

How Do I Respond to God's Good News?

The Good News Path (Part Three)

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Introduction:

I. What God Brings to Me: the _____

A. Then... (Gen. 15:1-6)

After these things **the word of the LORD came** to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ...⁵ And [God] brought [Abram] outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶ And he **believed** the LORD, and he **counted** it to him as **righteousness**.

B. ...and Now (Rom. 10:17)

So **faith** comes from **hearing**, and **hearing** through the **word of Christ**.

II. What God Does In Me: _____

A. Required (John 3:3, 5, 7)

³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born again** he cannot **see** the kingdom of God." ...⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born** of water and the Spirit, he **cannot enter** the kingdom of God. ...⁷ **Do not marvel** that I said to you, '**You must be born again.**'"

B. Observed (1 John 5:1a)

Everyone who **believes** that Jesus is the Christ **has been born** of [or begotten by, given birth by] God...

C. Narrated (Acts 2:36-37)

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." ³⁷ Now when they heard this **they were cut to the heart**, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

III. How I Must Respond: in...

A. _____ant...

1. Scripture

a. Acts 2:37-38

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, **what shall we do?**" ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "**Repent and be baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"

b. Acts 17:30-31

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he **commands all people everywhere to repent**,³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

2. Significance

3. Observation: repentance *results in* a changed life

B. _____

1. Scripture

a. John 6:40

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who **looks on** [θεωρῶν, *observes, studies*] **the Son** and **believes in** [εἰς, *into*] **him** should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day”

b. Acts 16:31

And they said, “**Believe in** [ἐπί, *upon*] the **Lord Jesus**, and you will be **saved**, you and your household.”

2. Significance: three elements –

a. Re_____ (“looks on,” Jn. 6:40)

b. Re_____ (“believe”)

c. Re_____ (“believe *into*” [Jn. 6:40]; “believe *upon*” (Acts 16:31)

C. _____

1. Scripture

a. Ephesians 2:8-9

For by **grace** you have been **saved** through **faith**. And this is **not your own doing**; it is the **gift of God**, **9 not** a result of **works**, so that **no one** may **boast**.

b. Galatians 5:2

Look: I, Paul, say to you that **if you accept circumcision**, Christ will be of **no advantage** to you.

2. Significance