

Conventional Answer		Biblical Answer
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You are a sinner. 2. As a sinner, you are condemned to death and eternity in hell. 3. Because of the Father’s love for us, He sent Jesus to bear your sin and die in your place. 4. You must repent, which means agreeing that you are a sinner and agreeing that Jesus addressed all this by dying on the cross. 5. You must believe in Jesus—accept these facts—and may then consider yourself “saved.” 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Genesis 5:1, 3; Ecclesiastes 7:29; 9:3; Luke 18:37, 38 2. Romans 9:11; Isaiah 59:2; Romans 3:23 3. Genesis 3:15; Romans 5:6, 8; 8:3, 4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Deuteronomy 24:16 4. Ezekiel 18:26-32; Mark 6:12; 1 John 1:9; Mark 9:23, 24; Revelation 14:1-5 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You, through no decision of your own, are a being born with a disordered human organism. 2. Before you were equipped to make informed, intentional choices, you chose to act in harmony with the clammers of your disordered humanity. This is how you came to nurture attitudes of self-indulgence. You matured, eventually, to a situation of moral accountability. But you trained yourself to be the consummate rebel; you chose to disobey. By choice you became a sinner. This is the situation of every human who has attained to moral accountability—except Jesus—who has ever lived. Unless you act to break solidarity with these chosen inclinations, you will not be equipped to function in heaven and the new earth when the creation is restored to its intended order. Rather, you will be justly punished, your existence ended. 3. Because of God’s love for us, a divine plan to restore the human race was put into operation. Jesus came in a humanity like your own so that He could present before fallen man an Example to pattern after, and die as a Substitute for you thus receiving the penalty that in justice would otherwise forever end your existence. 4. You must repent, meaning to choose to make a complete and persistent change of direction. You acknowledge that you had chosen to become a sinner, a rebel, and now, in Christ’s strength, you will persist hour by hour to exercise faith in Him, accepting all His provisions for your restoration, both at the cross and by the person of the Holy Spirit whom you permit to indwell you. This is believing in Jesus.

