

# **F.A.I.T.H. (The Gospel) (Salvation)**

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16*

## **The Basic Bible Truth**

Everyone human being has a critical problem called sin. We fall short of the perfection of God, and the consequence of that is the death penalty. We all deserve death and Hell. Left to our own devices, we would never search for God. But God...the most amazing two words in the Bible. God loves us. That truth is impossible to explain completely. God loved us so much that He sent Jesus to the cross to pay the price for our sins and save us from the punishment we deserved. We don't like to talk about Hell, but it is a very real place reserved for all of those who in this life reject the Savior. At death, the Bible teaches that everyone continues somewhere. And there are only two choices listed in the Bible. And the choice is made prior to death. After death, the decision cannot be changed. We will either spend an eternity burning in the torment of Hell, or we will spend eternity enjoying the grandeurs of Heaven.

## **The Object**

(None)

## **The Lesson**

This lesson can be taught as one lesson, but I usually take the time for a subject as important as this one and do it as five lessons.

## F is for Forgiveness

I John 1:9  
Ephesians 1:17a

There are 12 basic truths concerning forgiveness for the Christian.

1. We need to be forgiven
2. We are sinful before a holy God
3. We will not achieve Heaven on our own
4. God loves each of us intensely
5. God is able and desires to forgive
6. God provided salvation and forgiveness through Jesus
7. Sin in our lives is a barrier to fellowship with God
8. Forgiveness delivers us from the penalty for sin
9. Forgiveness is not based upon anything we can do
10. Forgiveness is made possible by the blood of Jesus
11. Forgiveness is an act of God's grace
12. Forgiveness brings joy to the believer

### A is for Available

John 3:16  
Isaiah 53:6

Here are 10 things to remember when considering that Salvation is available to all.

1. Heaven is out of our reach
2. It is only for those who are saved
3. Only God can save us
4. We all suffer from a problem called sin
5. We cannot solve our problem on our own
6. The best I can do is nothing before a righteous and holy God
7. All sin can be forgiven
8. Jesus made it available for all
9. He paid a great price for us
10. Eternal life is for a very, very long time

### I is for Impossible

Romans 3:23  
James 2:13  
Isaiah 6:5  
Hebrews 10:30-31

It is impossible for God to allow sin into Heaven. There are two sides to this problem.

1. God is righteous—we are sinful
2. God is judge—we deserve the punishment of death
3. God is love—we need a relationship with a holy God
4. God understands us—we have a sin nature
5. God is just and merciful—or we would be dead right now

### T is for Turn

Luke 24:46-48

God calls us to repentance for salvation. That involves a change of direction in our lives. To repent, literally means to turn from something to go in a different direction. Here are 4 things to consider.

1. Repentance involves understanding our condition as a sinner
2. Repentance involves death to the desire to sin
3. Repentance involves a conscious effort to avoid sin
4. Repentance results in a genuine change of heart

### H is for Heaven

John 10:10  
John 14:3

Heaven, as described in the Bible, is a wondrous place. Following is a list of some of the things we know about Heaven.

1. God is there, and we will see Him in His full glory
2. Countless angels and other beings are there
3. Heaven is a very real place
4. Heaven is holy, perfect and pure—sinless
5. Heaven is devoid of any sorrow or suffering
6. Heaven has been prepared specifically for us
7. All 5 senses will still be working in Heaven
8. We should be looking forward to it every day
9. It is forever. Not millions of years. Not billions of years. Not trillions of years, but eternal.

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