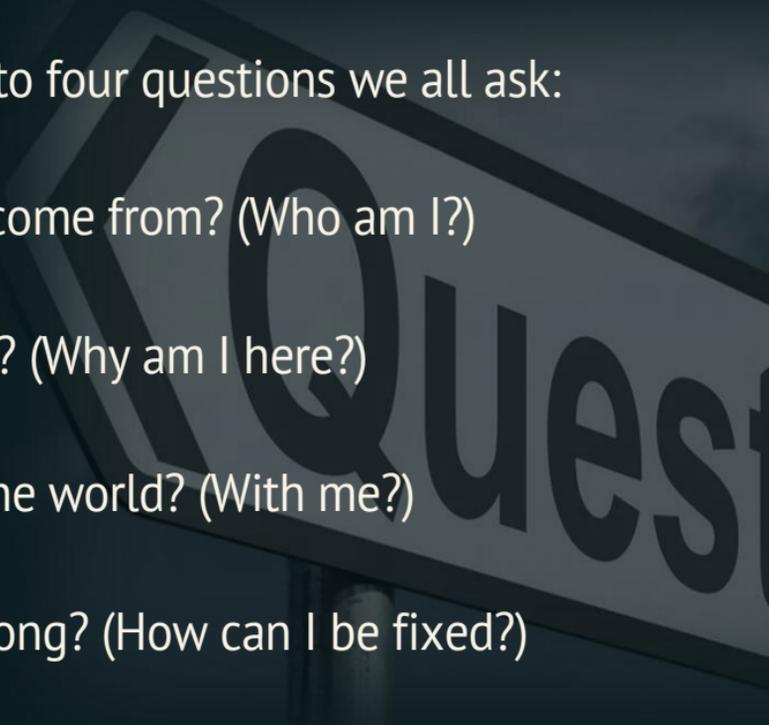


# LIFE'S PROBLEM, GOD'S SOLUTION

## Things We All Know

The *gospel* is God's answer to four questions we all ask:

1. Where'd everything come from? (Who am I?)
  2. What's life's purpose? (Why am I here?)
  3. What's wrong with the world? (With me?)
  4. What'll fix what's wrong? (How can I be fixed?)
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Life's problem is that we've cut ourselves off from God (life's source) and are suffering the results. Your life has three fatal problems:

- You have a snake-like, evil, and rebellious heart! [Jer 17:9; Ps 58:3-4]
- You have a vile, blood-soaked, dung-caked, filthy record of disobedience! [Isa 64:6; Php 3:8]
- You have a poisonous, selfish, destructive life! [Rom 3:10-12; Jam 3:8]



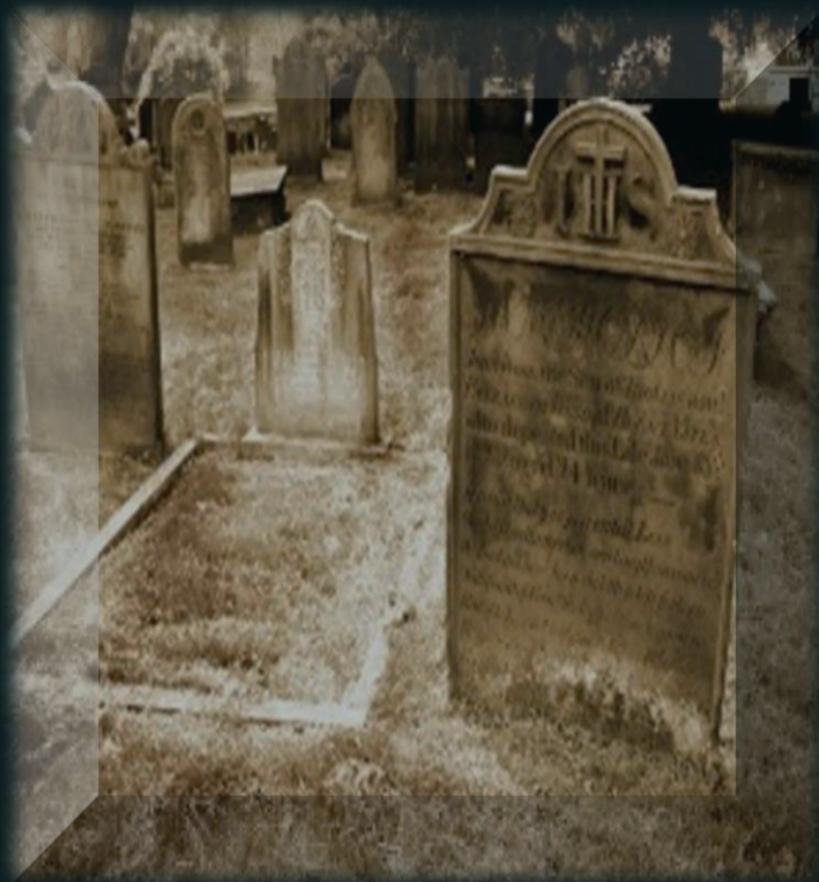
Want proof?

