

BASIC BIBLE DOCTRINE

LESSON # 4

“The Four Basic Facts of the Gospel”

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(The King James Bible should be used to answer the questions.)

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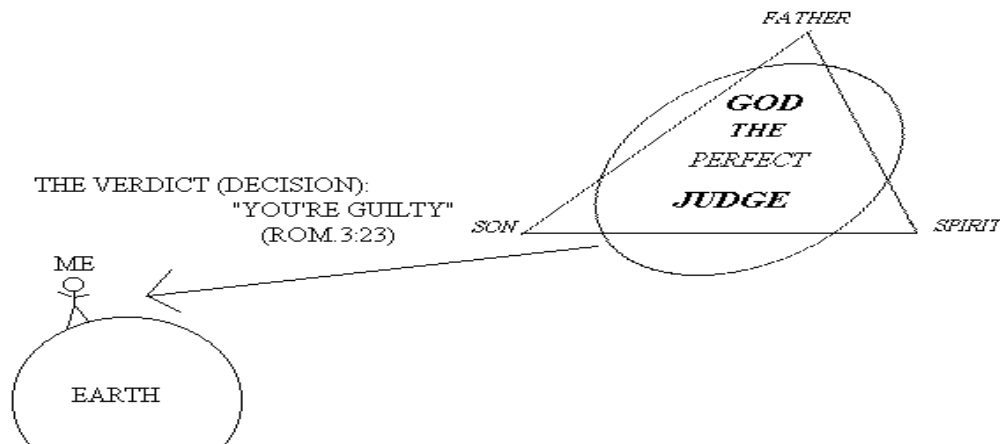
The Four Basic Facts of the Gospel

SALVATION

After realizing that it was absolutely necessary for Jesus to die on the cross we need to learn *why* He had to die. To understand *why* the Lord Jesus had to die we must study the ***FOUR BASIC FACTS OF THE GOSPEL***.

FACT NUMBER 1 - ALL MEN ARE GUILTY BEFORE GOD.

Romans 3:19: "that _____ mouth may be stopped and _____ the world may become before _____ before _____." We have already studied that all men are sinful and wicked. As we stand before God, the Righteous Judge, is the verdict "GUILTY" or "NOT GUILTY"? _____



FACT NUMBER 2 - THERE IS A PENALTY FOR OUR GUILT.

Not only are we guilty, but there is a penalty involved! We learn in Ezekiel 18:4 that the person who sins shall _____. Therefore, because of our sin we deserve (circle one):

- a) a \$500 fine
- b) 5 weeks in prison
- c) 10 years in prison
- d) the death penalty.

Because of my sin I deserve the _____ penalty. In Genesis 2:17 we find that the penalty for Adam's sin is also the _____ penalty. What is the wages of sin (Romans 6:23)? _____ If you were paid \$10.00 per hour and you worked a 40 hour week, then you deserve to be paid how much money that week? _____. If your boss were fair and honest, then your wages for that week would be _____. God is perfectly fair and just. Because of our _____ we deserve to die. We have earned for ourselves the _____ penalty.

God the Righteous Judge knows what kind of work we do as we live in sin each day and God's Word tells us that the wages of _____ is _____.

A. What is this death penalty?

We must remember that this death penalty (Rom. 6:23) is more than just physical death, although physical death is certainly included as part of the consequences of sin (Gen. 3:19). **DEATH** as God's penalty for sin involves basically two things: **1) SEPARATION FROM GOD 2) PUNISHMENT BY GOD.**

The following verses speak about the punishment that the wicked deserve. For each verse write down the part of the verse that indicates *separation from God* and also the part that indicates that *punishment by God* is involved.

