

1. What Is the Gospel?

2. The Bible Says It's...

Read [1 Corinthians 15:1-5](#), then fill in the blanks below.

“that Christ... **D** _____ **for** _____
and He was... **B** _____
and He was... **R** _____”

Note: Read about our sins for which Christ died: [1 Cor 6:9-10](#) and [Rev 21:8](#).

3. We Must “Obey the Gospel” to Be Saved

From Our Sins for Which Christ Died

When Jesus returns, “those who [1] **do not know God** and... those who [2] **do not obey the gospel** [the D.B.R.] of our Lord Jesus Christ... **will** pay the penalty of eternal destruction” ([2 Thessalonians 1:8, 9](#) / also refer to [1 Cor 15:34](#) & [1 Peter 4:17, 18](#)). So then, we need to both know and do something to be saved.

(A) What do we need to “know [about] God” to be saved and avoid “the penalty” of hell? [READ [Romans 10:9, 10](#)]

(B) What do we need to do to “obey the gospel” to be saved and avoid “the penalty”? How do we “obey the gospel” to be saved? [READ [1 Peter 2:24](#) and [Romans 6:1-11](#)]

Note: If the Bible says that the gospel is the death [D], burial [B], & resurrection [R] of Jesus Christ (SEE [1 Cor 15:1, 3, 4](#)), then how must we “obey the DBR” of Christ to be saved? How does one obey a DBR, a death, burial, and resurrection? How do you do that?

Answer / Explanation

Stop! Before you read this answer, please fully answer the questions to the left. In this way you will learn best.

Q1/Q2. Essentially, the gospel is the death of Jesus Christ, God’s Son, for our sins, His burial, and His resurrection from the dead (SEE [1 Cor 15:1-5](#)). This is what the prophets said would happen to the Messiah. He would bear our burden of sin on the cross (eg. [Ps 22](#), [Isa 53](#)).

Q3A. We need to know and understand the gospel of Jesus Christ. We need to know that God loved us so much that He sent His one and only son to die in our place for our sins (SEE [Jn 3:16](#)). And believing this, we can be saved from our sins. We can have the hope of eternal life. We can receive God’s grace, His favor. We can escape God’s wrath, hell.

Q3B. Now, in order to “obey the gospel” to be saved and avoid “the penalty” of hell, we simply must obey the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For example, since the Bible says that Jesus Christ “**D**” died “**for**” our sins, was “**B**” buried, and was “**R**” raised to live again [Paul said that the gospel is the DBR of Christ [1 Cor 15:1, 3, 4](#)], we then, to obey it, to do something about it, must be DBR’d. We must “**D**” die “**to**” sin, be buried with Christ in water baptism “**B**” [immersed, not sprinkled or poured, but buried], and be raised up “**R**” out of the water to live a new life, the *Christian* life.

Look for your DBR in these key verses about obeying the gospel to be saved. Peter said, “He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die [D] to sin and live to righteousness [R]” ([1 Pe 2:24](#)). And Paul said, “How shall we who died [D] to sin still live in it? Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized [B] into Christ Jesus have been baptized [B] into His death [D]? Therefore we have been buried [B] with Him through baptism [B] into death [D], so that as Christ was raised [R] from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life” ([Ro 6:2-4](#)).

Truly, truly, this is what you must do to obey the gospel. This is what it means to be born again. You must die to your sins, be buried with Jesus Christ in water baptism (SEE [Colossians 2:12](#)), and be raised up out of the water to live a new life, the Christian life. So, “What must I do to be saved?” ([Ac 16:30](#)). Or, “What must we do [to be saved]?” ([Ac 2:37](#)). You must believe in the gospel of Jesus Christ (the DBR) and obey it. I encourage you to believe in the gospel of Jesus Christ and to prove it by repenting of your sins (die to them), be buried with Jesus in baptism (immersed), and to rise up to live the Christian life.

I have written other tracts to help you to better understand salvation through Jesus Christ. “Call Upon the Name of the Lord” and “Receive Jesus Christ”. Study this subject thoroughly in my *Complete Bible Study on the Basics for Beginners & Christians*. For more free studies, or to request assistance in obeying the gospel DBR, including being baptized, please complete the “Response Card” and mail it. Respond today. In Jesus’ name, Pat “Rick David” Yanello, an Evangelist.

