

## Preparing the Gospel

Ephesians 6:15 – "...and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace."

If God were to ask you why He should let you into heaven, what would you tell Him?

### I. The Need for a Savior

#### A. We have done wrong

1. Matt. 5:48 –
2. Rom. 3:23 (10-12) –
3. Jas. 2:10 –

#### B. The penalty for doing wrong

1. Rom. 6:23a –
2. Rev. 20:11-15; 21:8 –

#### C. This penalty must be paid. God can not forgive sin without the penalty being paid!

1. Lev. 17:11 –
2. Heb. 9:22 –

### II. God Has Provided the Savior

#### A. Because God loves us as we are:

1. John 3:16 (14-18; Num. 21:4-9) –
2. Rom. 5:6-10 –

Two parts to salvation:

- a. Jesus' death pays for my debt from sins (II Cor. 5:21)
- b. Jesus' life earns the perfection we lack (Phil. 3:9; Heb. 2:18)

#### B. Forgiveness is possible because the debt is paid

1. Col. 2:13-15 [notice the sequence] (for Roman Catholics, vv.16-23)
2. Rom. 4:25 –

#### C. Jesus is the only Savior

1. John 14:6 –
2. Acts 4:12 –
3. Had to be fully human to be in the currency of the debt -- Heb. 2:17 –
4. Had to be fully God for His death to have infinite worth -- Col. 2:9 –

### III. To Be Saved, We Must Believe and Receive Jesus as Our Savior

#### A. God offers salvation in Jesus to us

1. John 1:12-13 –
2. John 3:16 (3-6) –
3. John 20:26-31 –

#### B. We must receive God's free gift

1. Rom. 6:23 –
2. Eph. 2:8-9 –

We need to continually build our knowledge of Scriptures related to salvation. Review...