**Death** is the proof;  
it is your payment  
for rebelling  
against God.

[Ezk 18:4;

Rom 6:23a;

Gal 6:7-8]



# One Future Trial

When you die, you will face a trial before your creator, God, to determine if you are a good person. [Heb 9:27; Rom 2:5-8]

- The evidence is your life: your thoughts, desires, words, and actions.

[Jer 17:10; 2Co 5:10]

- The standard is God's law. [Exodus 20:1-17; Rom 2:14-15; Rom 3:19-20]



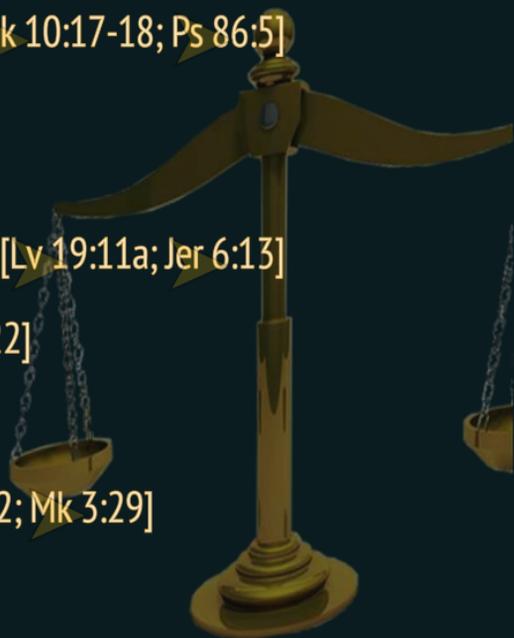
Do you think you're a good person? [Mk 10:17-18; Ps 86:5]

How many times have you ...?

- Lied? [Lv 19:11b; Ps 101:7]
- Taken something that's not yours? [Lv 19:11a; Jer 6:13]
- Lost your temper? [Lv 19:17-18; Mt 5:21-22]
- Looked with lust? [Lv 18:20; Mt 5:27-28]
- Used God's name carelessly? [Lv 19:12; Mk 3:29]

No judging here!

Based on this, you're like the rest of us: a lying, thieving, murderous, adulterous, blasphemous at heart. That's only half of God's 10 Commandments!



# One Devastating Verdict

Based on God's law and your life, you will receive the same judgment as the rest of mankind:

[Rom 3:10; Ecc 7:29]

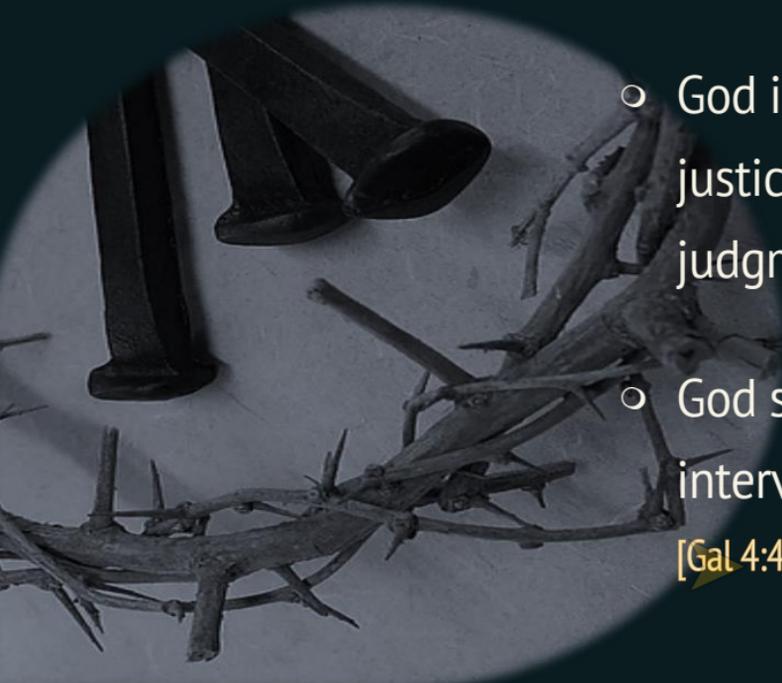
- God will declare you guilty.
- God will sentence you to hell.

