

# Responding to the Good News of Jesus

**The Bible teaches that every person can and should respond in faith to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Why?**

**1. Because it is necessary for our**

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- *“And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.” Acts 16:31*
- We turn in \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus Christ and He saves and regenerates us by His Spirit.
- *“In whom (Christ) ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.” Ephesians 1:13*
- Romans 10:13-14 makes it clear that in order for lost people to be saved, they must \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel.
- *“Who (God) will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.” 1 Timothy 2:4*

**2. Because God commands every person to \_\_\_\_\_ and believe on Christ.**

- How many people does God command to repent and turn to Christ? \_\_\_\_\_!  
Acts 22:15, Acts 20:20-21, Ephesians 3:8-9

- *“And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent.” Acts 17:30*
- Would God command people to repent if they were incapable of doing it?

### 3. **Because God has given every person the \_\_\_\_\_ to respond.**

- The \_\_\_\_\_ to believe the gospel has been given to all men.
- *“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.” Titus 2:11*
- Sinful mankind cannot contribute one thing to his salvation, but he can receive the salvation freely offered in Christ.
- *“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.” Revelation 22:17*
- The reason why people do not respond to the gospel is not because they are incapable, but rather they are not \_\_\_\_\_.  
Matthew 23:37, John 3:17-19
- *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16*

**God loves you and wants you to be saved, and Christ has died for your sins, but now the \_\_\_\_\_ is yours.**