



THE WORD
The Preaching Ministry of Ashley River Baptist Church

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FANTASTIC FOUR: 4 STEPS TO ETERNAL LIFE PT 2 OUR NEED

GOGO: GOD'S PURPOSE – OUR NEED – GOD'S PROVISION – OUR RESPONSE

ENGAGEMENT QUESTIONS:

Do you know for certain that you have **ETERNAL LIFE** and that you will go to heaven when you die?

Another question to consider is:

Suppose you were standing before God right now and He asked you, "Why should I let you into My heaven?"
What do you think you would say?

GOD'S PURPOSE: IS THAT WE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

Eternal life gives meaning to life. *Yet...*

Our sinful nature keeps us from fulfilling God's purpose for our lives. *Thus...*

OUR NEED:

OUR NEED IS TO UNDERSTAND OUR PROBLEM.

We are all sinners by nature and by choice.

"all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23)

SIN: *to miss the mark, to err, be mistaken; to miss or wander from the path of uprightness and honor, to do or go wrong; to wander from the law of God, violate God's law, sin.*

2 key aspects:

1. There IS a standard by which we are to live: "The Glory of God".
2. Every person has fallen short of (missed) the standard: "All have sinned and fall short..."

We Cannot Save Ourselves!

"not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:9)

We deserve Death and Hell!

"For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23)

It is true that: God is holy and just and punishes sin, yet, He loves us, and has provided forgiveness for our sin.

Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

The Good News is that God has provided for the forgiveness of our sins!