

The ONE Essential for Baptism: Salvation

1. Our _____: **SIN – We are guilty of sin before God, who is holy.**
 - a. **We have sinned and we are guilty, and thus we deserve eternal punishment from a Holy God.**
Rom 3:22b-23 For there is no difference; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God
 - b. **There is nothing we can do to remove the guilt and deserved punishment of this sin.**
Rom. 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.
2. Our _____: **SEPARATION – Sin keeps us from God...forever.**
 - a. **Our sin separates us from God now: Spiritual Death**
Rom 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—
 - b. **Our sin will forever separate us from God: Eternal Death**
Rev 21:8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.
3. God's _____: **A SUBSTITUTE! Jesus has taken our place!**
 - a. **God Sent Jesus to Die in Our Place – As Our Sin Sacrifice**
John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"
 - b. **God put our punishment on Jesus, & gave us Jesus' perfect record!**
2 Cor 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
 - c. **God's punishment of Jesus for us fully satisfied our sin guilt.**
Rom 3:24-25 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,
1 John 2:2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.
1 John 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.
4. God's _____: **RESURRECTION! Jesus rose again!**
 - a. **It proved who Jesus was and the truth of what He said.**
Matt 28:6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
 - b. **It proved that Jesus' payment fully accomplished our salvation.**
Rom 4:25 who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

5. My _____: **BELIEVE God's good news.**
God promises to use Jesus' payment for me if I will believe on Jesus as my Savior, my Sin-Payer. I must rest on what God has promised.
John 3:16-18 "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. ¹⁷ "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. ¹⁸ "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 3:36 He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.
Acts 16:30-34 And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"
³¹ So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ And he took them the same hour of the night and washed *their* stripes. And immediately he and all his *family* were baptized... ³⁴ ... having believed in God with all his household.

GOD'S TRANSACTIONS (What Happens When I Believe?)

1. **Jesus' Perfect Righteousness Is Imputed to Me (Put on My Account)**
Rom 4:5 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,
Rom 4:19-25 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, ²¹ and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. ²² And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness." ²³ Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, ²⁴ but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.
2. **I Am Justified (declared right) by God and Saved through Jesus**
Rom 5:6-10 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.
Rom 5:17-19 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) ¹⁸ Therefore, as through one man's offense *judgment came* to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act *the free gift came* to all men, resulting in justification of life. ¹⁹ For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.