- a. Read what Jesus says from the cross. Can you describe how He must have felt at that time? Why was Jesus willing to endure such agony? ~ About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"—which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46 (Read also: Mark 15:33)
- b. Through His life and death, Jesus kept the law perfectly for us. What does He desire for you? ~ "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32
- c. Read Isaiah's words about Jesus ministry. God's love for us is unimaginable. ~ Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; vet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:4-5 (Read also: 2 Corinthians 5:21)
- 3. Jesus is the only way to the Father. What does this mean for your salvation? ~ And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12 (Read also: John 14:6-7, 1 John 5:11-12)
- 4. After Jesus redeeming work was complete, He arose! What does that mean for you as a Christian? ~ "Because I live, you also will live." John 14:19b
- 5. Where is Jesus now?  $\sim$  "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also." John 14:3

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# John 14:6, 18-19, 23-27

6 Jesus said: I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." 18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Yet a little while and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live.

23 If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. 24 Whoever does not love Me does not keep My words. And the Word that you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.



25 These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

27 Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

### Romans 10:9 - The Gospel

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

### **Ephesians 2:8** - Grace

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

#### The Ten Commandments

**Exodus 20:1-8, 12-17** - God spoke all these words, saying: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

- You shall have no other gods before Me.
- You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them.
- You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.
- · Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.
- You shall not murder.
- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall not steal.
- You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

## A Closer Look - Separation from God

Sin separates us from God. It is only by God's grace that He offers us salvation through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. The Bible says He is the only way of salvation, having broken the curse of sin. He lights our path through the darkness of sin and leads us into our Father's arms.

- 1. The law shows us our sin and our need for a Savior. ~ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. Romans 3:20 (Read also: Galatians 3:22-24)
  - a. What well known set of laws is found in the Old Testament? (*The Ten Commandments Exodus 20:1-17*) Name some of the Commandments.
  - b. Can we obey the commandments perfectly on our own? Can we become perfect on our own? ~ As it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." Romans 3:10-12 (Read also: James 2:10)
  - c. Tell what sin has done to our relationship with God. ~ But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear. 9 Therefore justice is far from us, and righteousness does not overtake us; we hope for light, and behold, darkness, and for brightness, but we walk in gloom. Isaiah 59:2.9
- 2. Without Jesus, we can not come into the Father's presence. Jesus paid the ultimate price for us. He led a sinless life and allowed Himself to be sacrificed so that our relationship with God could be restored.