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A Gospel Presentation

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1. What if the Lord were to come right now? Would you know for sure, nothing doubting, that you would go to heaven?

We can know that we have eternal life.

“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.” (1 John 5:13, NASB95)

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2. What has been written? Is this a life and death statement?

“Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.” (John 8:24, NASB95)

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3. Who is Jesus?

“Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 16:13–17, NASB95)

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4. Is His being the Son of God all that we must believe concerning His identity? [Is there anything else about His identity that we must believe?]

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.” (John 1:1–2, NASB95)

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5. Not only is Jesus the Son of God, He is God.

“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14, NASB95)

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6. Notice what the apostle Paul tells us in Colossians 2:9:

“For in Him all the fullness of Deity [Godhead, NKJV] dwells in bodily form,” (Colossians 2:9, NASB95)

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7. Notice what God the Father calls Him in Hebrews 1:8. He calls His own son God.

“But of the Son He says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of His kingdom.” (Hebrews 1:8, NASB95)

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8. Who does Jesus claim to be?

“Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.”” (John 8:58, NASB95)

“God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM”; and He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ”” (Exodus 3:14, NASB95)

If we tie these verses in with John 8:28, “unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins” , we conclude that we must believe Jesus is God or we will die in our sins.

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9. There are three persons in the “Godhead”, and Jesus is one of them.

“After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and

lighting on Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”” (Matthew 3:16–17, NASB95)

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10. Notice what Paul calls Jesus in 1 Timothy 2:5.

“For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,” (1 Timothy 2:5, NASB95)

Why do we need a mediator?

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11. Something has separated us from God. What is it? (Isaiah 59:2)

“But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.” (Isaiah 59:2, NASB95)

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12. What is God’s power to save us? (Romans 1:16)

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.” (Romans 1:16, NASB95)

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13. What is the gospel? (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

“Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,” (1 Corinthians 15:1–4, NASB95)

The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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14. Why did Jesus have to do each of these things to save us? (Ephesians 1:7)

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace” (Ephesians 1:7, NASB95)

It is in Christ’s death that we reach (come in contact with) His blood.

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15. Notice how Jesus is able to present us before His Father. (Jude 24-25)

“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless [faultless, NKJV] with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.” (Jude 24–25, NASB95)

Through His death Jesus takes care of our sin problem.

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16. Why was He raised for us? (1 Corinthians 15:20-23)

“But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ’s at His coming,” (1 Corinthians 15:20–23, NASB95)

Notice how Jesus takes care of our grave problem.

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17. In 2 Timothy 1:10, Paul speaks of two things which the gospel brings us.

“Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ

Jesus from all eternity, but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,” (2 Timothy 1:8–10, NASB95)

The gospel, Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection, sets us free from the power of death and brings us eternal life.

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18. Paul says it another way in Romans 5:10.

“For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”
(Romans 5:10, NASB95)

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19. Must we confess Christ and believe the gospel to be saved? (Romans 10:9)

“But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;” (Romans 10:8–9, NASB95)

This is another one of those things which God expects us to do.

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20. Does God expect us to change the way we live? (1 Corinthians 6:9-10;cf. Ephesians 4:17-5:7; Galatians 5:19-26)

“Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.” (1 Corinthians 6:9–10, NASB95)

What if we do not change?

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21. What if we do not change? (Luke 13:3, 5)

“I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” (Luke 13:3, NASB95)

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22. What happens if we do not obey the gospel? (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)

“. . . the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,” (2 Thessalonians 1:7–9, NASB95)

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23. How do we obey the gospel? (Romans 6:3-6, 17-18)

“Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. **Slide 24** For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;” (Romans 6:3–6, NASB95)

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“But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,

and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.” (Romans 6:17–18, NASB95)

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24. When does a person actually become a Christian? (Galatians 3:26-27)

“For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have [put on] clothed yourselves with Christ.” (Galatians 3:26–27, NASB95)