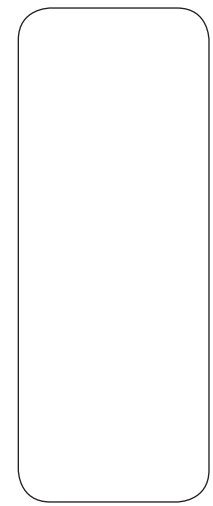
NOTES ON THE SO CALLED “SINNERS’ PRAYER” & “SAVED BY FAITH ALONE”

Clearly, and without a doubt, there is only 1-Gospel, 1-DBR, and therefore only 1-Way to obey it. Prayer is not the gospel. The gospel is not a D P R. Did Jesus Die, get down and Pray, and then Rise up from His prayer to live again? Certainly not! He was buried. Therefore, we need to be buried with Christ in baptism, not in prayer. But someone might say, “All we need to do is pray to be saved because the Bible says, ‘Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved’ ([Ro 10:13](#)). But who is to call upon the name of the Lord to be saved? Evidently, it was the baptizer, not the one being baptized. For example, Jesus instructed baptizers to be: “baptizing them, in the name of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit” ([Mt 28:19](#)). And so, during a person’s baptism, the baptizer is to call upon the names of the three persons of God, saying, “I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit”. This is exactly how a man told Paul to call upon the name of the Lord to be saved, in his baptism. For example, Ananias said to Paul, “Now why do you delay [in prayer]? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name” ([Ac 22:16](#)). Now do you understand how to correctly call upon the name of the Lord to be saved? All who call upon the name of the Lord in baptism, not in prayer, will be saved, because it is in keeping with the DBR. But you must first repent, that is, die to your sins, the D in the DBR. Now when someone obeys the gospel, he does not earn or merit his own salvation. No one can earn it because: “by grace [i.e. favor] you have been saved” ([Eph 2:8](#)), not by your own merit! But everyone who wants to be saved and have eternal life must “obey the gospel”, for “He [Jesus] became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation” ([He 5:9](#)). So grace does not exclude obedience. Again, we must “obey the gospel” to be saved ([2 Thess 1:8, 9](#)). But this does not mean that we have earned it. No one can earn it! Additionally, just believing for salvation is not the gospel [DBR]. For example, there is only one place in the Bible where it says about being saved “by faith alone”, and it is preceded by “not”, that is “not by faith alone” ([Ja 2:24](#)). The Bible says this because some worshippers professed a faith in Christ that God equated to the faith of devils, who believe, yet will not work out their obedience to the DBR. Now do you understand what you must undergo, submit yourself to, and experience in the name of Jesus Christ to be saved from your sins and pardoned by God, the Judge of all men? As the Bible says, confess your knowledge of Jesus as Lord ([Ro 10:9, 10](#)) and obey His gospel DBR to be saved ([2 Thess 1:8, 9](#)).

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The gospel of Jesus Christ encourages you to do something to be saved. For example, when a jailor began to fear God, he asked Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, **“What must I do to be saved?”** (Ac 16:30). Again, when thousands of people began to understand and believe in the gospel of Jesus Christ, they asked Peter, another apostle of Jesus Christ, **“What must we do [to be saved]?”** (Ac 2:37), for this was the subject of the message which they had heard from Peter and the other apostles with him, for them to: **“be saved from this perverted generation”** (Ac 2:40, ALSO SEE vs. 47).

Through the gospel of Jesus Christ, you can be saved from this perverted world! You can be saved from its sin! You can be saved from your own sins! You can be saved from the penalty for your sins. Through the gospel of Jesus Christ, you can receive the forgiveness of your sins. You can receive the hope of eternal life, heaven. You can receive God’s GRACE, His favor. You can avoid His WRATH for your sins. (Jesus received God’s wrath for your sins on His cross.) Through the gospel of Jesus Christ, you can receive God’s praise. You can avoid His condemnation, hell.

But, **“What must I do to be saved?”** (Ac 16:30). Or, **“What must we do [to be saved]?”** (Ac 2:37).

When you complete this self-test worksheet, you will know the exact answer to your question. Now, do you know what you ought do to be saved? It has everything to do with the true meaning of the Gospel and your responsibility to likewise obey it. As soon as you understand the true meaning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, I encourage you to do what it says to be saved.

“What Must I Do to Be Saved?”

Ac 16:30



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