



If you have **obeyed from the heart the form of the teaching**, you are ...

"In Christ"

If we walk in the Light like Jesus, two things

happen:

- ✓ "We have fellowship with one another"
- ✓ "The blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin"

Now...



It can be very confusing when you look around and find so many different signs with all of them including the same word — "Church".

For many, it is about the same as seeing so many restaurants or grocery stores, thinking they all have the same purpose, selling the same things.

So ... Where can you go to get to the heart of the matter?

Your Church

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(XXX) XXX-XXXX

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Vision Statement

JESUS
is the
ANSWER

So...



What's the question?

Life's Most Important Question!

Are the things said about Jesus really true?

Before we answer this question, we must know where we can **find the most accurate answer**.

Consider the Bible:

- It is the oldest account about Jesus, written by those who knew him best

What is so significant about this? It means that the Bible is:

- Faithfully handed down since the beginning of Christianity
- Translated (not interpreted) to give the best representation of what it said when it was written
- Protected from corruption
- Gives us the best testimony of the ones who knew the answer to this question

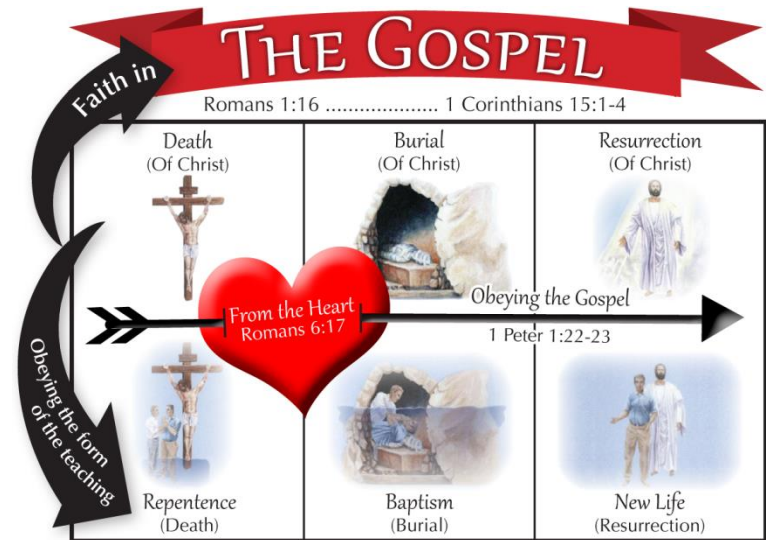
Because of this, we can look to the Bible for the Truth!



Here's how we gain the benefits ...

"Thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, **you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching**"

How do you **OBEY** the **form** of the Gospel?



Believing that Jesus is truly the Son of God who died, was buried and rose, you must die to sin (repent; change your mind about who Christ is and who sets the rules for our lives—King Jesus)

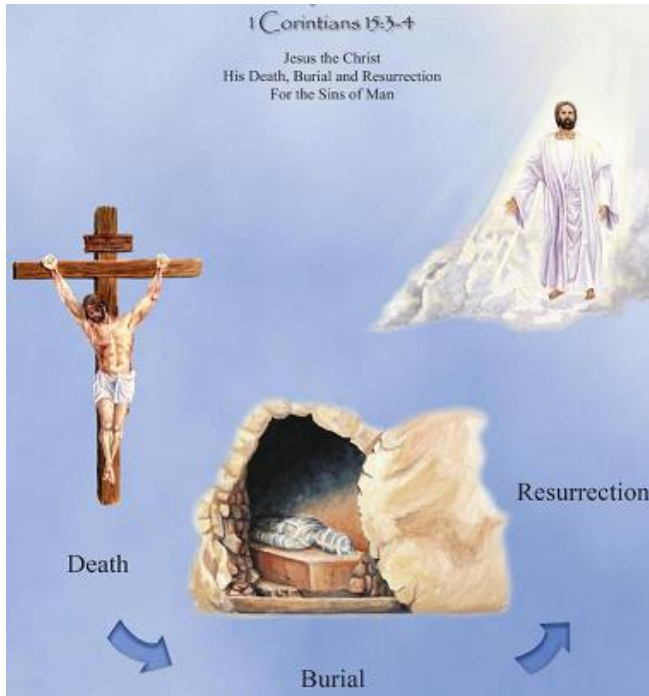
- "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin"
- "Do you not know that all of us who have been **baptized into Christ Jesus** have been **baptized into His death?**"

Buried with Christ

- "Therefore we have been **buried with Him** through baptism into death"

Raised in His likeness

- "**Christ was raised** from the dead ... so **we too might live a new life**" (Jesus rules)



The Great Christ Event

According to the Bible...

