

Saved by Grace



The Gospel

- God created everything and it was good (Gen 1:31)
- All of humanity is sinful (Ephesians 2:3)
- Sin deserves judgement, which is death (Romans 6:23, Colossians 2:14, Revelations 20:15)

BUT.....



The Gospel

Jesus of Nazareth

- The Son of God (Mt 3:17)
- Fully man and fully God (Hebrews 2:17)
- Perfect, spotless, without sin (1 Pt 2:22, 1 Pt 1:18-19)

So, what.....?



The Gospel

God's Plan For Redemption

- Jesus is sentenced to death and dies on the cross (Mk 15:37)
- Jesus is the perfect sacrifice, atones for the sins of the world, and God's wrath is satisfied (1 John 2:2)

The **WORK** is **DONE!** (Jn 19:30)

There is more to tell....



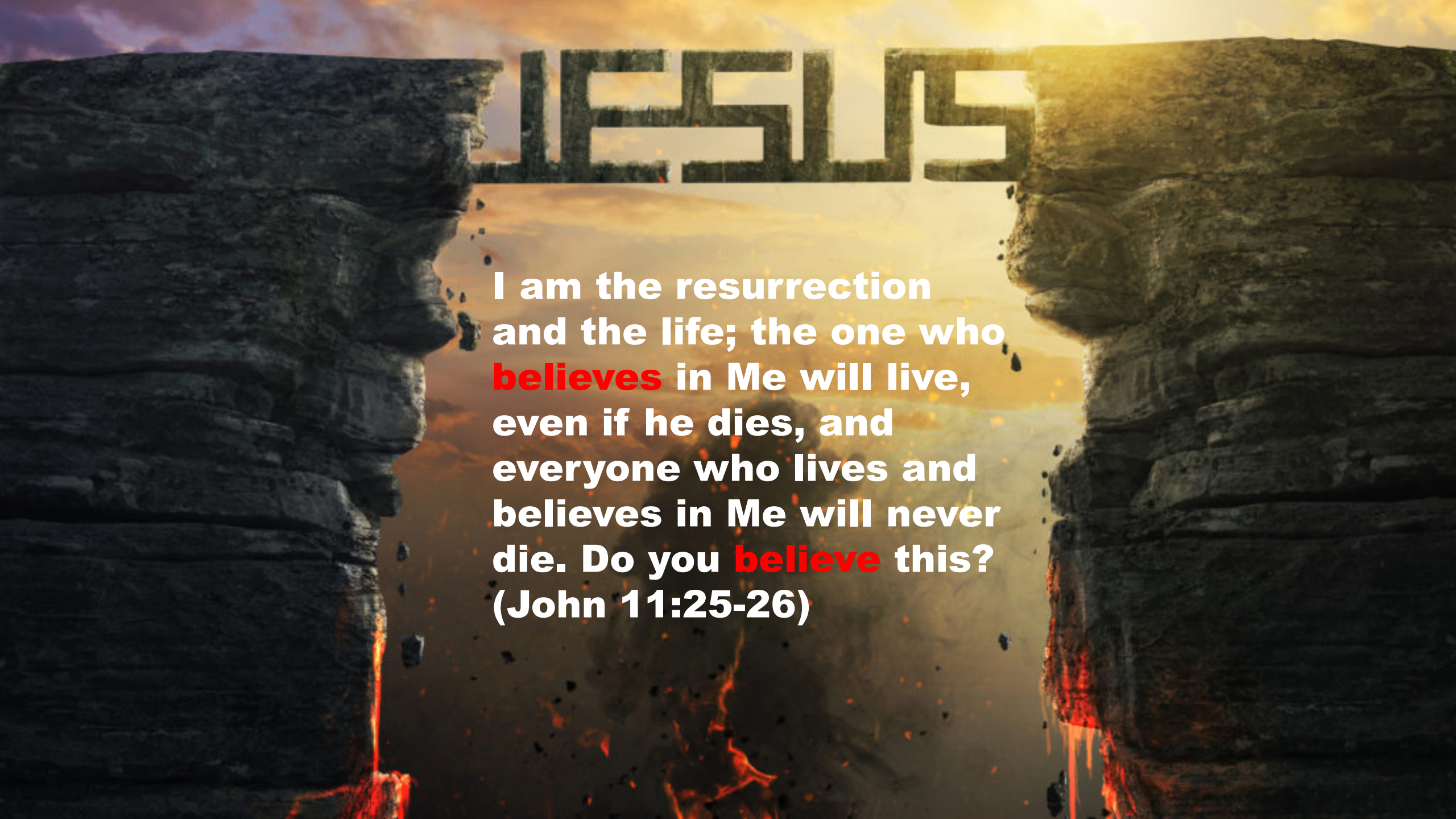
The Gospel

- Jesus's body rests in a tomb
- On the 3rd day, the tomb is found empty
- Jesus is RISEN!

(Matthew 28:1-6)

So, what.....?





I am the resurrection
and the life; the one who
believes in Me will live,
even if he dies, and
everyone who lives and
believes in Me will never
die. Do you **believe** this?
(John 11:25-26)

The Simple Gospel

For by **grace** you have been **saved** through **faith**; and this is not of yourselves, it is the **gift** of God; not as a result of **works**, so that no one may boast (Ephesians 2:8-9)



Works?

Coming to Christ is different than following Christ. Many people came to see the wonder and signs and miracles of Jesus. But when hostility arose, they scattered. **True Christians not only come, but they also follow** – Even if their following ends at a noose, a blade, or a stake.



Lordship?



Justification

- God declaring a sinner righteous
- God justifies those who believe in Jesus.
- If you are justified, you are no longer guilty.
- The righteousness of Christ is credited to the believer
- Justification = Eternal life.



Sanctification

- Occurs after justification
- The process of growth in faith towards the goal of being like Jesus
- Submission to Jesus's commands, reading the word, rejecting sin, etc.....



Sanctification

For this is the will of God, your sanctification; *that is*, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God; *and* that no one violate the rights and take advantage of his brother *or sister* in the matter, because the Lord is *the* avenger in all these things, just as we also told you previously and solemnly warned *you*. For God has not called us for impurity, but in sanctification. (1 Thess 4:3-7)



Sanctification

“The salvation of justification is distinct from the salvation of sanctification. The former saves us from the penalty of sin once for all. The latter saves us from the power of sin in a lifetime process as Christ lives through us.” – Charles Bing



Through belief in Jesus, we are freed from death, and through submission to the Lordship of Christ, we are transformed to His likeness.

