

Foundations Truth #1

The first foundational truth for any pursuit of God is about how to get started in a relationship with him. The Bible teaches that it's not about how good you are or how hard you try to please him.

Foundations Truth #1: We start by trusting Jesus.

- How do we get to God?
- All kinds of religions in the world, but Bible teaches there is one way

Our problem is sin. (Romans 6:23)

- Sin = trusting and acting on your own opinions or feelings instead of trusting and acting on God's truth.
- **Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death
 - emotional, financial, physical,
 - spiritual - eternal separation from God

(TRANS: But God wasn't OK with this... John 3:16)

Our solution is Jesus.

- Jesus came to earth, lived a sinless life, died on cross (more on this in lesson resources)
- **Gal 1 4** Jesus gave his life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live.
- **Eph 2:8** God saved you by his grace [when you believed.] And you can't take credit for this;] it is a gift from God. **9** Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

(TRANS: But how do we get this gift?)

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Our response is faith. (Romans 3:22)

- **Rom 10:9** If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.
- Doesn't take a lifetime of good works; happens in a moment.
- **Rom 3:22** We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.
- "Getting to your faith moment" article in lesson resources online
 - two-sided coin: right info + right attitude
 - a prayer you can pray with a friends, family member, group leader or mentor

That's the first of 3 foundational truths: We start by trusting Jesus.