- ❖ Christ died for our sins
 - "Christ also died for sins once for all, *the* just for *the* unjust"
 - **Why?** "All have sinned and fallen short"
- ❖ He was buried
 - Because He truly died
- ❖ Raised on the third day
 - "He was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead"



What great news! **And** ... you can have the benefits of what Jesus did for us?

Now let's consider what the Bible says about Jesus

- ✓ "Call His name *Immanuel*, which is translated, *God with us*"
- ✓ "Call His name Jesus, for He will save His people"
- ✓ "God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ"
- ✓ "Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through me"

Here's more good news about Jesus

- ✓ "This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"
- ✓ "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day"

Are you wondering why He did this?

- ✓ "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us"
- ✓ "For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly"

Think about this for a minute. After all, there is nothing we can do about our sins and God has to be just. So, how does all of this come together?

I'm glad you asked!

Here's how it all comes together...

The Bible tells us that **God has offered to:**

- **Qualify us** "to share in the inheritance of the saints"
- **Rescue us** "from the domain of darkness"
- **Transfer us** "to the kingdom of His beloved Son in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins"

Why? Consider this:

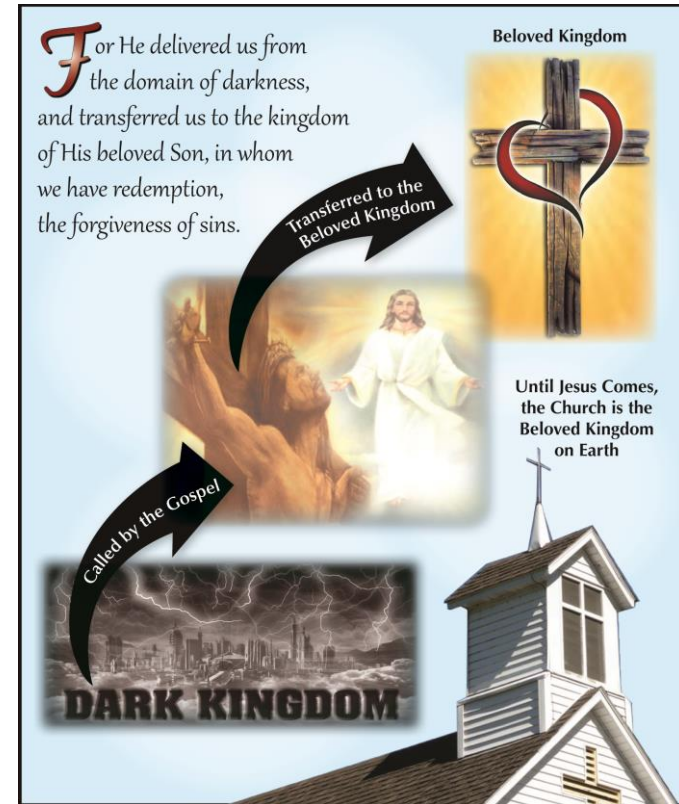
- We live in a dark, sinful world and it's not very pleasant

The goal: Get out!

- **We're not stuck here**
 - It is our choice
 - We have opportunity — "called by the Gospel"
 - "God is not willing that any should perish"
- **The Gospel**
 - The word means "Good News"
 - It is a great message about Jesus
 - Here it is in a nutshell:
 - Jesus died for our sins
 - He was buried (to show he really died)
 - He was raised from the dead

More good news: You can receive the benefits of this great Gospel! Because the Gospel is true, you can be ...

Rescued from the dark kingdom and **transferred** to the beloved kingdom, putting you "in Christ," part of his body, the church.



Here's the best part of all...

- You get to live in the **Beloved Kingdom**

Jesus is the King; He makes the rules

- "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind"
- Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commands"

Here's how this works ...