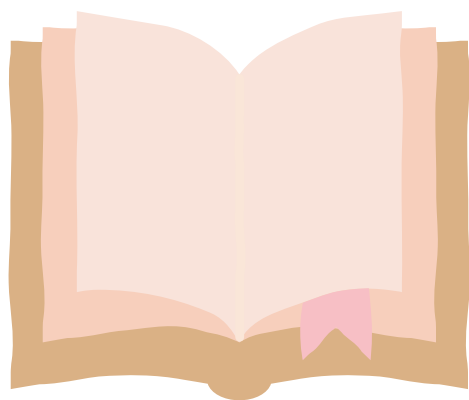


# GOOD NEWS FOR ALL



The Bible's Message  
Plain and Simple

North Harford Baptist Church  
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# INTRODUCTION

The Bible's message is called, "the gospel," which means **GOOD NEWS**.



"And the angel said to them, 'Fear not, for behold, **I bring you good news of great joy** that will be **for all** the people.'" (Luke 2:10)

*The good news is about God's salvation through faith in Jesus.*

"For I am not ashamed of **the gospel**, for **it is the power of God for salvation** to everyone who believes." (Romans 1:16a)

# **7 ELEMENTS OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE**

1. Forgiveness
2. Jesus
3. His Death
4. God's Grace
5. Resurrection
6. Turn to Him
7. & Believe

1.

# THE BIBLE'S MESSAGE IS **FORGIVENESS**



"In Him we have redemption through his blood, **the forgiveness of our trespasses**, according to the riches of his grace." (Ephesians 1:7)

*Forgiveness is the removal of guilt.*

2.

THE BIBLE'S MESSAGE IS  
**JESUS**

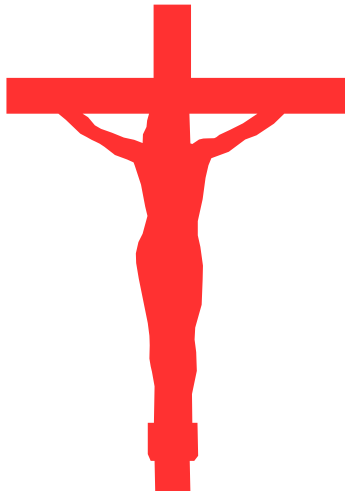


**"In Him** we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace." (Ephesians 1:7)

*Jesus is a Mediator: both God & man.*

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THE BIBLE'S MESSAGE IS  
**HIS DEATH**

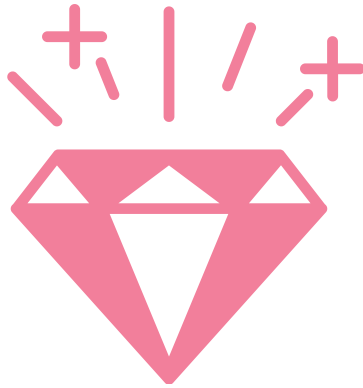


"In Him **we have redemption through his blood**, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace." (Ephesians 1:7)

*Jesus died as a substitute for sinners.*

4.

THE BIBLE'S MESSAGE IS  
**GOD'S GRACE**



"In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, **according to the riches of his grace.**" (Ephesians 1:7)

*Grace is undeserved love or kindness.*

5.

# THE BIBLE'S MESSAGE IS **RESURRECTION**



"After making purification for sins, **he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.**" (Hebrews 1:3b)

"**He became the source of eternal salvation** to all who obey him."  
(Hebrews 5:9b)

*Jesus rose again and became the living source of salvation and hope.*



6.

GOD'S CALL TO YOU IS  
**TURN TO HIM...**

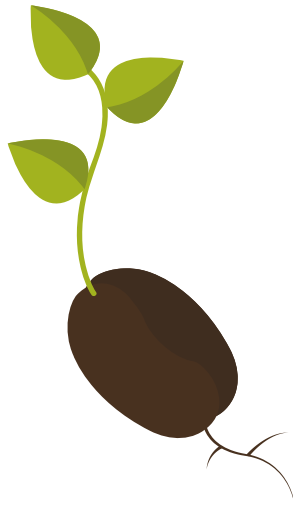


**"Repent therefore, and turn back,**  
that your sins may be blotted out."  
(Acts 3:19)

*Repentance is your heart & mind  
turning from sin toward God.*

7.

... & BELIEVE.

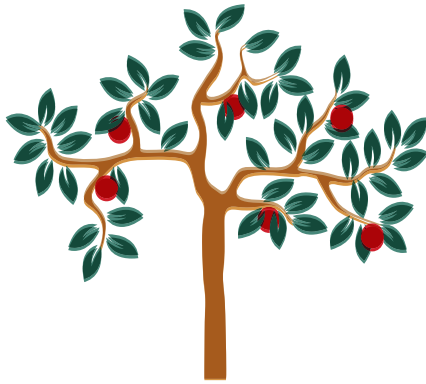


“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, **that whoever believes in him** should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

*Belief is faith: trusting in Jesus alone for redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

FOLLOWING JESUS

# THE RESULT OF SALVATION



“Then Jesus told his **disciples**, ‘If anyone would **come after me**, let him **deny himself** and take up his cross and **follow me.**’” (Matthew 16:24)

*A disciple is a follower of Jesus.*

*Disciples seek to learn from Jesus, imitate Jesus, and honor Jesus in all areas of life.*

# NEXT STEPS

In the Bible, the first steps of obedience for new Christians are:

1. Publicly *confess* your faith in Jesus,
2. Be *baptized* in water,
3. And join a biblical local *church*.

"If you love me, you will **keep my commandments.**" (John 14:15)

"Because, if you **confess with your mouth** that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

"So those who received his word **were baptized**, and there were **added that day about three thousand souls.**" (Acts 2:41)

"Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,** [20] teaching them **to observe all that I have commanded you.** And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, [5] so we, though many, **are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.**" (Romans 12:4-5)

"Aet us consider how to **stir up one another** to love and good works, [25] not neglecting to **meet together**, as is the habit of some, but **encouraging one another**, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

## CONTACT US TO:

- Discuss taking these next steps for new Christians
- Request Bible study on any of these steps
- Discuss issues of your personal faith and salvation
- Request Bible study on the gospel or any of its elements
- Request Bible study on Christian beliefs or living

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