

V. Romans 6:1-10, v. 6—"Crucified with Christ"—  
cf. Gal. 2:20

- A. The sinner dies through Baptism, Rom. 6:2-6.
- B. The Sinner is buried through Baptism, Col. 2:12.
- C. The new creature is raised, born of water and spirit, John 3:1-5.
- D. We are **UNITED** with Christ through Baptism, Romans 6:5.
- E. We put on Christ through Baptism, Gal. 3:27.
- F. In baptism sins are washed away, Acts 22:16; I Peter 3:20-21.

VI. **COUNT THE COST:**

- A. We must **OBEY GOD** rather than man, Acts 5:29.
- B. Do you want **ETERNAL LIFE**?
- C. Do you want to **OBEY THE GOSPEL** of your Lord right now, and know that you are **UNITED** with Him and have the promise of **ETERNAL LIFE**?
- D. After you have been added to the body of Christ,
  - 1. Meet with the Body of Christ, Heb. 10:24; because Acts 20:28 says we are **blood bought**.
  - 2. Meet on the first day of the week to partake of the Lord's Supper, Acts 20:7; Acts 42-47.
- E. Remain faithful unto death, Rev. 2:10.  
**GOD'S ETERNAL PLAN FOR MAN TAKEN FROM THE BIBLE.**

MY FRIEND

My friend, I stand in the judgment now  
And feel that you're to blame some how,  
On earth, I walked with you day by day,  
And never did you point the way.

You know the Lord in truth and glory  
But never did you tell the story.  
My knowledge then was very dim  
You could have led me safe to Him.

Tho we lived together on the earth  
You never told me of the second birth  
And now I stand this day condemned,  
Because you failed to mention Him.

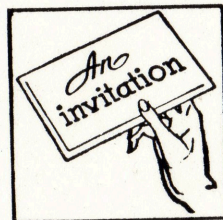
You taught me many things, that's true,  
I called you "Friend" and trusted you,  
But I learn now, that it's too late,  
You could have kept me from this fate.

We walked by day and talked by night,  
And yet you showed me not the light,  
You let me live, and love, and die,  
You knew I'd never live on high.

Yes, I called you "Friend" in life  
And trusted you through joy and strife.  
And yet, on coming to this end,  
I cannot, now, call you "My Friend".

# The TRUTH of the GOSPEL

ILLUSTRATION of one believing and obeying the Gospel of Jesus Christ:



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## GOD'S ETERNAL PLAN FOR MAN

**Question:** If you were to die tonight, do you know whether or not you would be with GOD eternally?

I John 5:13, You and I can know right now that we are right with GOD and that we have the promise of eternal life.

I. We must agree that GOD'S word is final authority.

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is  
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or feel.

II. Tim. 3:16-17—Every scripture is inspired of God to make the man of God complete.

Prov. 16:25—There is a way which seemeth right unto a man but the end thereof are the ways of death.

II. Why You and I cannot enter into Heaven just as we are:

- The **soul** that sinneth, it shall die, Ezekiel 18:20.
- All** (You and I) have sinned, Romans 3:23.
- Sin** is **lawlessness**, I John 3:4.
- James 1:13-14 tells **how sin comes into one's life**.
- The **wages** of **sin** is **death**, a separation from God, Romans 6:23.
- Our **sin** or **trespasses** **separate us from God**, Isaiah 59:1-2.

**Question:** How then can we be **united** with God (**not separated**) and know that we have the promise of eternal life?

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III. Romans 6:23, "**FREE GIFT**" is "**ETERNAL LIFE**", but we must accept the **GIFT**.

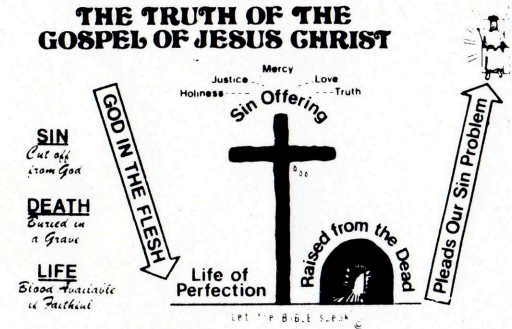
- Jesus says: "Go ye into all the world and preach the **GOSPEL** to the whole creation".

