

What We Believe

ROMANS

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For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes... For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last...

(Rom. 1:16-17)

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What a place is this!

Must here be the beginning of my bliss?

Must here the burden fall from off my back?

Must here the strings that bound it to me, crack?

Blessed cross! Blessed sepulchre!

Blessed rather be

the Man that there was put to shame for me.

John Bunyan 'Pilgrim's Progress



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“This is the description of how salvation comes. It comes as a result of the atoning work of Christ and the exchange of our sin from our backs to his, as well as the cloak of his righteousness being transferred from his account to ours. Anything that eliminates this double exchange, this double imputation of sin and righteousness, falls short of the biblical Gospel.”

R.C. Sproul

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When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. (Col.3:4)

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*We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that **suffering** produces **perseverance**; perseverance, **character**; and character, **hope**.*

(vv.3, 4)

Proposition #2:

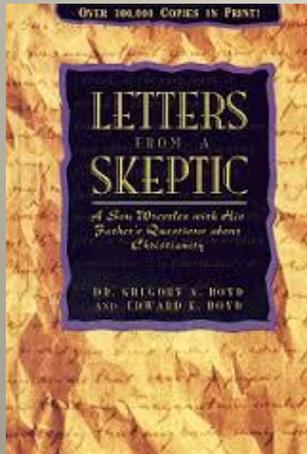
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Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.

(Isa.43:1, 2)

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“What is shown throughout the New Testament is that Jesus suffers with us in our suffering. That’s how he heals us of our suffering. One of his names is “Immanuel” which means ‘God is with us.’ However low we sink, God is with us. He’s there at the bottom waiting for us! He isn’t off on some distant planet, indifferent to our plight. He’s in the midst of all we go through.”

Gregory Boyd *‘Letters From a Skeptic’*

Proposition #3:
The Gospel in a nutshell (v.8)

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Rom.5:8

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The Gospel in a nutshell (v.8)

- *Christ died for the ungodly (v.6)*
- *while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (v.8)*
- *we have now been justified by his blood (v.9)*
- *we were reconciled to [God] through the death of his Son (v.10)*

Proposition #3: The Gospel in a nutshell (v.8)

“It’s dreadfully difficult for God to forgive sin. He’s the moral governor of the universe. If he overlooks a sin it’s as good as saying that sin doesn’t matter. The integrity of his own righteousness means that he must disassociate himself from wickedness wherever he sees it.”

(Roy Clements *‘A Sting in the Tale’*)

Proposition #4:

***'Saved through his life'* – continue to live by faith (v.10)**

*For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be **saved through his life!***

(Rom.5:10)

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So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him.

(Col.2:6)

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The blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin... If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

(1 Jn.1:7, 9)

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*His divine power has given us everything we
need for life and godliness.*

(2 Pet.1:3)

Rom.5:1-11: 4 Propositions –

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