2 THESSALONIANS 1:9

SEPARATION _____
PUNISHMENT _____

MATTHEW 25:41

SEPARATION _____
PUNISHMENT _____

MATTHEW 25:46

SEPARATION _____
PUNISHMENT _____

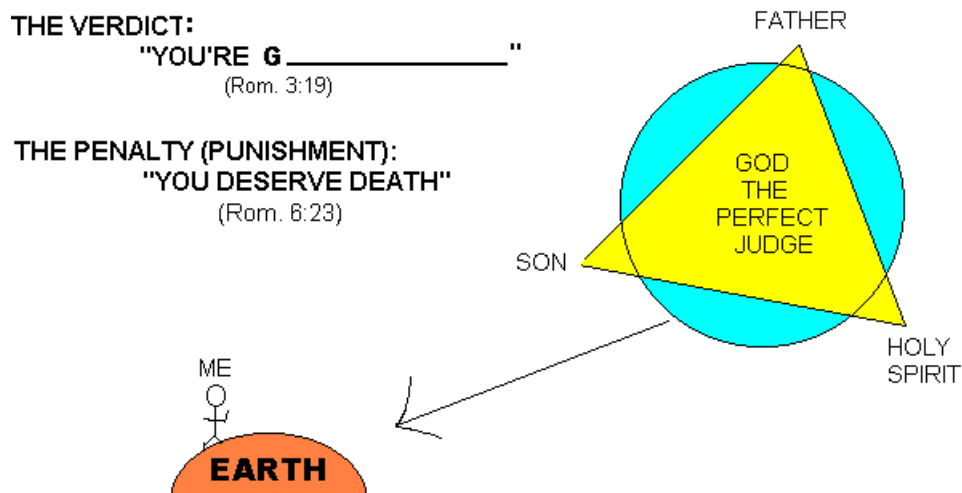
REVELATION 20:15

SEPARATION _____
PUNISHMENT _____

MATTHEW 7:23
SEPARATION _____

Hell was prepared for whom? _____ The wicked shall suffer what kind of punishment (Matthew 25:46)? _____ In Revelation 20:14 we learn that this eternal separation from God is called the _____ death. According to Revelation 20:15, what will happen to those who are not found written in the book of life? _____ In Revelation 21:8 the lake of fire is called _____.

Illustration of FACT NUMBER 2



FACT NUMBER 3 - THE PENALTY MUST BE PAID.

God the Righteous Judge cannot say, "You deserve the death penalty, but because I'm a merciful God I'll forget about that and I'll let you live!" Now if God were to do that, it's true He would be merciful, but He would no longer be Just and He would no longer be Holy and He would no longer be Righteous! Do criminals deserve to be punished? _____ Do guilty people deserve to be punished? _____ According to Romans 3:19 and 3:23, are you a guilty person? _____ Do you deserve to be punished? _____ What punishment (penalty) do you deserve? _____

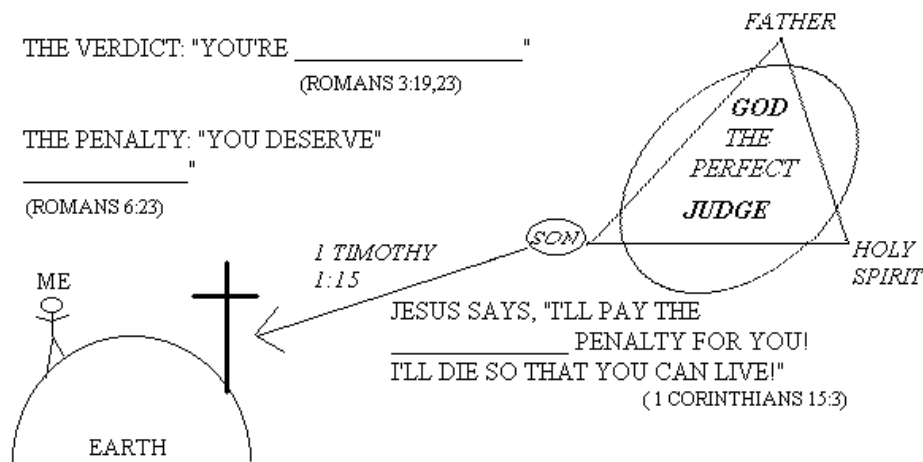
Read Deuteronomy 25:1-2. If a person is righteous (innocent) then the judge should *justify him* (declare him to be innocent). If the person is innocent then the judge should say, "You're not guilty!" If the person is guilty, then he should be condemned. Read Deuteronomy 25:2. If the guilty man deserves to be beaten, should the judge let him go unpunished? _____ Remember, God is the Perfect Judge. Is God ever unfair? _____ Does God ever make a mistake? _____ Does God see and understand all things? _____ Does God know all the facts? _____ Is God ever wrong? _____ Is God ever unrighteous? _____ Is there ever a crime that God does not observe? _____

