

# GROUNDING

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## Part 10 | Grounded by a Choice

### EFCA Statement of Faith | Article 10. Response and Eternal Destiny

We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.



### God's **GOSPEL**

= the **good news** that by God's grace Jesus's life, death, and resurrection have brought about salvation for all who believe!

1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 3:16-17

#### **perfect is a gift**

Romans 4:4-5; Romans 3:22; John 6:28-29; Titus 3:5

### requires a **RESPONSE**

**repentance = to turn** (*lit. a change of mind*)

Matthew 3:1-2; Luke 15:17-19

**you cannot remain neutral**

Mark 1:15; Matthew 12:30

### that has **ETERNAL CONSEQUENCES**.

**God will raise the dead bodily**

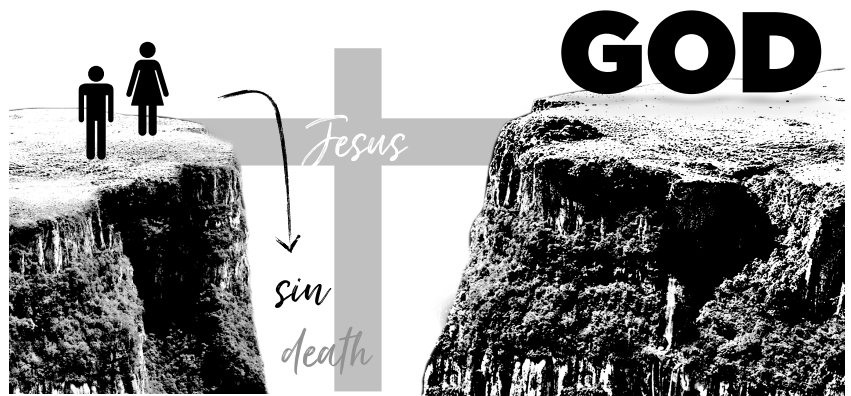
1 Corinthians 15; Revelation 20:13; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Acts 24:15

**God will judge all people**

Acts 17:30-31; Matthew 12:16; Romans 14:10; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 20:12

**only two categories**

Daniel 12:2; Matthew 25:31-46; Matthew 13:47-50; John 5:25-29



For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (3:23)

For the wages of sin is death... (6:23a)

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (5:8)

...but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (6:23b)

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. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. (10:9-10)

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (10:13)

(verses from Romans)

**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card at the Connect Desk.

**Use this guide for further personal and group study this week.** For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this as a guide for further study and growth personally.

## Getting Started

Part of our goal together is getting to know more about one another.

*What year would you visit if you had a time machine?*

## Review...

1. **Read Article 10 of our Statement of Faith aloud as a group.**

**Review your message notes.** What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it as a group.

## Digging Deeper

This week's study takes us through the basic Gospel message using passages from the book of Romans. Some call it the "Romans Road to Salvation", as these 5 scriptures clearly explain the Gospel and how to be saved. This week each question also includes some explanations, you might consider jotting some of these things down inside the cover of your bible for reference later.

1. **Read Romans 3:23.** What does this verse tell you about yourself?

- There is no one who is innocent. *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."* We have all sinned. We have all done things that are displeasing to God.
- **Romans 3:10-18** shows us what that sin looks like in our lives.
- **Read Matthew 5:48.** Sin is "missing the mark". What does Jesus say God's "mark" is that we miss and fall short of? Can anyone hit this target?

2. **Read Romans 6:23a (the first half of v. 23).** What is the result of our sin?

- Here we see the consequences of sin.... *"For the wages of sin is death..."* The punishment that we have earned for our sins is death - not just physical death, but eternal death! (Also read **Ezekiel 18:20**.)

3. **Read Romans 5:8.** Since now one could ever hit God's mark, what does he do?

- Make a note, did Jesus die for us before or after we "got our act together"?
  - What does this tell you about his work on the cross?
4. **Read Romans 6:23b (2nd half of v. 23).** You earn death, but what does God offer? At what cost to you?
- This is God's provision: *"...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."* and (Romans 5:8) *"God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*
  - Jesus died for us! Jesus' death paid for the price of our sins. Jesus' resurrection proves that God accepted Jesus' death as payment for our sins.
5. So how should we respond to these truths? **Read Romans 10:9.**
- This is how we accept God's gift to us...*"that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."*
  - Jesus has done all the heavy lifting - **we simply have to believe** - trusting His death as payment for our sins, and we will be saved.
  - **Romans 10:13** echoes this fact: *"for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."* Jesus died to pay the penalty for our sins and rescue us from eternal death. Salvation, the forgiveness of sins, is available to **anyone** who will simply trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.
6. Before we finish, look at some of the results of believing the Gospel and receiving Jesus' gift:
- **Romans 5:1** — Through Jesus Christ we can have a relationship of peace with God!
  - **Romans 8:1** — Because of Jesus' death on our behalf, we will **never** be condemned for our sins — Jesus was condemned *for you*.
  - **Romans 8:38-39** — *Nothing* can separate us from Jesus' love.

## Closing

*Discuss how you can encourage one another to live in light of Jesus' return. Take some time to pray for one another as you wrap up.*

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## Word Find in the Word

*Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.*

### Word Find for Romans 5:6-11 (NLT)

*Find the words **bolded** below.*

**6** When we were **utterly helpless**, Christ came at **just** the **right time** and died for us **sinners**. **7** Now, **most people** would not be willing to die for an **upright person**, **though someone** might **perhaps** be willing to die for a **person** who is **especially good**. **8** But God **showed** his **great love** for us by **sending Christ** to die for us while we were **still sinners**. **9** And since we have **been made right** in God's **sight** by the **blood of Christ**, he will **certainly save** us from God's **condemnation**. **10** For since our **friendship** with God was **restored** by the **death** of his Son while we were **still** his enemies, we will **certainly be saved** through the life of his Son. **11** So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus **Christ** has **made** us friends of God.