

BIBLE Basics

The purpose of Bible Basics is to give clarity to the most fundamental truths of the Christian faith

Also to be equipped with some basic tools for our daily walk with Jesus

Who is it for? Everyone

Strengthened in the Basics

Col. 2:6-7 **As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him: Rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.**

BIBLE BASICS

How did we begin? God's Love & Grace

Jn.3:16 **For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life**

Love: Known by the actions it demonstrates apart from its return (unconditional & undeserved) Rom.5:8

Love is Christianity's chief characteristic (action)

Mat.22:37 Jn.13:35 Jn.15:13

Eph. 2:8-9 **For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast**

Grace: Kindness, Favor freely given, based on the character of God apart from the merit of the recipient (unconditional and undeserved)

Faith: (Heb.11:1) Conviction, assurance or certainty of unseen eternal truth / reality

Faith's Activity: dependence, confidence, reliance

The Gospel

Christians Believe Gospel

1 Cor. 15:1-5 **Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that He was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:**

“Gospel” means GOOD NEWS

And this is good news

Because mankind is in a bad situation

The Gospel

God is Holy

Holy: Set apart

From all things seen & unseen (yet intimately involved in creation); Morally & Ethically Pure

Ex.15:11 **Who is like unto Thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like Thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?**

Ps. 99:9 **Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy**

Isa.6:3 **And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory**

1 Sam.6:20, Ez. 39:7, Hab.1:13, Rev.4:8, Rev.15:4

The Gospel

All mankind is sinful

Sin: Miss the mark

Rom.3:23 **For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**

Isa.53:6a **All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way**

Rom.3:10 **As it is written, "There is none righteous, no, not one"**

God's holiness & our sinfulness creates a separation

Isa. 59:1-2 **Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear**

The Gospel

Things are not looking good for us

God is Just / Righteous

Deut.32:4 He is the Rock, His work is perfect: for all His ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He

Ps. 97:2 Clouds and darkness are round about Him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne

Ps. 119:137 Righteous art Thou, O Lord, and upright are Thy judgments

Dan.9:14 ...the Lord our God is righteous in all His works which He doeth...

The Gospel

God's holiness & righteousness brings just condemnation
for all mankind

God's Holiness + Our sin = Judgment

God is Merciful & Gracious!!!

Mercy: God withholding what is deserved

Eph.2:4 **But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love
wherewith He loved us**

Rom.6:23 **For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God
is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord**

Titus 3:4-5 **But after that the kindness and love of God our
Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of
righteousness which we have done, but according to
His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration,
and renewing of the Holy Ghost**

The Gospel

How can God be a good & righteous judge while letting sinners 'get away' with their crime?

Because God is good, He cannot/ does not ignore sin

Jesus is our substitute

A righteous standing before God, salvation, is a free gift to anyone who believes (trust, rely, depend) completely on the person & work of Jesus Christ.

However, there was a cost. Jesus paid the ultimate price on the cross... His life in our place

1 Cor. 15:3b **Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures**

This is called Substitution (in our place)