[1Jn 1:8; Rom 3:12, 23]

[Rv 21:8; 1Co 6:9-10]

## One Stunning Intervention

God is just; he will not allow any rebellion to go unpunished. [Gn 18:25; Job 8:3]

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- God is also love; he can satisfy justice and save us from judgment. [Jn 3:16; Rom 5:8]

- God sent his Son Jesus Christ to intervene in your trial. [Gal 4:4-5; 1Jn 4:9-10]

Jesus' intervention provides three significant legal results:

- His innocence in death provides satisfaction for rebellion against God.

[Col 1:21-22; 1Pt 3:18]

- His perfect obedience in life restores rightness with God.

[Rom 5:19; 2Co 5:21]

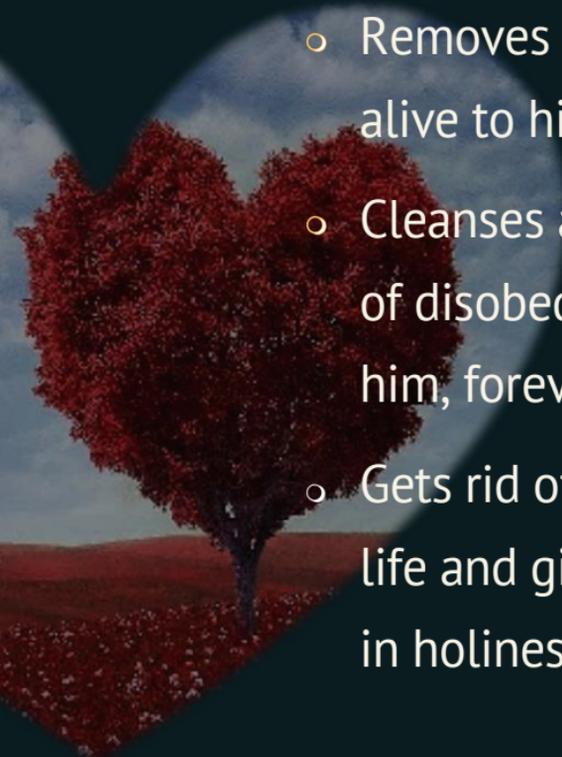
- His resurrection confers new life from God.

[Rom 6:5-6; 2Co 5:17]



Another way to look at this: Jesus' intervention fixes the three fatal problems with your life. Through Jesus, God:

