

## THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE GOSPEL

	<b>Truth</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<b>God</b>	God is the Creator.	God created mankind to love and serve Him, and to have fellowship with Him. As God's creation, we are accountable to Him (Gen 1:27; Rom 1:20, 3:19)
	God is the holy and righteous Judge.	Because of His holiness and righteousness (Ps 89:14), God cannot overlook sin (Ex 34:6-7; Hab 1:13).
<b>Man</b>	Humanity rebelled and sinned against God.	Adam, the first man created and the representative of all humanity, rebelled against God. As a result, sin and death entered the world. Adam passed his sinful nature to all his offspring, including us (Rom 5:12).
	We all sin, and rightly deserve His just punishment.	No one is perfect. Sin is disobedience to God's commands, whether in word, thought, or action. God's punishment for sin is physical and spiritual death (Rom 3:10, 23; 6:23; 1:18).
<b>Christ</b>	Jesus, the Son of God, came and lived a perfect life.	"Son of God" means that he is equal to God. He was also fully man, yet without sin (Matt 16:16; Jn 1:14; Heb 4:15).
	Jesus died for our sins and was buried.	Jesus voluntarily died in our place to satisfy God's righteous wrath (Jn 10:17-18; 1 Cor 15:3; 1 Pt 3:18).
	Jesus rose from the dead so we can have eternal life.	Jesus' resurrection from the dead ensures that we can be forgiven and justified (Rom 4:25; 8:33-34). It also shows His authority over all things.
	The Lord Jesus will return to judge all people and rule the earth with justice.	Those who believe in Jesus will be judged as righteous (Ps 98:9; 2 Cor 5:10; Rom 4:5) because of the applied work of Christ. Those who do not believe in Jesus will be judged as guilty for their sins.
<b>Response</b>	God commands everyone to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus.	To repent means to turn from sin and turn to God (Mark 1:15; Acts 17:30). It includes intellect, emotion, and will. To believe in Him means to trust in the person and work of Jesus as the only way to receive forgiveness of sins (Col 1:14).
<b>Result</b>	If you believe in Jesus, God forgives your sins and restores you to a right relationship with Himself.	The result of belief is justification and fellowship with God forever (Rom 5:1), freedom from bondage to sin (Jn 8:34-35), entrance into the future Kingdom of God which will be ruled by Jesus (Matt 5:3), eternal life with God forever (Dan 7:18).