

# The Gospel Story

<b>Creation/Fall</b>	When God made the world, it was all good – and we were satisfied living under God’s loving rule. But we would say that things are no longer “all good”. That’s because we no longer wanted to be satisfied living under God’s rule but thought we could satisfy ourselves (It didn’t work obviously!).
The Problem:	So I became a Christian when I realized that fact – that I’ve severed my relationship with God by rebelling (sinning) against him in thoughts, words deeds and that because of my rebellion God now has a problem with me.
1. God is Righteous	Because He is righteous (perfection) he cannot accept me back the way I am.
2. God is Just	God is also just and must take action against me for my rebellion
Judgement	The judgment for rebelling against God is death – spiritually, physically, eternally – separated from God and from everything that’s good.
Inability	And because I was “dead” there was nothing I could do to make myself “alive” again to God. I can’t resuscitate myself.
<b>Redemption</b>	That truth was bad news when I discovered it, but the good news (“Gospel”) I also discovered is...
God is love	God is not only righteous and just, but he is love. And in his love, he sent a substitute – someone to take the judgment for me and restore things back to good.
Incarnation	No one on earth could do the job, so God the Father sent God the Son into the world to be that substitute.

His Life	Jesus is God the son, who became man. He lived a sinless life (the one I was supposed to live). He willingly allowed himself to be arrested, tried, and convicted for crimes he didn't commit and ultimately hung on cross.
His Death	
Atonement	On the cross, God the Father – knowing everything about me – took all my sin and placed it on Jesus and punished him in my place so that Jesus took the wrath of God that I deserve.
Resurrection	Jesus did die-was buried, and placed in a tomb. Three days later – after paying the penalty for my sin, he resurrected from the grave – never to die again but to return one day to judge rebellion and restore all back to good.
Faith	And by placing my trust in Him now, God's justice against me is satisfied at the cross. God no longer has a problem with me now. In fact, when he looks at me now, he sees my new identity – the righteous One, Jesus, in my place.
New Creation	
Sanctification Mission <b>Restoration</b>	As I believe and live out this new identity I change as a person, I join Jesus as he addresses the problems of this world, and I'll be joining him when he transforms the world once and for all back to good.