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- 1. God loves you and has an exciting plan for your life
- <sup>John 3:3</sup> Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”
- <sup>4</sup> “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”
- <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered...<sup>7</sup> You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’”



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- John 3:1 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.  
17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.



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- 2. Humankind is sinful and separated from God
  - Rom 3:22 There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
  - Every person needs to be saved from the sin that separates us from God!



- “All human beings are born needing a new nature. We are born into bondage like slaves, and as we mature we continue in that bondage, compelled by our nature to disobey God’s commands... Our actions and habits are proof that we are in slavery... We are all prisoners of sin, you as well as me... even if we have different appearances. Some wear beautiful, expensive clothes, others are dressed in worn out, dirty rags. Some are swearing while others are uttering pious phrases. Some live in palaces while others are sleeping under a tarp held up by two sticks. Some are religious prisoners and some are atheistic prisoners, but all are prisoners.

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- 3. Sin is so serious that it results in death
- Something or someone must die to pay for your sin
  - Heb 9:22 In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.



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- 4. Jesus Christ is God's only provision for humankind's sin
  - Rom 5:6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.  
<sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



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- 5. You must individually receive Jesus Christ as your savior and boss
  - I John 1:9 There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. <sup>10</sup> He (Jesus) was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. <sup>11</sup> He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup> But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name, NASB





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- Savior- a commitment made in a moment
  - We are willing to let Jesus die in our place
  - It's a good deal
  - We might be sorry; but not THAT sorry for our sin.



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- Boss (= Lord)- a commitment made for the rest of one's life!
  - Rom 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.  
2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.



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- The benefits of salvation:
  - You are saved
    - From an eternity of separation from God
  - Jesus enters you through His Holy Spirit
  - You have a constant companion
  - You have a standard planted in the ground
    - You have something to stand for
    - THIS is who I stand with: His words!
    - You have chosen sides in a spiritual battle
  - Your relationships matter for eternity
    - “Divine encounters” with people
  - You are assured eternity with God



## So What?

- Jesus offers you forgiveness
- Jesus offers peace for your soul
- Jesus offers you security
  - A pole planted firmly in the shifting sands of life
- Jesus offers you “settledness”
- Jesus offers you divine encounters
- Jesus offers you Jesus!

