

## Intro

- Share your testimony
- Ask permission to share the gospel
- **Two Diagnostic Questions:**

1. *If you were to die today, do you know for sure that you would go to Heaven or would you say that's something you are still working on?*

2. *If God had to ask you, "Why should I let you into my Heaven?" What would you say?*

- One of the reasons the bible was written was so that we could know where we stand.

1 John 5:13 - I write these things to you so that you may know you have eternal life.

**Transition:** *The good news is...*

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## 1. Heaven is a free gift. It can't be earned or deserved.

**illustration:** Friends Gift

Rom 6:23 - *For the wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Eph 2:8,9 - *God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.*

**Transition:** *So why can't we earn eternal life? Because the Bible teaches...*

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## 2. We are all sinners. We can't save ourselves.

**illustration:** Omelette

Rom 3:23 - *For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.*

Matt 5:48 - *But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.*

**Transition:** *We can't save ourselves because of what the Bible teaches about God.*

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## 3. God is love and he does not want to punish us. But God is also just and he must punish sin.

**illustration:** Bank Robber

1 John 4:8b - *...God is love.*

Exodus 34:7b - *But I do not excuse the guilty.*

**Transition:** *This is a dilemma. God solved this dilemma through Jesus Christ.*

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## 4. Jesus is both God and man. He died on the cross and rose from the dead to pay the penalty for our sins and to purchase a place in Heaven for us.

**illustration:** Garcia

John 1:1,14 - *In the beginning the Word already existed; the Word was with God and the Word was God...The Word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us. We saw his glory, the glory which he received as the Father's only son.*

Isaiah 53:6 - *All of us were like sheep that were lost, each of us going his own way. But the Lord made the punishment fall on him, the punishment all of us deserved.*

**Transition:** *We receive this gift through faith.*

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## 5. Faith is not head knowledge that God exists. Neither is it temporary faith. True saving faith is trusting in Jesus Christ alone for eternal life.

**illustration:** Boat

James 2:19 - *Do you believe that there is only one God? Good! The demons also believe--and tremble with fear.*

Acts 16:31 - *Then he led them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved—you and your family."*

**Transition:** *Does this make sense to you? Do you want to receive the free gift of eternal life? Then I can lead us in a prayer and we can tell God what you just told me.*

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## Commitment

- Lead person in prayer to receive Christ.
- **Welcome:** Let me be the first to welcome you to God's family.
- Ask: When you prayed that prayer would you say that you believed?
- Ask them to read John 6:47 - I tell you the truth, anyone who believes has eternal life.
- Demonstrate the Roman Handshake.
- Ask the two diagnostic questions again.