



FURTHERING THE GOSPEL



WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ:
for it is the power of God
unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew
first,
and also to the Greek.

KEY Definition

The gospel is God's powerful message of Jesus Christ coming to this world to save sinners, to anyone who will believe.

Four Parts

1. The Sin of Man
2. The Salvation of God
3. The Savior of the World
4. The Sinner's Decision



The Sin of Man

Gen 2:15-17

15 And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Gen 3:6-7

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Psa 53:1-3

The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good.

2 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God.

3 Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

KEY Point

The gospel starts with sinners needing saving.



Ro 6:23

23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rev 20:11-15

11 *And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.*

12 *And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.*

13 *And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.*

14 *And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.*

15 *And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

Prov 21:4

4 An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.

Isa 64:6

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

We share sin in the gospel message...

Man needs to be warned of the consequences of sin.

Man needs to realize their sin to be able to repent of it.

Mat 9:12-13

12 But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

13 But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.



The Salvation of Man



1. *Salvation means reconciliation to God.*

2. *Salvation is a free gift of God.*

3. *Salvation is eternal.*

2 Co 5:19

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

Ro 4:4-5

4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Ro 8:37-39

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

KEY Point

The salvation of God reveals His loving character.



The Savior of the World

Phil 2:6-11

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8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Jo 6:35 I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE.

Jo 8:12 I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

Jo 10:7 I AM THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP.

Jo 10:11 I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

Jo 11:25 I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.

Jo 14:6 I AM THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.

Jo 15:1 I AM THE TRUE VINE.

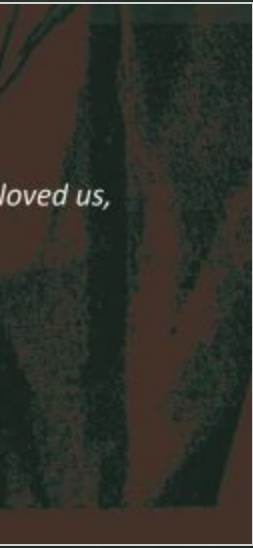
1 Jo 4:10

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Heb 9:27-28

27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.



5:8

8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Sub Key Point: Christ died on the cross as a sacrifice for sin.

Ro 5:9

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

During the civil war, George Wyatt was drawn by lot to go to the front. He had a wife and six children. A young man named Richard Pratt offered to go in his stead. He was accepted and joined the ranks, bearing the name and number of George Wyatt. Before long Pratt was killed in action. The authorities later sought again to draft George Wyatt into service. He protested, entering the plea that he had died in the person of Pratt. He insisted that the authorities consult their own records as to the fact of his having died in identification with Pratt, his substitute. Wyatt was thereby exempted as beyond the claims of law and further service. He had died in the person of his representative.

Sub Key Point: Christ died on the cross as our substitution.

1 Co 15:3-4

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Eph 1:19

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

Sub Key Point: Christ's resurrection proves his power!

Phil 2:9-11

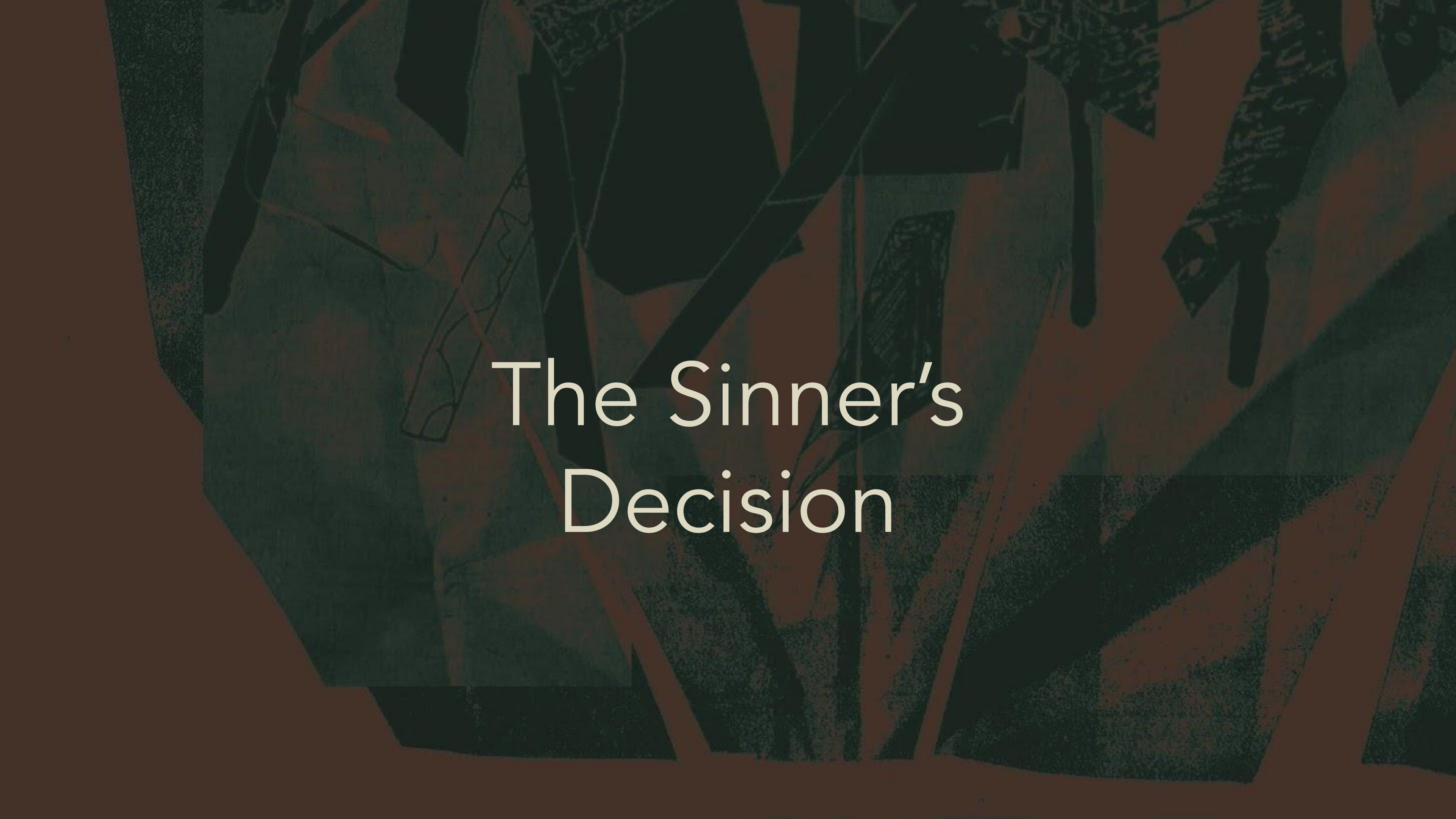
9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

KEY Point

Jesus' death, burial and resurrection is the terms of the gospel.



The Sinner's Decision

1 Tim 1:15

15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

Will you admit that you are a sinner to God and turn from it? Or will you deny your sin against God?



Will you accept that Jesus Christ died for your sin and that he resurrected for you to eternal life? Or will you deny Jesus' sacrifice on the cross?



Will you call upon Jesus Christ to save you? Or will you refuse to call upon him for salvation?

Ro 10:9-10

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

KEY Point

We must lead people to clear
decisions.



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