

SCRIPTURES FOR SHARING THE GOSPEL

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It is through the gospel—the good news that Jesus alone saves us from our sin and provides access back to God—that we can be “in Christ” (2 Corinthians 5:17) and enjoy the benefits of being His children. While the willful disobedience of our sin has separated us from Him, it is the gospel that forms the necessary bridge back to relationship with God.

Pastor Timothy Keller summarized the gospel like this: “We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope” (*The Meaning of Marriage*). The apostle Paul writes that the gospel “is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16).

The following verses from the Bible provide a brief outline of the gospel – the bad news of our great need, the good news of God’s great provision and how you can accept His free gift of life through faith in Jesus.

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For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes... Romans 1:16a

Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. Isaiah 55:6-7

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. James 1:14-15

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins... Ephesians 2:1

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

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

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:9-10

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 15:3-4

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus... 1 Timothy 2:5

"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him." John 3:36

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life." John 5:24

And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent... Acts 17:30

*Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.
2 Corinthians 6:2b*

“...If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.” Romans 10:9-10

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:4-9

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:1-2

But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God... John 1:12

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Galatians 2:20

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17