

PEARL FAMILY CHURCH PODCAST THE GOSPEL

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Welcome to Pearl Family Church

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Matt. 13:45-46 (WNT) the Kingdom of the Heavens is like a jewel merchant who is in quest of choice pearls. He finds one most costly pearl; he goes away; and though it costs all he has, he buys it.

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The Gospel means = good news!

The gospels were composed over a period of years Jesus left this Earth in about 30 ad and it was the First Gospel that we have is believed to be mark and it was actually published or written you and distributed in 58 ad so that's 28 years after Jesus death on the cross and the resurrection but that doesn't mean the material wasn't there it was there it was floating around between you know Christians coveted anything that was written about Jesus's life because they needed it they need that information why did they need it because they needed to know what he said and thank God that these the Matthew Mark Luke and John kept the records that they did and kept it circulating between the church people then we're just little home groups you know of people that met together sometimes in secret because they would have been persecuted and they can you imagine you meet together with a group of people in a home and you want to know what Jesus say about that I mean that's I mean somebody come and say you know I've got this issue I've got this problem what do I do and they go what Jesus say about that I mean they needed to know they really did cuz they were trying to live a lifestyle that was so different from everything around them and they must know what did Jesus say about that and then Paul of course and the other epistle writers would begin to expand upon that information what Jesus said and make it adaptable you know to church life and so it was it's very important to understand how valuable was gospels were and still are to us but the writers of the Gospels they were not writing historical records they were not writing biographies but they were writing was about Jesus the person the Jesus said they knew and it's interesting that the Holy Ghost had four very different writers right their account of the gospels and we'll talk about each of them

but Matthew. Matthew of course was one of the original Apostles but he had been a tax collector if you know anything about a tax collector's life and I'm sure you've heard some things but they were despised and rejected by Society Matthew would have been considered a traitor he would have been to his own family would never have even acknowledged him why because he's on the cake he's a Roman spy so to speak he works for the enemy and he's rich on top of it because he has taken money from his own Countryman stuck it in his pocket when he you know the charges taxes he had a little bit on there for himself and everybody knew that so Tax Collectors were not happy people they were rich people but nobody liked them so the only person that they could ever talk to was another tax collector and technically that's what they did they hung together because nobody else would talk to them so Matthew was a very unique but to be a tax collector you would be have to be very smart good with people good at math articulate you'd be able to speak talk make sense and probably educated well educated so Matthew is a great person to write the Gospel he writes The Gospel called The Gospel according to Matthew and it becomes if you want to use a word that we can kind of relate to it would have been on the top best seller list it's the best thing out there because it's brilliantly written I mean he's that he's a terrific writer and has come and because of his organized mind he has Composites of almost everything imaginable that Jesus did you know as he heard the stories he kept records of them so you have to appreciate the different people that the Holy Ghost called to do these gospels cuz Mark then was a teenager. teenagers see things differently than older people do they have different perspectives and so Mark as a teenager he's hanging around with Jesus in the disciples and noting everything he's obviously a sharp kid obviously a fairly well to do child because his mother is home was the meeting place for Jesus and the disciples well to do that if you if you understood the Jewish Society at that time most people didn't have a house big enough to have very many people in if you ever see their homes they're just there usually just one story or it they couldn't build up but they were just like a block house and made out of clay and they to keep you know the heat out it's very hot in Israel and they would usually do they slept in one big room remember the story about the guy that came to the house and the middle of the night and he knocked on the door and he wanted some bread because there was somebody stopping by his house and the guy in the house got mad but you know why they would get mad because they would sleep on the floor and the guy that was the homeowner usually was at the back wall and the kids are all out here and so he has to walk over everybody to get to the door in the middle of the night you know it's very uncomfortable and unhandy and so for Mark's mother to have a house big enough to accommodate a bunch of 12 disciples and everybody else has stopped by she must have been pretty well to do and

