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APRIL FOOLS

April Fool's day is today. It has been around since the 1500's. The point is trying to trick someone into thinking that something is true when it obviously is not. I remember some of the pranks, like putting sugar in the saltshaker, or some other silly nonsense that kids did when I was young. Some people do nasty deeds on this day also. The idea is to make someone "feel like a fool."

There is a greater day that people will be called fools. On that day God will tell them like he told the man that wanted to build bigger and better barns, ***"Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee...."*** They make think it is a joke, but it is not a joke. The person being told this is a fool for not trusting in the Lord as their Savior.

Many think that good deeds will get them to heaven. They are the fool.

Many think that church membership will get them to heaven. They are the fool.

Many think that being baptized will get them to heaven. They are the fool.

Many think that giving tithes and offerings will get them to heaven. They are the fool.

Many think that joining a church will get them to heaven. They are the fool.

There will be many fools standing before God on judgment day, but it does not have to be that way. In I Corinthians 1:27 it says, ***"But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound (confuse) the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound (put to shame) the mighty."*** Many think that it makes a person weak to trust in a God they cannot see, but it takes great faith to do that. Those that have made that decision were not foolish. They are the wise ones.

The gospel is simple, not foolish. So simple it is hard to not understand it. Here it is.

- You are a sinner.
- The wages of sin is spiritual and physical death.
- Someone must pay for that sin with sinless blood.
- You do not have sinless blood.
- Jesus had sinless blood.
- He died on the cross as a substitute for your sin.
- We confess to him that we are sinners.
- We ask him to forgive us of our sin.
- He forgives us, and His Holy Spirit comes into your life.

And there it is in a nutshell.

How simple that God loved us that much.

Only a fool would reject that free gift!

Do not be the one that is called foolish.

If you have not received God's free gift of salvation yet, do it now.

There is no April Fool's joke in this my friends. It is the real thing!