

# Essential Christianity

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*I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.*

Romans 1:16

What is the gospel?

## 1. The Human Problem

**Sin** against God  
Romans 3:23

**Separation** from God  
Now - Ephesians 2:12  
Forever - Luke 12:4-5

## 2. The Divine Deliverance

God **Reveals** Himself To Us

**Creation** of the Universe Romans 1:20

**Consciousness** of needing God Acts 17:21

**Concern** about death Ecclesiastes 3:11b

**Conscience** concerning sin Romans 2:14-15

**Communication** through the Word of God 2 Timothy 3:16

**Contact** through the Son of God John 1:1; 9-10

God **Redeems** Us - what he does *for* us

He **forgives** our sins

Luke 11:4

He **frees** us from the Laws condemnation through the cross

Galatians 3:13

He **frees** us from Satan's dominion

Colossians 1:13

God **Renews** Us - what he does *in* us

**A new life**

John 3:3

**A new Presence within our hearts**

Romans 8:9

**A new consciousness of God**

Romans 8:15-16

**A new conscience**

Hebrews 10:16

**A new enabling**

Romans 8:13

### 3. The Personal Response

**Turn - Repent** from sin

Acts 3:19

**Trust - Rely** on Jesus for forgiveness

John 3:16

**Take - Receive** Jesus into your heart  
John 1:12

## 4. An Ongoing Reality

**Consecration** - Making Jesus Lord  
Romans 12:1

**Confession of sin**  
1 John 1:9

**Communion** - dependence on the power of the indwelling Christ  
Colossians 1:27 (see also verse 29)