so Mark you know probably had a nice life and he and so he lives with his uncles name is Barnabas. Barnabas and Paul the team gets to go on a missionary journey with Paul and Barnabas, all of these people are interesting people and so Mark writes a gospel that is totally youth oriented. the Book of Mark is so fast moving and young people don't like a lot of commentary, they want to know what he does what he said, and it was a great gospel for youth work and so Mark's gospel is short 16 chapters long but it's all action it's just action-packed and so it's a funny and then you go into Luke. Luke was a doctor a doctor's a different kind of a personality. he is used to serving people he is used to being wealthy knowing wealthy people, so you have a, and he is a Greek. he's out of the Greek society and so he has different views and different ways and looking at things so each one of the writers of the gospels is totally different than the other John course way later than the others did he wrote his at the end of the first century and John is a man of love you can't read the gospels of John and the gospel John or John without recognizing this is a man of pure heart very loving very close to Jesus and so when he wrote his gospel his perspective is total did totally different than the others cuz it's 30 years later after all the rest of he's seen things happen that they never saw when they wrote theirs and we need to appreciate how the those lead for very different people to write their account of the gospels and their personality and their perspective comes out through what they wrote and are different from one another and I supplied a PDF handout and there is a page called a study of the gospels and this is a chart which shows some of the differing things of in the four Gospels. the First Column says time of writing make a note of that and you will see there that Matthew Mark and Luke are written within a remarkably similar period and then you will see what I just said about John. John wrote his at the very end of the first century before he passed away and had really he probably would have been 85 to 90 years old when he wrote it and he lived longer than any of the other disciples then so kind of note that and then each one of them presents Jesus differently Matthew the mighty king Mark the servant he says he came to see can to save those that are lost he came to serve and then Luke the ideal son of man Luke is a Greek in the Greek the Greek literature and many of you probably studied it in high school you know they have all these great Heroes you know like Jason and the Golden Fleece and all that kind of stuff Hebrew and so he wrote in that that stream and wrote about the perfect the perfect man God who loved us so much that he sent his only son down here to Earth to take on flesh live amongst the people so that he could die for them that the Greeks would love that kind of story and they did and many of them came to the Lord because of the way he presented Jesus and then John writes about the Divine Son of God his is called the Divine gospel because he writes on a about the Jesus that he had known

basically by then his whole life and it's very poignant and it's very sweet and very loving and it's different all right so just make note of that key word or phrase is important because Matthew wrote about fulfillment his gospel is totally Messianic 60 Old Testament phrases scriptures in his gospel to tie Jesus to the Old Testament Mark used a word straightway 16 different times straightway is a very fast moving word in other words he writes something and then he say straight way and it needed it means immediately everything about his gospel is quick and fast and immediate and then Luke wrote about the keyword phrase son of man is we were just talking about the perfect man and then John wrote about believing and believe his is also used very much as a gospel to help lead people to the Lord many of you that have done Evangelistic work oftentimes they will give out the Book of John any have you ever had that where that little Book of John that you leave with the person to read because why it's all about how much God loves you and so and he said John said I write that you might be leave but Jesus is the son of God. Look at the gospel ending and that's important and Mark that gospel ending each one left their gospel at a different place Matthew leaves his at the resurrection when Jesus is sin or resurrect and then says you know all power and authority has been given to me now you go and he leaves it right there mark leaves it at the essential they as they watch him and send into heaven and the angel says this same Jesus that you are seeing go will come in like Manner and then Luke leaves it at the coming of the Holy Spirit Luke 24:49 he says now you're I want you to go do it to the upper room and I want you to wait for the coming of the spirit and then he wrote the book of Acts too so the book of Acts it right up where he left it off and the Holy Ghost comes and then John is his gospel with that Jesus is coming back he's coming back he's coming back for us and so even in the gospel endings you have a different ending now the column at the bottom after under gospel ending is the gospel audience because each one writes to a different group of people it's very obvious as you read it Matthew you could write down under his column you know the first item was 50 to 70 mighty king then it might be fulfilled and s Matthew wrote to the Jewish people the Jewish hero that's why Matthew's book is first in your Bible because it starts right out with a genealogy and shows you who Jesus is Mark wrote to the Romans Mark was in Rome when he wrote this he was there with Peter and with Paul at the end of their life Romans Luke added a block down at the bottom and he wrote to the Greeks he was a Greek entire New Testament is either written by all Jewish people or it could be all Jews except for Luke and there's controversy about whether Luke was Jewish or not, there is much Jewish semitic in his writing and it is hard to imagine that Paul would have been so close to anybody if they were not Jewish because Paul was very Jewish and, but he may not have been, and John's gospel was to the world at the time he wrote

