

## THE GOSPEL MESSAGE CAN BE TRUSTED

1 John 5:11-12

(Not entirely original with me)

**Introduction:** There are a lot of faiths, beliefs, religions in the world, how can one be sure that the Christian faith is the only one that is right? Christians are told to go and tell the "gospel" story and after hearing the gospel message, people are then held accountable for believing it or not. What is there in the gospel message that brings assurance that it is the only right one to believe and act on?

### I. THE GOSPEL MESSAGE IS GOD'S PLAN, NOT MAN'S

1. *1 John 5:11-12*

2. It is a declaration from God to man - (*v11*)

3. It declares a very important truth - (*v12*)

- God gives eternal life through His Son, Jesus Christ.
- The only way to have eternal life is to have God's Son.

4. Two questions people often ask:

- Why is having God's Son necessary to have eternal life?
- How can a person have God's Son in the first place?

### II. WHY THE NEED OF "SALVATION" IN THE FIRST PLACE?

1. *Romans 5:8*

2. Everybody is a "sinner," everybody does wrong things, therefore everybody is not as good as they should be.

- Not being as God wants people to be causes them to be separated from Him because God is holy and perfect in all ways.

3. *Romans 5:8, Romans 3:23, Habakkuk 1:13; Isaiah 59:2*

4. "Sin" (doing things against God) therefore separates mankind from God who is perfect.

### III. NOBODY CAN BE AS GOOD AS GOD WANTS THEM TO BE

1. *Romans 1:18; 3:8-10*

2. Nobody can be good enough, do enough or be religious enough to be accepted by God and get into God's heaven.

3. Everybody fails to come up to God's standards and therefore fall short of what God expects.

4. *Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-7; Romans 4:1-5*

5. Nobody can be as good as God and therefore cannot have fellowship with Him for anybody who does not have perfect righteousness cannot be with God.
6. No amount of human effort will get one accepted by God and receive eternal life.

#### **IV. WHAT IS THE ANSWER TO BEING ACCEPTED BY GOD AND HAVING ETERNAL LIFE?**

1. God only has the answer and it is because of His love, mercy and grace that He has given mankind hope and a solution.  
- *Romans 5:8*
2. God's answer to mankind's need is the Gospel Message, the Good News.  
- God's gift of His Son, Jesus Christ who lived a sinless life, died on the cross for mankind's sins, was raised from the grave, proving that His death became a substitute for those who would believe in Him.
3. *Romans 1:4; Romans 4:25; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18*

#### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Receiving God's Son causes that believer to be accepted by God and given eternal life.  
- *John 1:12; John 3:16-18*
2. God's Son, Jesus, is received by trusting in His person and His death for one's sins.
3. Everyone must come to God the same way - recognizing one's sinfulness and relying entirely upon Jesus Christ by faith alone.
4. Have YOU received Jesus Christ into your life?