

**I. Starting point: spiritual death**

- A. Dead in sin (Eph. 2:1-3; Ezek. 37:1-14)
- B. Slaves (Exodus; Jn. 8:34; Ro. 6:16)
- C. God's enemies (Ro. 5:6-11; 8:7; 1 Cor. 2:14)

**II. What is necessary?**

- A. Resurrection (Eph. 1:19-20)
- B. Rebirth (Jn. 3:3, 6; 1 Pt. 1:3; Js. 1:18)
- C. New Creation (2 Cor. 4:6; 5:17)

**III. What is God doing?**

- A. He is saving his people from their sins (Mt. 1:21).
- B. He is giving his people new hearts (Ezek. 36:24-28).
- C. He is making us obedient from the heart (Ro. 6:17-18).

**IV. So why is the gospel offered to people?**

- A. Faith comes by hearing (Ro. 10:17)
- B. Hearing comes by the Word of Christ (Mk. 7:34).
- C. Not because of anything in us (2 Tim. 1:9).
- D. For the sake of the elect (2 Tim. 2:8-10).