at the end of the first century. Matthew Mark and Luke are called synoptic gospels I am sure you have heard that term synoptic gospels the word synoptic is a word that you can see it and in the word itself, but it is made up of two words and syn would mean together in the Latin together and the word optic. syn, it has to do with seeing and so if you put the word synoptic together it has to do with seeing together or a common view, so Matthew Mark and Luke are called synoptic. John is different and it is not the same the same term applied to it but synoptic to see together or a common view they're called that because they have so much so much sameness in their gospels 90% of the Book of Mark is in the Book of Matthew for example 90% 50% of The Book of Mark is found in the Book of Luke and there are 93 passages of common material between the three and John does not fit that at all now there is a something you may run across in reading material reference material about the gospels and they call and it's called the synoptic problem in the synoptic problem is this if these three writers wrote independently of one another why are they so much alike well there's two answers to that oral tradition and Mutual interdependence. oral tradition is a very Jewish thing Jews are storytellers and they do hand down stories between Generations that's very common for them to tell a story and that be handed down to the children and the children and his grandchildren so forth and so oral tradition says one of the reasons there's so much alike is because the stories were kept intact and handed down and they got the same stories because if it were about God as I said and about Jesus and about something holy they're not allowed to change any details because then they would be messing and toying with the word of God they don't do that and they don't do that with holy things and so that is the first solution to why they're so similar is because they you would not change anything if you were handing down a story that was God about God or about Jesus all right number two is called Mutual interdependence and what that has to do with is they knew each other or they knew people that knew them and so they would have had contact between one another and so the stories and the information would have traveled you know in the circles that they were in and so that would be the other answer that when I said about the law when I some people say there are books that are lost that we should have in our Bible no if we should have them we'd have them God would have made sure God protects and watches over his books his Bible like a mother over a baby and if we needed those books we would have them and we do know there are some that are lost because in the book of Corinthians actually mentioned a couple other than letters that Paul wrote them if we needed them we'd have them.1

¹ Jennie Orrison – Gospel overview.

A Study of the Gospels

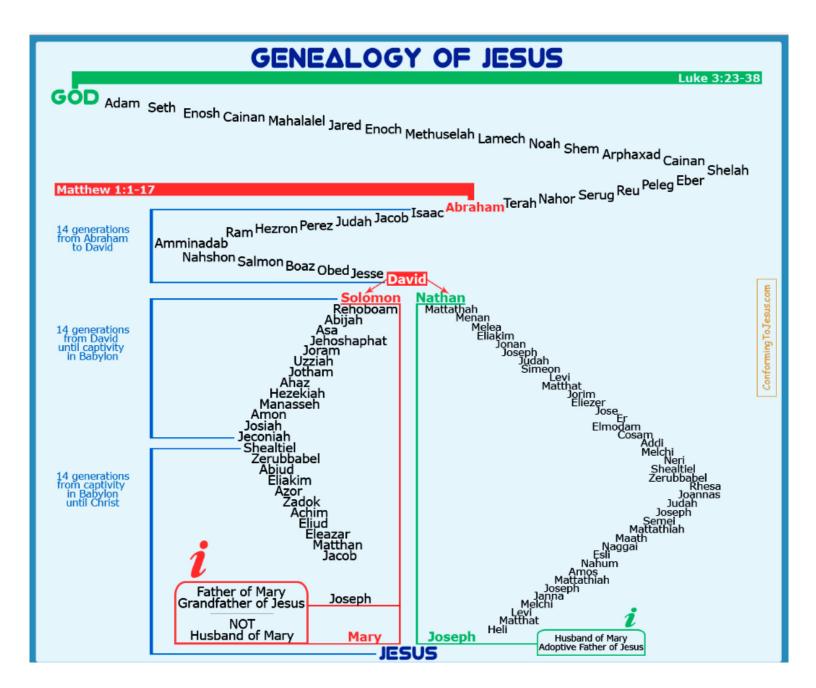
The Gospels describe the life of Jesus. There is really only one "gospel" that is presented from four perspectives. The Gospels reveal Jesus' birth, ministry, crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection. They also show us the character of Jesus, which reveals the character of God!

Why are there FOUR Gospels? They give us four unique presentations of the Lord Jesus, each having its own emphasis. Putting all four together gives us a clearer picture of --- JESUS!

The Synoptic Gospels are Matthew, Mark, and Luke (Synoptic – to see together or a common view). The Synoptic Gospels deal with the outer, human, and public aspects of the life of Jesus. Synoptic = Common view.

The Gospel of John reveals the inner, divine, and private aspects of the life of Jesus.

	MATTHEW	(MARK)	LUKE	JOHN
Possible Time of Writing	50-70 A.D.	About 58 A.D.	About 60 A.D.	90 - 95 A.D.
Presents Jesus as	Mighty King	Obedient Servant	Ideal Son of Man	Divine Son of Goo
Key Word or Phrase	That it might be fulfilled	Straightway	Son of Man	Believe or Belief
Emphasizes	Power of Christ	Service of Christ	Sympathy of Christ	Wisdom of Christ
Style of Language	Didactic or Teaching	Narrative/Full of Action	Carefully Documented	Spiritual Gospel
Allegorical Comparison of Ezekiel 1:10	Lion	Ox	Man	Eagle
Gospel Ending	Resurrection	Ascension	Coming of the Holy Spirit	Return of Jesus to Earth
Audience/Hearer	Jews	Romans	Greeks	World



The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men (John 1:1-4).

He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth (John 1:11-14).

The Word of Life

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen *it*, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full (1 John 1:1-4).

