

**SALVATION!**  
**A TWELVE-WEEK SERIES**

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**WEEK 4**

**What is the gospel?  
How does the message of salvation  
become effective in a person's life?  
Why do some people respond to the gospel  
and others do not?**

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In the first session of this series we asked and attempted to answer two questions: (1) What does it mean to be "saved"? and (2) Who needs to be saved, and why?

In the second session we asked three questions: (1) Don't all people want to be saved? (2) What are God's terms of salvation? (3) Will all people be saved, or will some be lost?

In the third session we asked: How did Christ's sinless life and sacrificial death earn salvation for those who trust in Him? In Romans 3:21-31 we discovered that the Lord Jesus Christ lived a perfect sacrificial life, fulfilling all of the requirements of the law of God, and He died a perfect sacrificial death, exhausting the guilt and penalty of the broken law. He fully satisfied the demands of the law so that God could justly declare unrighteous sinners perfectly righteous on the basis of Christ's righteousness alone, and graciously save lost sinners through faith alone in Christ and His saving work.

In this session I would like to ask and attempt to answer three questions: (1) What is the gospel? (2) How does the message of salvation become effective in a person's life? (3) Why do some people respond to the gospel and others do not?

First of all, then, we must ask the question