

## The Core Tenet of the Biblical Gospel of Jesus Christ

“Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...”

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

John 3:16-17

The core tenet of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is essentially the "good news," which revolves around God's plan of salvation and reconciliation with all humanity. Humanity is separated from God through disobedience, which resulted in sin, not only for Adam (Federal Headship) but also extended to all humanity. Three questions arise from this statement:

1. Why do we need to be saved?
2. What do we need to be saved from?
3. “How Should We then Live” (Francis Schaefer).

Explained:

The fundamental problem between God and Humanity is one of Sin and Separation from God Himself.

Here are the basic tenets:

1. The Problem: Sin and Separation from God - Romans 3:23, 5:12-21...

- All humanity has sinned and fallen short of God's perfect standard.
- Sin separates us from a holy and righteous God.

- The consequence of sin is death, both physical and spiritual separation from God.
2. God's Provision: Jesus Christ - John 14:6; Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; 1 Peter 2:24...
- God sent Jesus Christ to bridge the gap between humanity and God in His love and mercy.
  - Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man, without sin, making Him the mediator between God and man.
  - Jesus died on the cross as a sacrifice for sins, taking the punishment deserved.
  - He was buried and rose from the dead, proving His power over death and sin.
3. The Purposeful Response: Repentance and Faith - Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:9-10...
- Salvation is a free gift from God's grace, not earned by good deeds.
  - People must repent and believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
  - Repentance involves turning away from sin and toward God.
  - Faith is the instrument for receiving salvation, trusting Christ's work on the cross.
4. The Pursuit/Result: New Life in Christ - John 3:3-8; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:3; Romans 8:20-23...
- When people repent and believe, they receive forgiveness and are reconciled to God.
  - They are regenerated, or born again, receiving a new life in Christ.
  - The Holy Spirit indwells believers, empowering them to obey God.
  - People gain eternal life and hope, with the assurance of being with God forever.

In summary: The Biblical Gospel of Jesus Christ is the good news that God, in His love and mercy, has provided the way of salvation from the consequences of sin through the life, death,

and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and that people can receive this salvation by repenting of their sins and placing their faith in Him.