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CONVERSATIONS ON FAITH AND BAPTISM



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***We are going to be answering
TWO big questions:***

1. What does it mean to be a Christian?
2. What does it mean to be baptized?

What does it mean to be a Christian...

Christian = Follower of Jesus

God's word = The Bible

Jesus makes it clear that he loves and has a plan for you!

God has a _____ for your life.

John 10:10

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What makes you happy?

Turn to the people at your table and tell them something that makes you happy.

Temporary happiness is found in things.
We get lasting happiness from God.

There is a problem when we try to find happiness,
we focus on our own desires -- it's a natural desire.

Our desire is to be _____.

The Bible calls this problem...

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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

Turn to the person you are with and answer these questions...

Have you ever gotten something you REALLY wanted, but it didn't make you as happy as you thought it would?

What was it?

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Sin is what happens when we fail and miss the mark.

Sin happens when we fail to love God and we fail to love others.

But you are not alone, for we all have sinned.

Romans 3:10, 3:23

The _____ of your sin does not matter.

James 2:10

The Ten Commandments

It's not sin to break _____ of them,
it's a sin to break _____ of them.

Not only will we sin, but will _____ to sin.

Romans 6:23

Sin = Separation (from God)

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God is perfect and without sin.

He is Holy!

What does it mean to be Holy?

Even though God loves us, our sin separates us from him.

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Unless something changes our sin will always separate us from God.

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Turn to the person you are with and answer these questions...

Look up Romans 6:23.

What are wages?

What gift did God give us to save us from our sins?

Have you ever sinned?

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What is the solution?

God has given us a solution to save us from our sins

The solution is _____!!

He died on the cross for us.

Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for our sins.

Romans 6:23

This is God's rule to deal with sin.

Look up Hebrews 9:22

Blood = Life

Jesus is the only person to live a _____ life.

He is the only person who is able to save us!

John 14:6

Jesus has paid for all the sins we _____ and will _____.

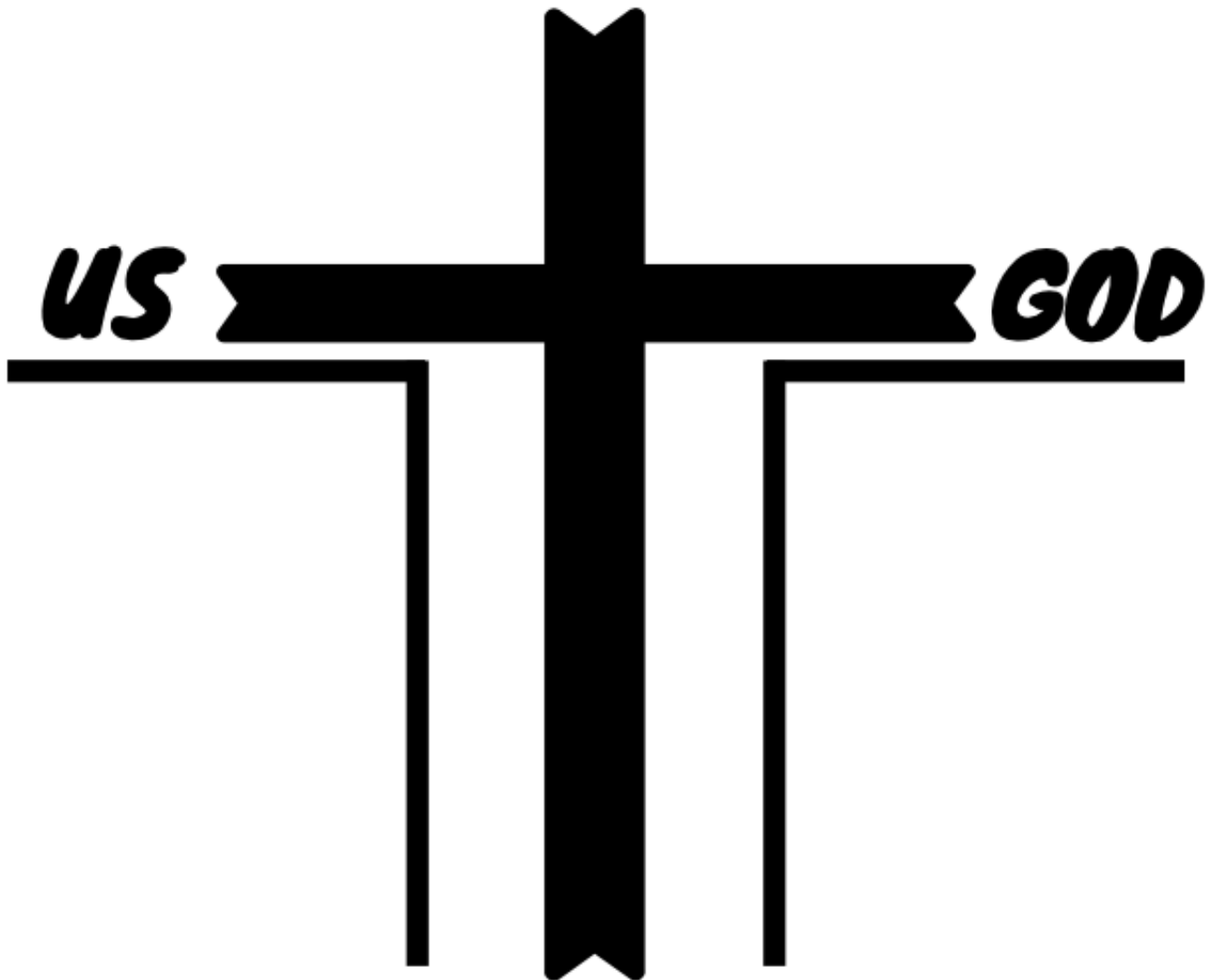
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Our solution is JESUS!