Is anything hidden from the eyes of God (Hebrews 4:13)? _____ Is God's verdict ever wrong? _____
 Therefore, as God the Perfect Judge sees you, what is the verdict? _____
 Because of this verdict, what is the punishment? _____

FACT NUMBER 4 - CHRIST PAID THE PENALTY AS OUR SUBSTITUTE!

We deserve the _____ penalty and this penalty M_____ be paid! We are all condemned sinners deserving an eternal death in the LAKE OF FIRE which is called the _____
 _____ (see Revelation 20:14 and 21:8), BUT, God sent His beloved Son into the world
 (read John 3:17) not to _____ the world, but that the world through Him might be
 _____.

The Lord Jesus Christ came to pay the DEATH PENALTY for Me! He took my place and He died for me!



According to 1 Corinthians 15:3, what did the Lord Jesus do for you? _____
 Jesus paid the death penalty that I deserved! In Romans 5:6 we learn that Christ _____ for what kind of people? _____ In Romans 5:8 we discover that even when we were yet _____ Christ _____ for _____. In Galatians 1:4 we learn that Christ gave Himself on the cross for whose sins? _____ Therefore, who paid the penalty for our sins? _____
 Who *deserved* to pay the penalty for our sins? _____ Who paid the penalty even though He didn't deserve it? _____
 Christ bore whose sins in His own body on the tree (1 Peter 2:24)? _____ What do you think "tree" means in this verse (compare Acts 5:30 and 10:39)? _____ How many times did Christ suffer for sins (1 Peter 3:18)? _____ Therefore, is it necessary for Christ to die again on the cross? _____ Who is the Just One (the Righteous One) that this verse is talking about? _____ Who are the unjust ones (the unrighteous ones)? _____ Christ died for us in order that He might B_____ us to _____. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. Who knew no sin? _____ Who was made sin for us? _____ Why was He made sin for us? _____

Read Isaiah chapter 53 and circle every verse that tells us about Christ dying for our sins:
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

The following statements are either **True or False**. Put a **T** before those statements that are True and put an **F** before those that are false:

1. _____ Jesus freely lay down His life on the cross.
2. _____ It was absolutely necessary for Christ to die so that we could be saved.
3. _____ As the Righteous Judge of the Universe sees you and sees the way you have lived, the verdict is "Not Guilty!"
4. _____ All men are guilty before God, but because God is loving and merciful, there is no penalty for our guilt.
5. _____ The wages of sin is a free trip to heaven.
6. _____ The death penalty which sinful man has earned for himself has nothing to do with eternal separation from God and punishment by God, but it merely means that someday we must die physically.
7. _____ A Holy God must judge and punish sin.
8. _____ All men will spend eternity in the lake of fire.
9. _____ No one will spend eternity in the lake of fire.
10. _____ The lake of fire is called the second death which involves separation from a Holy God and eternal punishment.
11. _____ A fair and righteous judge is one who does not punish the criminal.
12. _____ God sent His Son into the world to condemn the world.
13. _____ Jesus died as my Substitute which means that He died in my place.
14. _____ Jesus the Righteous One died for unrighteous me.
15. _____ Jesus died so that I might live!
16. _____ God showed His great love towards us by forgetting about our sin.
17. _____ God showed His great love towards us by sending His Son to die for our sin.
18. _____ I believe with all my heart that the Lord Jesus Christ paid the death penalty for my sin and I'll always be thankful for what He did for me on the cross.

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