

THE BCDE MESSAGE

✦ A SIMPLE WAY TO UNDERSTAND THE GOSPEL ✦

A = ALL HAVE SINNED (ROMANS 3:23)

1 LIFE AS WE SEE IT: B → D

Life begins with birth and ends with death.

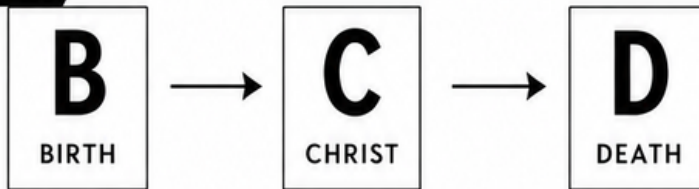
This is the reality of life without Christ.



2 THE CHRISTIAN REVELATION: B → C → D

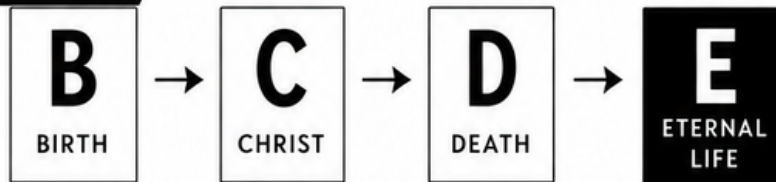
Jesus Christ is the center of our lives.

He gives meaning, hope, and purpose between birth and death.



3 THE GOSPEL REVELATION: B → C → D → E

Through Jesus Christ, death is not the end. He gives the gift of **Eternal Life** to all who believe in Him.



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THE
KEY
TRUTH

B + C + D = E

BIRTH + CHRIST + DEATH = ETERNAL LIFE

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THE
PROMISE
FOR THOSE
IN CHRIST

B + C + S = E

BIRTH + CHRIST + SLEEP = ETERNAL LIFE

In Scripture, believers who die are often described as "sleeping" because it is temporary and they will awaken at the resurrection.

✦ GOD'S WORD CONFIRMS IT ✦



ROMANS 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. ...



ACTS 4:12

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved. ...



1 JOHN 5:11-13

God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life. ...



1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-14

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you will not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. ...



JOHN 11:11-14, 25-26

Jesus said, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. ...



ROMANS 10:9-10

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ...



REVELATION 20:11-15

The final judgment will come. The dead will be judged according to what they have done, as recorded in the Books. ...



JOHN 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" ...



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