

# THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL

## #4 Believe & Be Baptized!

### RESPONDING TO THE GOSPEL

#### 1. The only appropriate, effective, God-glorifying response to hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ is to **TRULY BELIEVE!**

Romans 1:16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of **everyone who believes**: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

Romans 3:22a This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ **to all who believe**.

1 Corinthians 1:21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached **to save those who believe**.

Ephesians 1:13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. **Having believed**, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.

#### 2. True Believing results in **SALVATION** and **ETERNAL LIFE**

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**.

1 John 5:13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have **eternal life**.

John 20:31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have **life** in his name.

#### 3. There is True **BELIEVING** and **FALSE** Believing

1 Corinthians 15:2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have **believed in vain**.

James 2:19 You believe that there is one God. Good! **Even the demons believe that**—and shudder.

James 2:26 As the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith without deeds is dead**.

#### 4. True Believing is Expressed by **CALLING ON JESUS** after Hearing the Gospel

Romans 10:13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." <sup>14</sup>How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

#### 5. True Believing does away with **BOASTING**

Ephesians 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.

#### 6. True Believing includes **REPENTANCE**

Mark 1:15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near.

**Repent and believe the good news!"**

Acts 20:21 I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in **repentance** and have faith in our Lord Jesus.

#### 7. True Believing involves **OBEYING THE GOSPEL**

2 Thessalonians 1:8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not **obey the gospel** of our Lord Jesus.

1 Peter 4:17 For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not **obey the gospel** of God?

#### 8. True Believers will Publicly Confess Christ and be **BAPTIZED**

Romans 10:9 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.

<sup>10</sup>For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and **it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved**.

Mark 8:38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.

Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, **they were baptized**, both men and women.

Acts 2:38 Peter replied, "**Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins**."

#### MEMORY VERSE

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#### Bible Reading Plan

- Sunday: Exodus 31
- Monday: Exodus 32
- Tuesday: Exodus 33
- Wednesday: Exodus 34
- Thursday: Exodus 35
- Friday: Exodus 36
- Saturday: Exodus 37
- Sunday: Exodus 38