The Gospel

God breathed upon the four different human personalities of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John to write The Gospel.

May God richly bless you as you endeavor to read and personalize The Gospel Gods love letter to yourself and others each day (Deuteronomy 28:1-2).

The Gospel According To

Saint Matthew

The Genealogy of Jesus Christ

- Matt. 1:1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.
- Matt. 1:2 Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren;
- Matt. 1:3 And Judas begat Phares and Zara of Thamar; and Phares begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram;
- Matt. 1:4 And Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab begat Naasson; and Naasson begat Salmon:
- Matt. 1:5 And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;

- Matt. 1:6 And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her *that had been the wife* of Urias;
- Matt. 1:7 And Solomon begat Roboam; and Roboam begat Abia; and Abia begat Asa;
- Matt. 1:8 And Asa begat Josaphat; and Josaphat begat Joram; and Joram begat Ozias;
- Matt. 1:9 And Ozias begat Joatham; and Joatham begat Achaz; and Achaz begat Ezekias;
- Matt. 1:10 And Ezekias begat Manasses; and Manasses begat Amon; and Amon begat Josias;
- Matt. 1:11 And Josias begat Jechonias and his brethren, about the time they were carried away to Babylon:
- Matt. 1:12 And after they were brought to Babylon, Jechonias begat Salathiel; and Salathiel begat Zorobabel;
- Matt. 1:13 And Zorobabel begat Abiud; and Abiud begat Eliakim; and Eliakim begat Azor;
- Matt. 1:14 And Azor begat Sadoc; and Sadoc begat Achim; and Achim begat Eliud;
- Mat. 1:15 And Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan begat Jacob;
- Matt. 1:16 And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.
- Matt. 1:17 So all the generations from Abraham to David *are* fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon *are* fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ *are* fourteen generations.

The Birth of Jesus Christ

- Matt. 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.
- Matt. 1:19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.
- Matt. 1:20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.
- Matt. 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.
- Matt. 1:22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,
- Matt. 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.
- Matt. 1:24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:
- Matt. 1:25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

The Visit of the Wise Men

Matt. 2:1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

- Matt. 2:2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.
- Matt. 2:3 When Herod the king had heard *these things*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.
- Matt. 2:4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.
- Matt. 2:5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,
- Matt. 2:6 And thou Bethlehem, *in* the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.
- Matt. 2:7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.
- Matt. 2:8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found *him*, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.
- Matt. 2:9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.
- Matt. 2:10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.
- Matt. 2:11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.
- Matt. 2:12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

The Flight to Egypt

- Matt. 2:13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.
- Matt. 2:14 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:
- Matt. 2:15 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

Herod Kills the Children

- Matt. 2:16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.²
- Matt. 2:17 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying,
- Matt. 2:18 In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping *for* her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

² See the similar story when the Pharaoh tried to kill the deliverer, Moses (Exodus 1:15-22).

The Return to Nazareth

- Matt. 2:19 But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,
- Matt. 2:20 Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.
- Matt. 2:21 And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.
- Matt. 2:22 But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee:
- Matt. 2:23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

- Matt. 3:1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,
- Matt. 3:2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
- Matt. 3:3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
- Matt. 3:4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.
- Matt. 3:5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan.
- Matt. 3:6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.
- Matt. 3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
- Matt. 3:8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:
- Matt. 3:9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to *our* father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.
- Matt. 3:10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
- Matt. 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire:
- Matt. 3:12 Whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

The Baptism of Jesus

- Matt. 3:13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.
- Matt. 3:14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?
- Matt. 3:15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to

fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

Matt. 3:16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

Matt. 3:17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

• Jesus is God's Gift for you

Eph. 2:8-9 for by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; not of works, that no man should glory.

• Your active part – align your heart with your mouth

Rom. 10:9-10 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

This is your moment. Pray where you hear it with your own ears and the whole church will pray together with you along – so now pray along with Pastor Dave...

"HEAVENLY FATHER, I COME TO YOU IN JESUS NAME. AND I BELIEVE WITH ALL MY HEART THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD. HE DIED ON A CROSS TO BEAR MY SIN STAIN. AND I NOW OPEN THE DOOR OF MY HEART. I OPEN THE DOOR OF MY LIFE AND JESUS, I INVITE YOU IN. I RECIEVE YOU NOW JESUS TO BE MY SAVIOR AND TO BE MY LORD. THANK YOU FOR COMING. I'M NOW A CHILD OF GOD. AND MY SIN IS WASHED AWAY AND I'M HEAVEN BOUND. AND JESUS IS MY LORD, IN JESUS NAME, AMEN."

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THANKS FOR PRAYING WITH ME TODAY.

GOD BLESS YOU!

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