The Gospel

Jesus satisfied God's wrath

1 Jn. 2:2 **And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world**

Propitiation: Satisfied wrath; Anger appeased

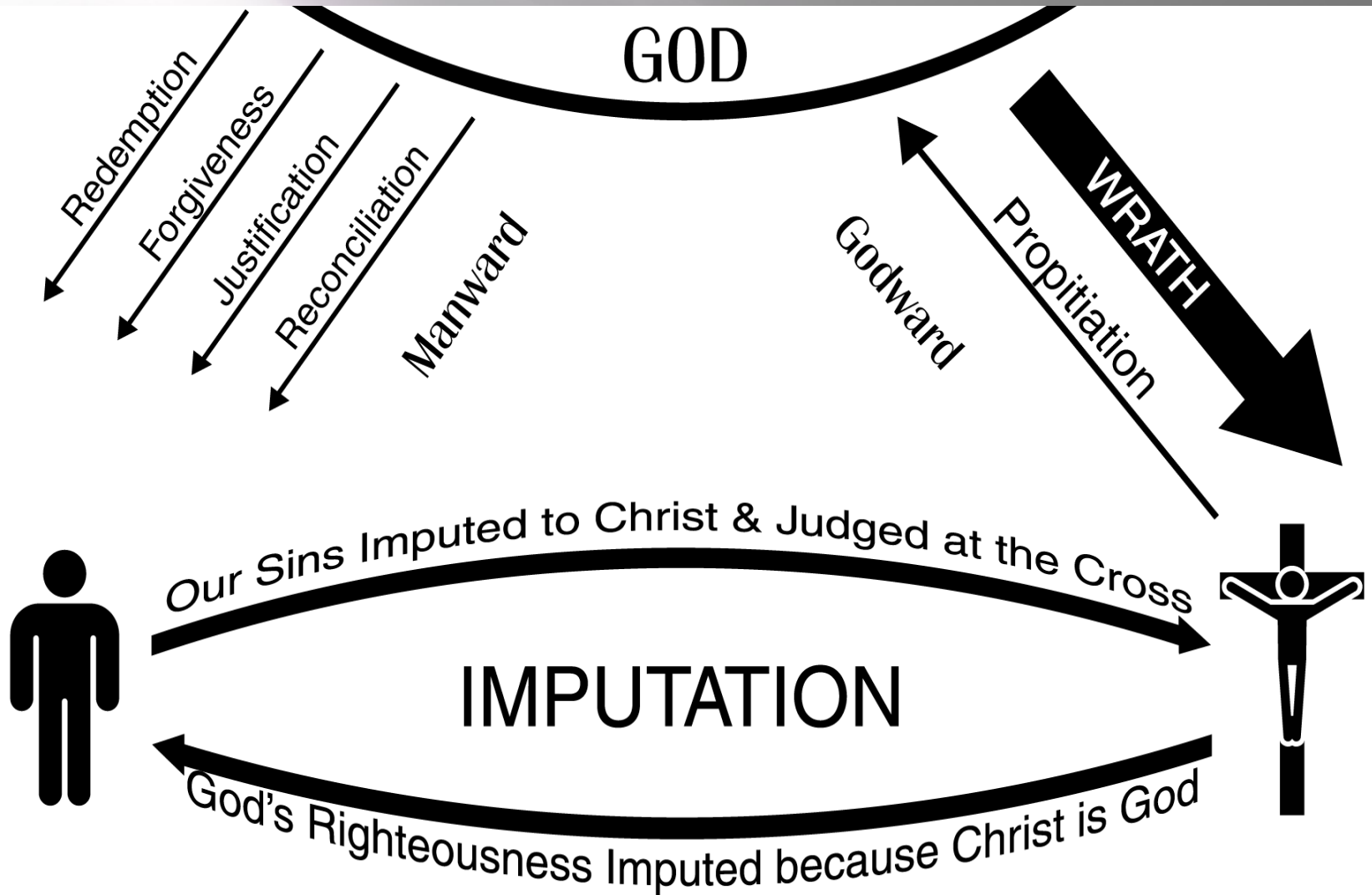
Jesus received our penalty

We received His righteousness

2 Cor. 5:21 **For He** (God the Father) **hath made Him** (God the Son) **to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him**

This is to impute: credit to another's account

The Gospel



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The Great Exchange

God is completely just to save sinners; To forgive and restore fellowship between Himself & sinful man

Now, we are new creations!

2 Cor.5:17 **Therefore if any man be in Christ, *he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new***

Jn.1:12-13 Jn.3:3-7 Ezek.36:26-27 Eph.4:24

The Gospel

The Believer 's Position Before God

The Word of God assures every true believer of having an eternally secure position (Jn.10:28-29, Rom. 8:1 & 8:35-39)

The Believer Is Justified

Rom. 5:1 **Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ**

1 Cor.6:11 **And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God**

Easy way to remember justification before God = Just as if I had never sinned

Similar to a judge acquitting a criminal, declaring innocent, setting free from all charges

Being Right before God, our Position is secure & never changing

Personal Spiritual Life

Practical walk with God

Under Construction

Phil. 1:6 **Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ**

Being Sanctified

Jn.17:17 **Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth**

Phil.2:12-13 **Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure**

We must remember that this is a relationship – Sanctification is a process accomplished in a relationship with our loving God

1 Jn.4:19 **We love Him, because He first loved us**

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Practical walk with God

Rom.12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Worship is a lifestyle; our response to the truth of God's love & mercy

Rom.6:13,16,19 "Yield" is used 5 times

To respond to God's love by obedience doesn't always mean it's easy but it is for our best and for God's glory

God's Word is His main tool for sanctification (Jn.17:17)

Personal Spiritual Life

The Word of God

Essential for Life (& Revival)

Jn.6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life

Jn. 6:68 Then Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life

Heb. 4:12 For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart

Psalm 119:25, 50, 93, 107, 149, 154, 156

Personal Spiritual Life

The Word of God

As we all have been born physically, Christians have been born again of the Spirit.

Just as our physical lives need food to grow, be sustained & energized, so our spiritual lives need spiritual food to grow, be sustained & energized

Mat. 4:4 **But He answered and said, It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God"**

1 Pet. 2:2 **As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby**

Spiritual Maturity – no shortcuts

Heb.5:13-14 **For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil**

The blessing is in the doing: Lk.11:28, Jam.1:22

Personal Spiritual Life

The Word of God

The Word of God is Sufficient for Godly Living Today

Josh. 1:8 **This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success**

Psalm 1:1-3

Equips us for the good works God has already planned out for us (*Eph.2:10*)

2 Tim.3:16-17 **All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works**

Personal Spiritual Life

The Word of God

Our weapon for warfare against sin & temptation

Eph. 6:17 **And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:**

Psalm 119:11 **Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee**

Psalm 119:133 **Order my steps in Thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me**

Matt.4:4, 7,10 **"It is written..."**

God's chosen method for salvation

1 Cor. 1:21 **For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe**

Rom.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**

Personal Spiritual Life

The Word of God

Faith and the Word of God go hand in hand

Rom. 10:17 **So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God**

Faith is the cure for unbelief, doubt, fear, worry

God Says God's Word is important

The longest chapter in the bible is Psalm 119, at 176 verses, in which nearly every verse references the word of God