

# THE GOSPEL IN FOUR WORDS

Here are four simple words to help you remember the gospel.

## 1. GOD

God is the creator of all things and the source of all life. This one God in three Persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) is perfect, worthy of all worship, and is the Judge of the universe (see Genesis 1:1; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 4:11).

## 2. MAN

God made mankind to be in a relationship with Him. We were created to know, love, and be loved by God. However, our sin has broken this connection with Him. We've become separated from the very purpose of our existence and our source of true life, so we are spiritually dead in our sin. Because people are unable to rid themselves of the guilt for sin and punishment they deserve, all are condemned and deserve eternal separation from God in a place called hell (see Genesis 1:26–28; Psalm 51:5; Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:1–3).

## 3. CHRIST

Out of God's great love, Jesus came to fix this problem. He is fully God and fully Man, and He lived a life without sin. On the cross, He bore the death sentence that we deserve. He not only died, but came back to life, proving that He was God in the flesh. Jesus, in His death and resurrection, conquered man's greatest problems: sin, death, and eternal separation from God. Though all mankind is born spiritually dead and disconnected from God, trusting in Jesus' accomplishments gives hope beyond the grave (see John 1:1; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 7:26; Romans 3:21–26; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Corinthians 15:20–22).

## 4. RESPONSE

Our response to this message is to repent and believe in Christ in order to be saved. Doing this restores the relationship with God that had been lost because of our sin and allows us to fulfill the purpose that we were made for: to know God and make Him known (see Mark 1:15; Acts 20:21; Romans 10:9–10).