

"We either proudly believe we are too good to be judged, or we proudly believe we are too bad to be saved. So the gospel is a continual surprise, and we need to hear it again and again."

- Ray Ortlund

1. ADMIT that you're as sinner in need of a Savior.

Ephesians 2:1-3

The word "transgressions" means "a <u>DEVIATION</u> from the truth, to trespass" and the word "sins" means "forfeiture for <u>MISSING</u> the <u>MARK</u>"

Ephesians 2:4-5





You weren't <u>BAD</u> and needed to get better — you were <u>DEAD</u> and needed to come alive!

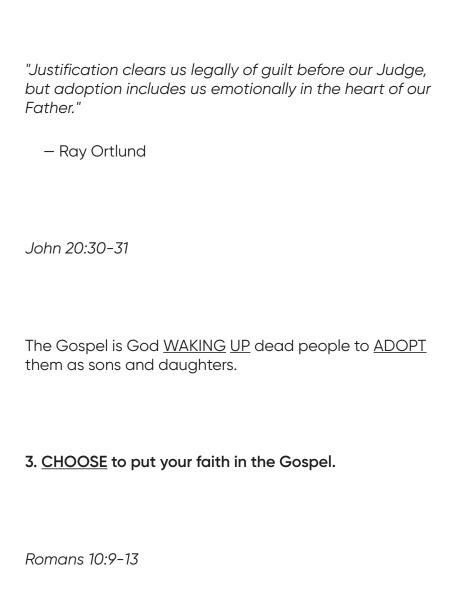
"There is nothing attractive about the gospel to the natural man; the only man who finds the gospel attractive is the man who is convicted of sin."

Oswald Chambers

2. <u>BELIEVE</u> that Jesus is the only Savior available.

Romans 3:21-25, 1 Corinthians 15:3-5, Titus 3:3-7

Religious efforts to try to become right with God based on "being good enough" to be acceptable to Him are <u>NOT CONSISTENT</u> with the Gospel.



These aren't magic steps — they're a way to describe what's happening in your heart when you come alive to God: you <u>REALIZE</u> your need, you <u>TRUST</u> in Jesus, and you take the first step of <u>SURRENDER</u>.

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"God has made relationships His chosen delivery system for the gospel of hope."

- Ed Stetzer

Romans 6:5-7

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