

## Ending Up on The Right Side of History

### Maintaining a Biblical Gospel

#### Selected Scriptures

1. **A** \_\_\_\_\_  
God created man and woman so that they were without sin and promised that any disobedience would result in a delayed physical death as well as an immediate spiritual death (Gen. 2:16-17). Every human person, with the exception of Jesus Christ, has been born spiritually dead (Eph 2:1; cf. Rom. 5:12). God's standard of holiness remained (cf. Ex. 3:5; Deut 32:49-52) and must be achieved in order for men to have fellowship with God (cf. Matt 5:20, 48; Heb. 12:14).
2. **A** \_\_\_\_\_  
All men desire what is not pleasing to God and proceed to carry out those sinful desires (Gen. 6:5; Ecc. 7:20; Isa. 64:6; Rom. 3:23; Ja. 2:10). The standards, both for what is pleasing to God and for what is displeasing to Him, are set forth in the Scriptures (e.g. Mark 7:21-23; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21; 2 Tim. 3:1-5). Since sin is the reason man does not have fellowship with God, it is imperative to accurately define sin based on God's Word and not on man's preferences or cultural standards (cf. Mk. 7:5-13).
3. **A** \_\_\_\_\_  
God had promised to send a savior who would deal with man's sin (Gen. 3:15) by bearing the punishment for sinners (Isa. 53:10-12). Jesus is the only savior for all mankind (John 14:6; Acts 4:12) and He is able to save all who come to Him (cf. Rom. 5:17-21; 1 Cor. 15:21-22). Jesus Christ lived a life of sinless perfection and perfect obedience unto God before He was put to death on the cross, buried, and rose again where he defeated death and secured salvation for any who believe (cf. Acts 2:22ff; 1 Cor. 15:1-5; 1 Pet. 3:18).
4. **A** \_\_\_\_\_  
Salvation in Christ is to be proclaimed to all men so that anyone may respond with a repentant faith unto God (cf. Matt 28:19-20; Acts 17:30; Rom. 10:9-17). It is only on the basis of a repentant faith in Christ that God forgives and saves anyone (Luke 18:9-14; John 3:16, 36; Rom. 3:21-4:5; Gal. 1:6-9; 2:16; 3:1-9; Eph 2:8-9).
5. **The** \_\_\_\_\_  
Not everyone who makes a profession of faith has been saved (cf. Matt. 7:21-23). Jesus Christ was not interested in people agreeing with his ideas, but rather in faith that changes the life of the believer (Matt. 16:24; Luke 8:21; 11:28). Saving faith is inseparable from a life of faithfulness and obedience to what God has commanded (John 14:15; 15:1ff; Eph. 4:17-32; James 2:3-11; 1 John 2:3-11).