

A CHRISTIAN GLOSSARY

Defining The Religious Terms We Use



WHAT IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

God's Kingdom is His rule of righteousness, peace and joy

- By the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 14.17)
- In the hearts of people (Colossians 3.15).
- It does not operate through this world's political system (John 18.36).

WHAT IS SALVATION?



SALVATION

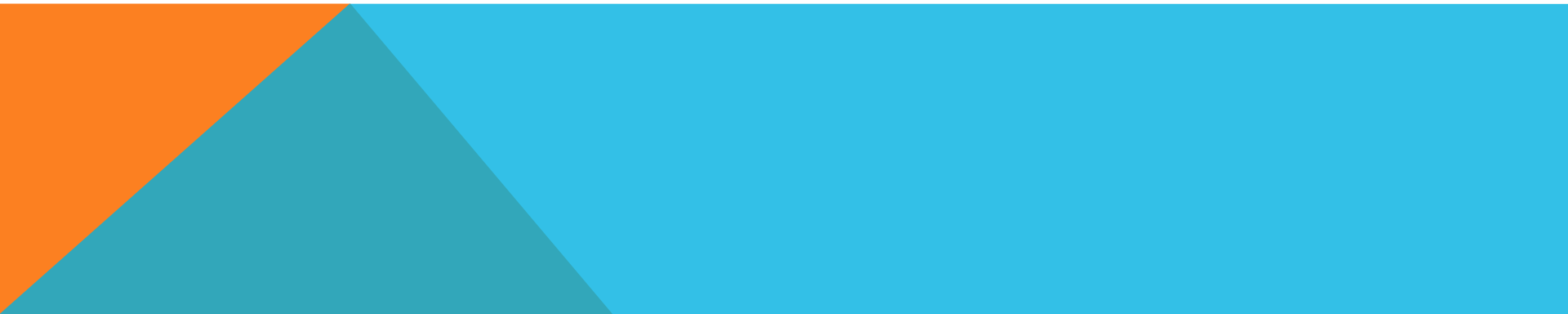
= RESCUE FROM A
DANGER WE CAN'T
ESCAPE BY OURSELVES
(PSALM 34.6)

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN
TO BE SAVED?**



To be saved is to be delivered from the power of sin (Matthew 1.21)

- If we are saved from sin, we are also saved from its eternal consequences (Romans 6.23)
- Being freed from sin allows us to serve righteousness instead (Romans 6.18).




**WHAT DOES IT MEAN
TO REPENT?**



TO REPENT

= TO TURN FROM THE
FALSE & THE EVIL
TO THE GOOD & THE
TRUE (EZEKIEL 14.6)

REPENTANCE IS:

- A gift from God (Acts 5.31; 2 Timothy 2.25)
 - Commanded by God for all people everywhere (Acts 17.30)
 - An act that involves confession, and sometimes restitution (Luke 19.8-9)
 - The biblical path to forgiveness (Acts 3.19).
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**WHAT DOES IT MEAN
TO BE BORN AGAIN?**



To be born again is to have our inner self brought to life, with a God-orientation (John 3.3).

- It happens by the will of God (John 1.13),
- And by the power of the Holy Spirit (John 3.6).
- It allows us to experience the kingdom (John 3.3).
- It's evidenced by our love for Jesus and for one another (1 John 4.7).

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN
TO BELIEVE?**



BELIEF

= TRUST

To believe is to trust in God and in His Son, Jesus (John 14.1).

- God counts us righteous when we trust in Him (Romans 4.3).
- Believing in Jesus means receiving Him as the permanent honored guest of our lives (John 1.12).
- Trusting God involves believing the gospel (Mark 1.15).


WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?



GOSPEL

**= GOOD
NEWS**


The gospel consists of four unalterable, historical facts (1 Corinthians 15.1-8):

1. Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.
 2. He was buried.
 3. He was raised the third day according to the Scriptures.
 4. He appeared (after His resurrection) to hundreds of witnesses.
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**THIS IS GOOD NEWS
BECAUSE ...**

**IT PROVES WE CAN BE
RECONCILED TO GOD
(2 CORINTHIANS
5.18-19)!**

HOW ARE WE TO ADVANCE THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

1. By sharing the gospel with everybody (Matthew 24.14; Romans 1.15-16),
 2. And helping people know Jesus as we do (Matthew 28.19-20),
 3. With the help of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1.8).
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