
**Believers and Baptism:
Telling People What I Believe and Where I Stand**

1. **God Created Everything, including the World** (Genesis 1-2)

- Day 1 – Space, Elements, Light (Gen 1:1-5)
- Day 2 – Atmosphere (Gen 1:6-8)
- Day 3 – Dry Land, Plant Life (Gen 1:9-13)
- Day 4 – Sun, Moon & Stars (Gen 1:14-19)
- Day 5 – Aquatic Life and Birds (Gen 1:20-22)
- Day 6 – Land Animals and Adam & Eve (Gen 1:24-31; 2:4-25)
- Day 7 – God Ceased Creating, & Blessed Day 7 (Gen 2:1-3)

2. **Adam Sinned Against God** (Gen 2:16-17; 3:1-24))

God gave Adam a choice and a warning

- Eat from any tree but this one
- The day you eat of it you will die

Adam ate of the tree, and became sinful

- He immediately became sinfully unfit for God
- He began to die physically
- He and Eve were expelled from the garden
- Adam passed his sin and guilt on to his children

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned (Rom 5:12)

3. **God Had a Plan to Rescue Sinful Man** (Gen 3:14-15, 21)

God Would Send His Son as a Man to Take the Punishment for Mankind, and Make them Fit for Him Again

The First Hint About the Plan to Rescue Sinful Man

So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You [are] cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel." (Gen 3:14-15)

The First Object Lesson About Death Required for Sin

Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them. (Gen 3:21)

4. **God Continued to Tell More, and Give More Object Lessons**

(God required death, but would provide a Sacrifice)

- The Requirement for Blood Sacrifices
- The Temple and the Required Rituals
- The Coming Messiah, Who Would Be Cut Off

5. **God Sends Jesus to Become Human, to Die as THE Sacrifice**

Born of a virgin named Mary (He rec'd His humanity from her)
He lived a perfect, sinless life

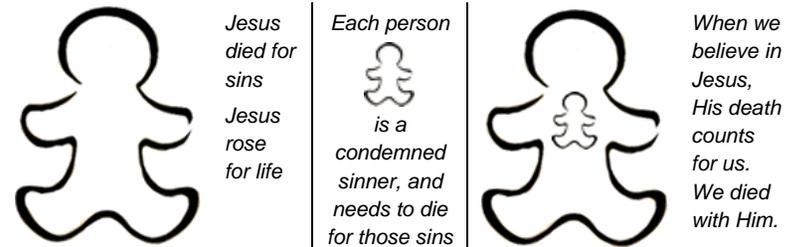
He died on the cross to pay for the sins of all mankind
He rose again (proves His identity, payment, & promises)

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3:16-18

6. **Jesus Commanded His Followers to Spread the Word**

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, [even] to the end of the age." Amen. (Matt 28:18-20)

- **Share** the news of His sacrifice so that people will be rescued from their punishment
- **Baptize** those who believe, as a proclamation of their belief in Him and His sacrifice



- **Teach** those who believe to observe all that He had taught, until He returns

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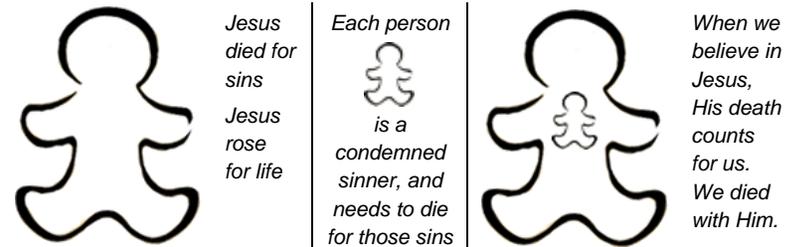
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