## **Gospel Explanation**

Rom 6:23 - For the <u>wages</u> of <u>sin</u> is <u>death</u> but the free <u>gift</u> of <u>God</u> is <u>eternal life</u> in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- 1. Wages are things that we deserve for the things that we do. When a person works in a job they deserve their salary. The Bible says that when we sin we deserve death. Sin is doing anything that is against God's will, like lying, stealing, or even thinking evil thoughts. It's also failing to do the things we should do, like loving God and other people. Because we sin, we deserve death. Death is not just physical death, but spiritual death and eternal death. The person who sins is cut off from the life of God and may be separated from Him for eternity.
- 2. A gift is different than a wage. A gift is not earned, but it's received. God is our creator who is loving, holy, and just. There will come a day when he will perfectly judge all sin. The free gift that God offers us is eternal life, which is a relationship with him that lasts forever.
- 3. This gift of eternal life comes "in Christ Jesus our Lord." Jesus Christ is the Son of God who lived a sinless life. Jesus said that he is the only way to be reconciled to God. Even though he didn't deserve death, Jesus willingly died on the cross to pay for the sins of all who come to him in faith. Then he rose from the dead which proved the legitimacy of his claims. Our biggest problem is sin and its consequences. God's provision is the forgiveness of sin and eternal life; that provision is given in the person and work of Jesus Christ. To accept this gift, we must acknowledge our sin, repent, and receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

Do you have any questions? Is there any reason you wouldn't want to trust in Christ today and be forgiven of your sins and receive eternal life?

## **Gospel Diagram**