(Something must be very important to go into all the world and tell every creature), Mark 16:15.

B. Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the **GOSPEL** for it is the power of **GOD** unto salvation". (The **GOSPEL** is what saves you and me).

C. What is the **GOSPEL**, or the **GOOD NEWS**?

- If we are to go into all the world and tell every creature.
- If it is what saves you and me.



D. I Corinthians 15:1-4 tells us what the **GOSPEL** is:

- The death for our sins according to the Scriptures, burial, and resurrection on the third day according to the Scriptures of Jesus Christ.
- Jesus Christ, the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy.
- The New Covenant to be ratified in His blood, Matt. 26:28.  
The sacrifice of Christ establishes the New Covenant, Heb. 9:14-18.
  - The Blood of Christ to be a basis of:
    - our reconciliation back to God, Ephesians 2:13-16
    - our redemption, Romans 3:24-25
    - our justification, Romans 5:9
    - our sanctification, Hebrews 10:29
- Jesus Christ was raised from the dead to assure our resurrection unto eternal life. John 5:28-29; I Corinthians 6:14; 15:12-19; II Corinthians 5:15

IV. II Thessalonians 1:7-9, You and I must **OBEY** the **GOSPEL**. (A death, burial and resurrection). cf. I Peter 4:17.

- How can one obey a death, burial and resurrection?

1. Romans 6:17, that form of teaching. (Ill. a telephone no. has a form of numbers: 123-4567. If one does not dial the correct number they will not reach the correct party.) We must follow **GOD'S FORM OF TEACHING TO REACH HIM**.

a. **Obedient belief**, Rom. 1:16; Heb. 11:6; Rom. 1:5; 2:7-8; 16:26.

1. True belief is manifested in obedient faith.

1) Except ye believe that **I AM**, ye shall die in your sins, John 8:24.

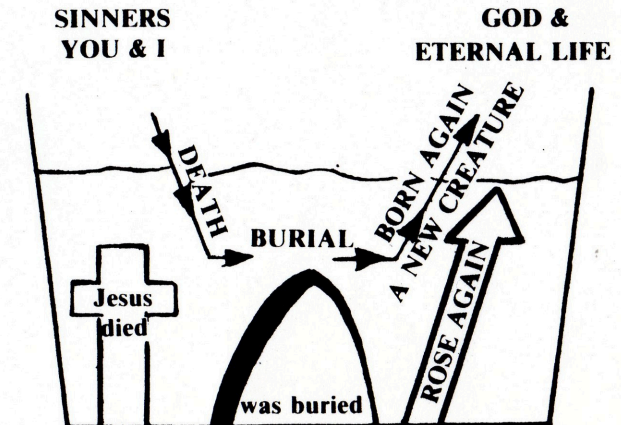
2) We must believe that Jesus is God in the flesh, that He is the **SON** of **GOD**. John 1:1-4, 14; 3:16.

b. **Repent**, Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30—a turning from, a change of mind, Proverbs 28:13; II Cor. 7:9-10.

c. **Confess**, Matthew 10:32-33; Rom. 10:9-10—with mouth and attitude of life.

2. Even though one believes, repents and confesses, have they fully called upon the Name of the Lord in obedience to His will? Mark 16:15-16

3. In order to call upon the Name of the Lord in obedience to the Gospel one must be baptized, (immersed; buried into Christ and His Death and raised up with Him) in order to receive the "washing away of their sins". Acts 22:16. (Compare Matthew 26:28 with Acts 2:38). The 1st Century Christians repented and were baptized for the same reason Jesus shed His blood.



**WE MUST OBEY THE GOSPEL IN ORDER TO BE SAVED.....**