

## 1. You see, mankind has a problem!

1. It starts with sin: through the disobedience of one man (Adam), the many were made sinners (Romans 5:19).
2. Sin is rebellion from the One who created and loves us:
  - We *all* like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way (Isaiah 53.6).
  - There is no one righteous, not even one;...no one who seeks God. All have turned away. (Romans 3:10-11)
3. As a result, we are under a sentence of condemnation:
  - For the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23)
  - We are by nature objects of God's wrath (Ephesians 2:4).

2. Although God is love, He is not one-dimensional. He has other character qualities as well, such as righteousness and justice. His righteousness is a standard we can never meet, and his justice must punish whatever falls short of His righteousness. This hopeless situation leaves us with the following dilemma:

**The question is not how could a loving God sentence anyone to hell; but rather, how could a holy God ever allow anyone into heaven?**

3. Thank you God for finding a way. For God's love for us caused him to find a way to save His hopelessly lost creation.

**How could this possibly be accomplished?**

4. God's way, given what it cost, must logically be the only way. It works like this: The Son of God, Jesus Christ, accomplished the work of salvation by receiving the judgment we deserved. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree..." (I Peter 2:24)



**The only response required of man is to trust in the finished work of Christ:**

- It is finished (John 19:30).
- Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved (Acts 16:31).
- Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already ...(John 3:18).

5. Not only is the one who trusts in Christ in receipt of eternal life, but also:

- Is a *new creation* in Christ—the old has been set aside (I Corinthians 5:17).
- Is a child of God (John 1:12).
- Now has a new life that is hidden with God in Christ Jesus (Colossians 3:3).
- Is in possession of the righteousness of Christ (II Corinthians 5:21).

6. We can tell if we understand what God has done for us if we go back to the original question and try again to answer it



7. When God asks, "Why Should I let you in?" The one who has trusted in the person and work of Jesus Christ should say:

***"Father I have no claim of my own, but rather have trusted in the finished work of Jesus on my behalf. It is because I am in Him, with His righteousness and His life, that I know you will receive me!" (I John 5:11-13)***

## 8. Is there anything preventing you from trusting in Christ right now?

You can do this in the quietness of your own soul or by talking to God through prayer for “Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Romans 10:13) Would you consider trusting Him right now?

*Heavenly Father, whatever I might have been counting upon, I now set aside. Instead, I am trusting solely in your Son, Jesus Christ, and His work on the cross to save me. I see that it is in Him that I have both the forgiveness of my sin and eternal life. In Jesus name, I pray. Amen*

9. If you trusted in Christ through prayer, then you need to **know that YOU have eternal life.** Here are some suggestions for you to move forward in your new life in Christ:

- Tell someone about becoming a Christian. Start with another Christian if possible and then look for those God brings to you.
- Start growing in your new life by reading the Bible and *sitting* under the teaching of the Word of God.
- Be blessed by the encouragement that comes from gathering with other believers.
- Begin taking everything in your life to God in prayer.



**Vistoso Community Church invites you to deepen and strengthen your Christian walk with us.**

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