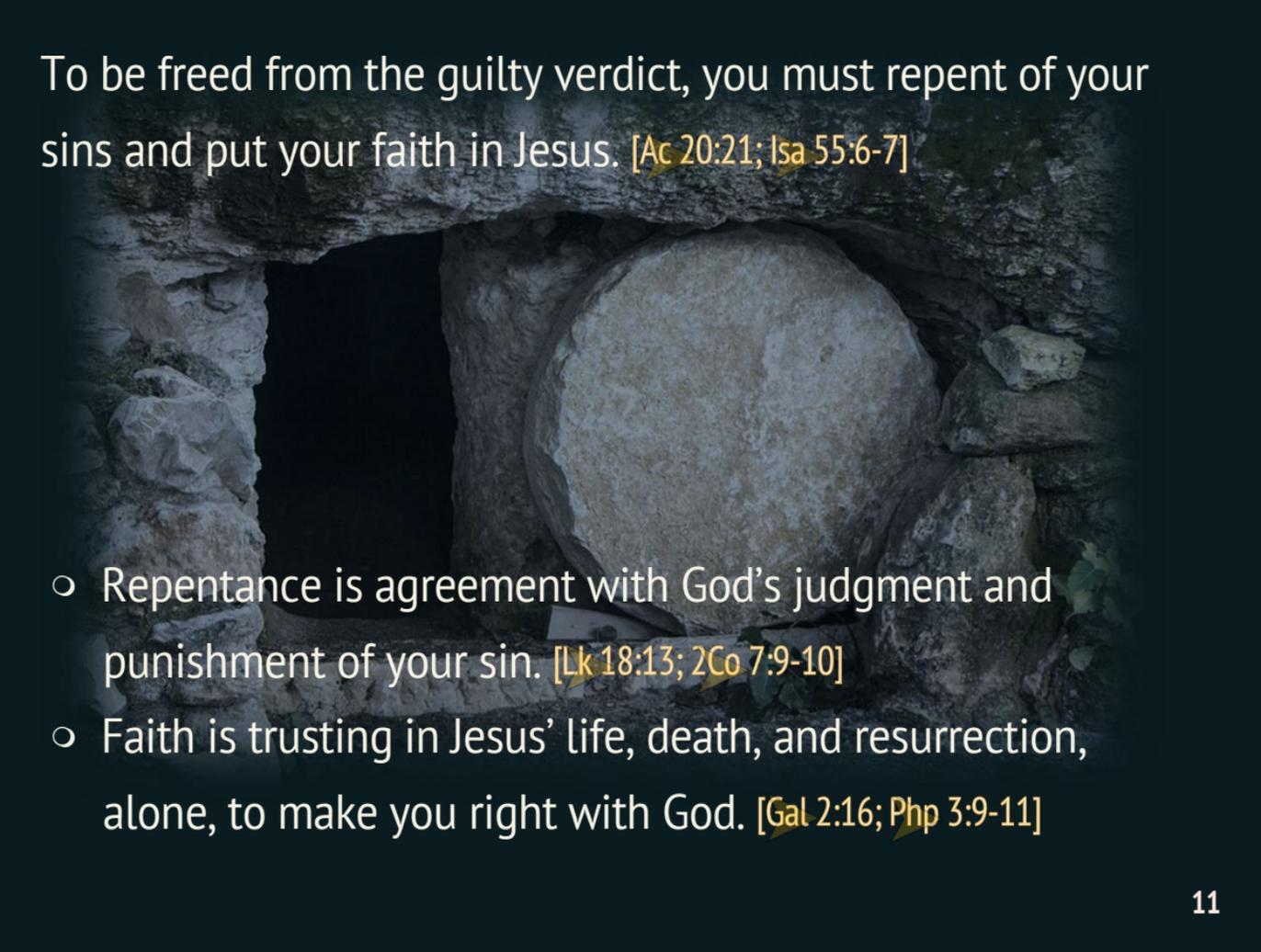
- Removes your dead heart and makes you alive to himself. [Ezk 36:26; Rom 6:11]
- Cleanses and removes your vile, filthy record of disobedience, and declares you right with him, forever. [Ezk 36:25; 2Co 5:21]
- Gets rid of your selfish, destructive, poisonous life and gives you a new pure life that grows in holiness. [Ezk 36:26; Heb 10:10]



## One Fateful Plea

If your trial were being held right now, there are only three possible responses to God's guilty verdict:

- Deny it and revile him. [Ps 74:10-11; Gal 6:7-8]
- Agree but then live as a hypocrite. [Mt 23:27-28; Ecc 12:14]
- Own it, asking for mercy and grace through Jesus. [Ac 4:12; Rom 10:13]