Jesus has paid for all the sins we have and will commit.

Traded his _____ for our _____!



Jesus is the perfect substitute!

We can now have life with him forever.

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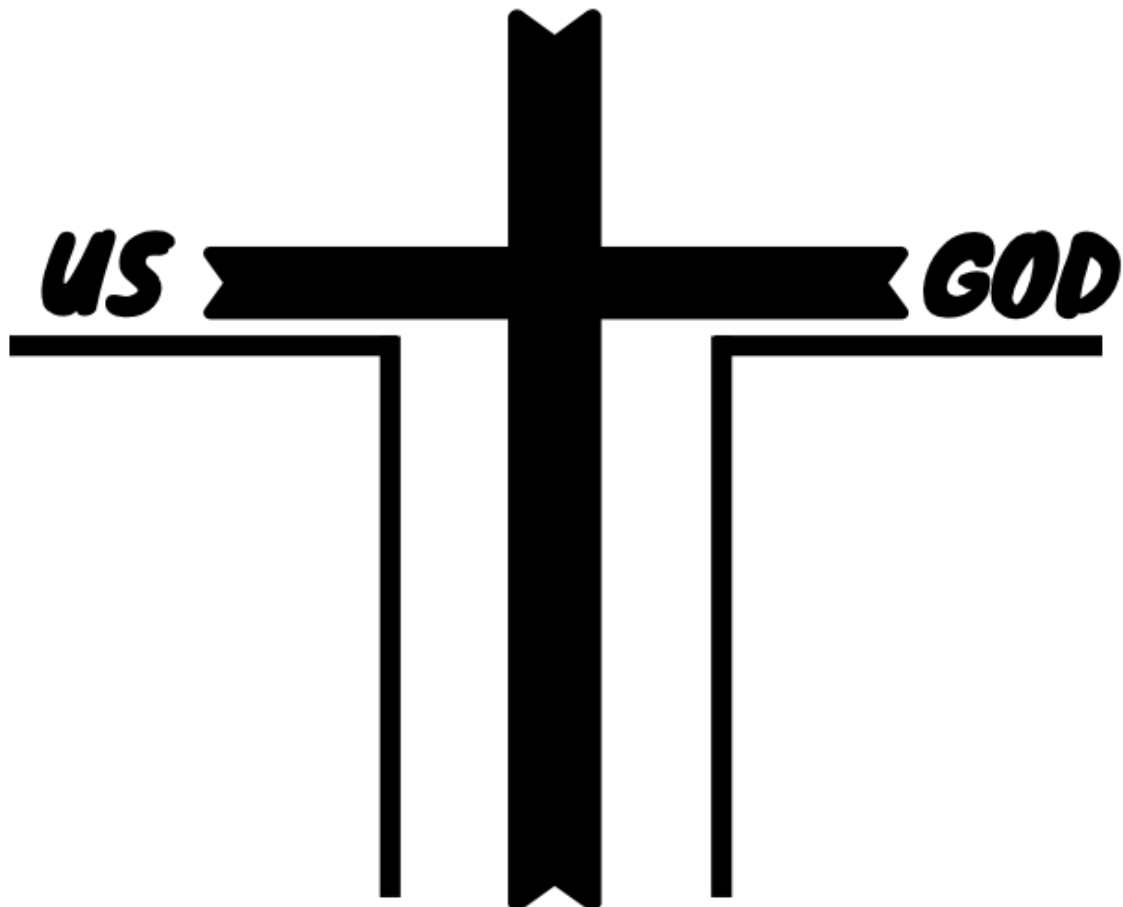


