

Notes



Core 4:
We can be reconciled to God through faith in Jesus.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast”.
Ephesians 2:8-9

The Elements of Salvation

1. The grace of God is working in your life.

2. You need to respond to the gift of grace.

“They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” (Acts 16:31)

“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25 ESV)

3. You believe in Jesus Christ.

“and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.” (Revelation 1:18 ESV)

“Almost unknowingly, we all have a tendency to redefine Christianity according to our own taste, preferences, church traditions, and cultural norms. Slowly, subtly, we take the Jesus of the Bible and twist him into someone with whom we are a little more comfortable. We dilute what he says about the cost of following him, we practically ignore what he says about materialism, and we functionally miss what he says about missions. We pick and choose what we like and don’t like from Jesus’ teachings. In the end, we create a nice, non-offensive, politically correct, middle-class, American Jesus who looks just like us and things just like us.”
(David Platt, *Follow Me*)

4. You follow Jesus

From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him.”
(Matthew 4:17-20)

Paul, Silas and the Philippian Jailer