

# Do You Know . . . Sin?

The Gospel Part 2 of 4

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## What is the Gospel?

1. The Gospel **MUST** start with God as creator and our accountability to Him.

*“The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.” (Ro 1:18-21 NIV)*

2. The Gospel involves humanity and their **REBELLION** against God.

*“Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is for ever praised. Amen.” (Ro 1:22-25 NIV)*

3. Jesus Christ is the solution to our **REBELLION** and paid the **PRICE**.

*“But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—” (Ro 3:21-25 NIV)*

4. Humanity **SALVATION** comes through responding to Christ and His work for us.

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## **Do You Know Sin?**

### **1. Humanity is SINFUL.**

*“When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.” (Ge 3:6-7 NIV)*

### **2. No one is “good” ENOUGH.**

*“As it is written: “There is no-one righteous, not even one; there is no-one who understands, no-one who seeks God.” (Ro 3:10-11 NIV)*

### **3. God will JUDGE us!**

*“If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out.” (Mr 9:43 NIV)*

### **4. Hell DOES exist!**

*“And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where “their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.”” (Mr 9:47-48 NIV)*

### **5. Our SIN matters to God and SEPERATES us from Him!**

*“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.” (Isa 59:2 NIV)*

## **Point to Ponder**

Talking about sin, hell, and judgment makes us uncomfortable. When we are talking about the gospel, the core of what we believe, we cannot shy away from speaking about sin. Next week when we talk about Christ and the cross, God pays this price of sin! Too often, we forget how much our sin cost God. This week is a week to confess your sins to God. Jesus Christ is faithful to forgive us. We need to examine our hearts and seek to understand the cost of our sin as we confess and accept God’s forgiveness.