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Turn to the person you are with and answer these questions...

Look up Hebrews 9:22 and John 14:6.

Why did Jesus have to die on the cross for us?



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What's our proof?

He not only died for our sins, but _____ from the grave.

He proved he was God's son and has power over sin and death.

Making a way for all of us to have an opportunity to receive salvation.

Salvation = Saved or rescued

How do I receive salvation?

Many people know we need God, but they don't know how to receive his forgiveness. Some people think...

- if you stop all your bad habits God will forgive you.
- if you go to church every weekend God will forgive you.
- if you give lots of money to the church God will forgive you.
- if you tell lots of other people about Jesus God will forgive you.

These are all good things on their own, but they are _____ to give us the free gift of salvation.

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The free gift of Salvation.

Two truths about God's free gift of salvation:

1. You can never do enough to _____ salvation.
2. You can never do enough to _____ salvation.

God isn't keeping score on how many good deeds we have done or our bad deeds.

He was kind enough to give us a _____ through Jesus!

It costs us nothing- it come through faith of what Jesus has done.

We are saved through the _____ of Jesus.

Grace = God's undeserved favor

Grace = When you get what you don't deserve

Ephesians 2:8-9

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How do we get this free gift?

The bible tells us about four things people do when they respond to the gift of salvation from Jesus:

- ① **Believe-** Jesus is God's son, what Jesus did is true.
John 3:16
- ② **Repent-** From your sin, make a change in your life.
Acts 3:19
- ③ **Confess-** Your belief in Jesus, public and an out loud declaration of what you believe is true- not just inward.
Romans 10:9
- ④ **Baptism-** in obedience to Jesus' instruction, living picture of what Jesus did for us.
Matthew 28:19

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Turn to the person you are with and answer these questions...

Why would you want to follow Jesus?

What does it mean to you to believe in Jesus?

>> LOOK UP JOHN 3:16

What does it mean to you to repent?

>> LOOK UP ACTS 3:19

What does it mean to you to confess?

>> LOOK UP ROMANS 10:9

Why would you want to be baptized?

>> LOOK UP MATTHEW 28:19

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Making the decision for baptism.

The age of accountability...

When you are able to **believe, confess, repent** and make a decision to be **baptized** on your own.

You are able to explain in **your own words** and come to this decision on your own.

This is something **YOU** choose to do!

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

Turn to the person you are with and answer these questions...

Where are you at?

Are you still getting to know God and Jesus?

Are you ready to believe for the first time?

Have you received the gift of salvation from Jesus and are ready to get baptized?

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Commonly asked questions about baptism:

- When should I be baptized?
- Who can baptize me?
- What if I was baptized as a baby, should I get baptized again?
- What should I wear when I am baptized?

DO YOU HAVE
any questions?

Head to **c3tricity.com/jumpstart-baptism**
to let us know!!!