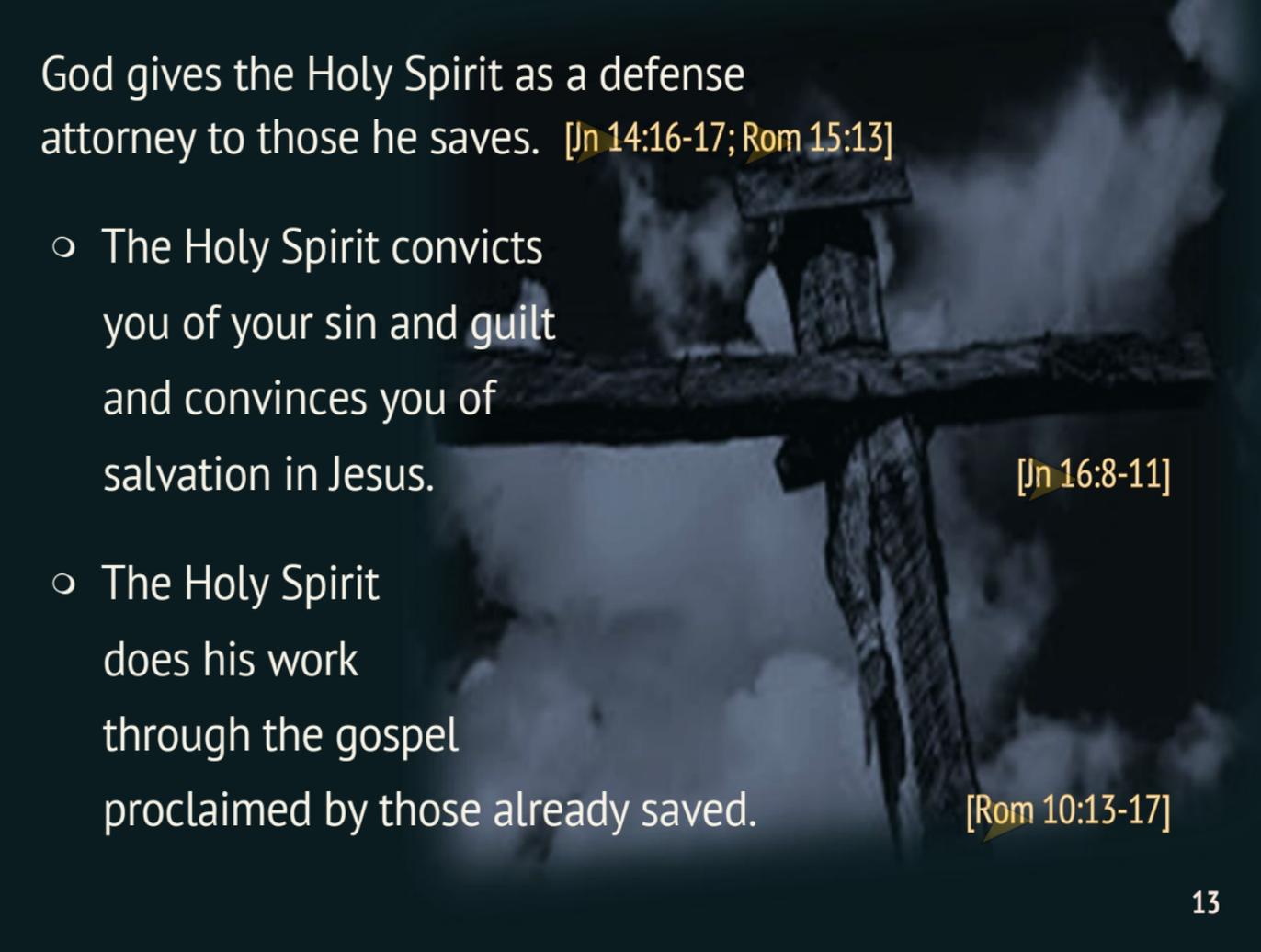
To be freed from the guilty verdict, you must repent of your sins and put your faith in Jesus. [Ac 20:21; Isa 55:6-7]

- Repentance is agreement with God's judgment and punishment of your sin. [Lk 18:13; 2Co 7:9-10]
- Faith is trusting in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, alone, to make you right with God. [Gal 2:16; Php 3:9-11]

# One Amazing Counselor

God knows you will not on your own  
choose to trust in Jesus. [Jer 6:10; Eph 4:17-18]

- You are self-deceived  
and cannot make  
the right choice.  
[Jer 17:9; Jn 3:12]
- Left to yourself,  
you would never come  
to Jesus. [Jn 6:44, 65; Rom 8:7-8]



God gives the Holy Spirit as a defense attorney to those he saves. [Jn 14:16-17; Rom 15:13]

- The Holy Spirit convicts you of your sin and guilt and convinces you of salvation in Jesus.

[Jn 16:8-11]

- The Holy Spirit does his work through the gospel proclaimed by those already saved.

[Rom 10:13-17]

## One Critical Response

Right now, is the Holy Spirit telling you to repent of your sins and put your trust in Jesus?

If not, will you:

- Think about these things, read a small section of the Bible, and
- Get together with me soon for further conversation?



If yes, might I:

- Help you to express your repentance to God, your faith in Jesus, and

- Invite you to join me at church where the Holy Spirit will continue to work these things into your life?



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