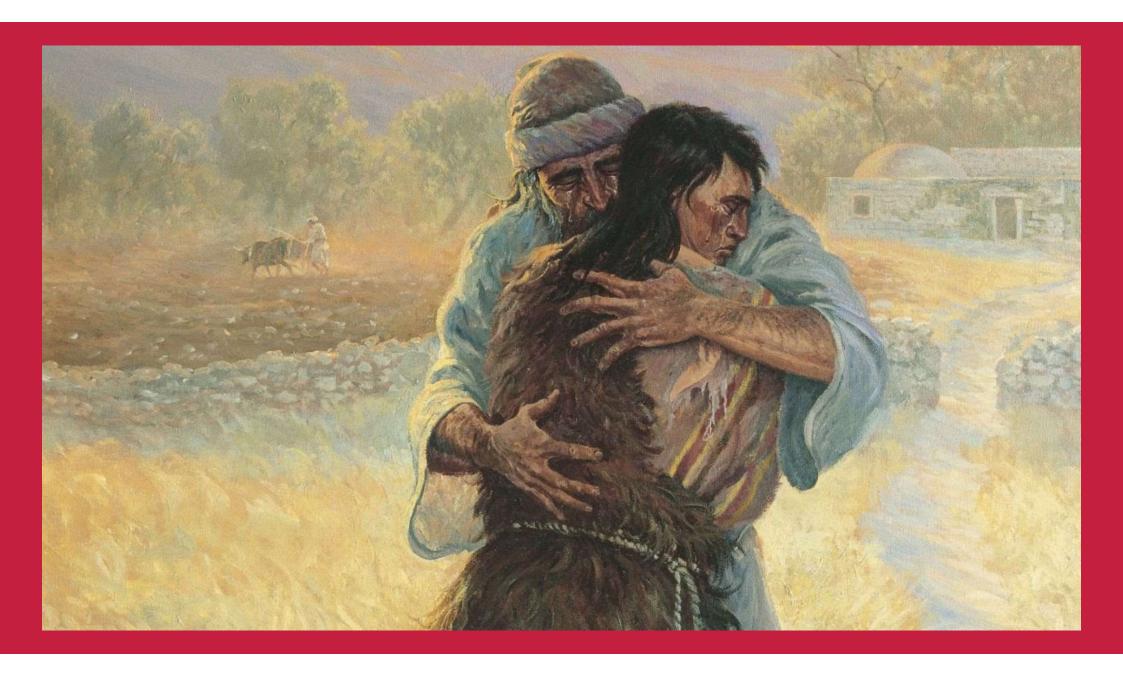


So what?

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

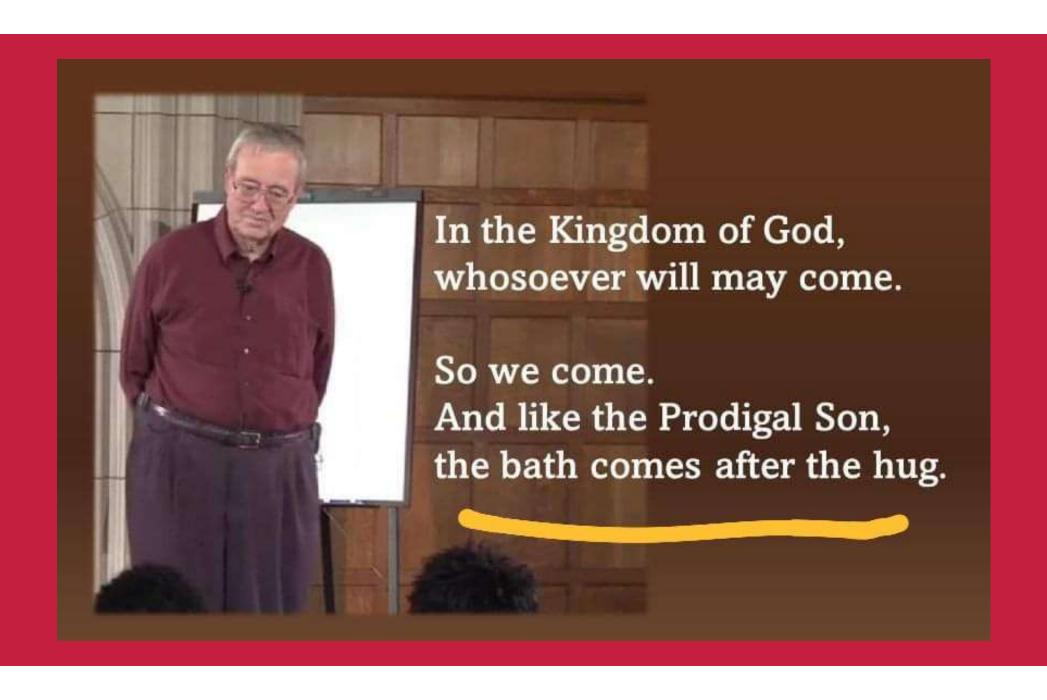
"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1





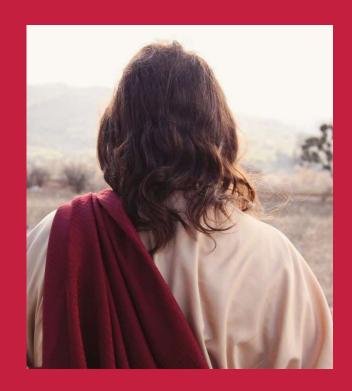






Your Next Step

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



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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 "story" of Jesus

