

## **KEEP IT SIMPLE (II Corinthians 11:3)**

**Psalm 19:7** God never intended His word to be difficult or complicated to anyone. The reason He used people of simple lifestyles to write each book was so the common people could understand it. During biblical times, there were very few Harvard graduates so high intellect was not required.

Everything God does always starts with something simple and then turns out to be so profound that mankind spends life times trying to understand:

1. ( **The English Language** ) **John 21:25** God made our language so that we could read and study His word. It is built entirely on only 26 letters, so simple a child can recite ABC's. Imagine all the books of the world and all the technology in computers are all based on 26 simple letters.
2. ( **Music** ) **Psalm 150: 2-6** God made music so that we could praise Him in song and instruments. All music is based on 7 notes and these seven notes are named for the first 7 letters of the alphabet **ABCDEFG**. From "Jesus loves me" to the most magnificent orchestrated symphony ever recorded, they all come basically from 7 simple notes.
3. ( **Color** ) **Exodus 25-28; Revelation 21:10-23** God made color so His people could see the beauty of God's glory and His creation. All color is made up of 3 basic colors, red, blue, and yellow. There are thousands of shades of color but all are combinations of just 3 simple colors.
4. ( **Atoms** ) **Luke 1:37** God created everything and can do anything. Everything that exists in the universe is made up of atoms. However, there are only 20 basic atoms that make up everything.
5. ( **Gospel** ) **I Corinthians 15:1-4** God gave us Jesus Christ in order that we may know God and receive forgiveness for sins and also become heirs of eternal life. However, the simple Gospel has become a stumbling block for religious leaders, denominations, and people of the world.

## **THE SIMPLICITY OF SALVATION**

**Romans 10:17** The greatest hindrance to those who desire to be saved and go to heaven is believing how simple it is to be saved. It all comes down to believing, trusting what God says in His word.

**Matthew 11:28** Salvation is as simple as coming to Christ when you are called. When the heart of a person is crying out to receive Jesus Christ, that is the Holy Spirit telling you now is the time.

**John 7:37-38** Salvation is as simple as drinking water. Here Jesus uses the analogy of drinking water just as He did with the woman at the well, to show how simple it is for people to be saved.

**John 6:35, 51** Salvation is as simple as eating bread. Jesus gives that picture here in John and promises in **vs. 37** that all who come unto Him He will not turn away but receive and save everyone.

**John 10:9-10** Salvation is as simple as opening a door. All these simple illustrations on how to be saved and have eternal life were given by Jesus Christ to uneducated people who fully understood.

**Romans 6:23** Salvation is as simple as receiving a gift. A little child does not have a problem understanding how to receive a free gift but most adults refuse to believe in the simplicity of Christ.

**Romans 10:13** Salvation in Christ is as simple as calling for help when you cannot help yourself.

**Matthew 18:2-3** Salvation is having the same kind of faith and trust as does a little child.

**John 11:25-26** Salvation in Christ is as simple as believing in Jesus Christ as Savior.

## **SIMPLE MADE HARD**

**II Peter 3:16** Peter warns about people who wrest ( twist, bend ) the scriptures to their destruction.

**Galatians 1:7** Paul says there are people who pervert ( corrupt, turn from truth ) the simple Gospel.

**Galatians 1:6** Paul also warns of "another Gospel" that would be taught: the Gospel plus good works, the Gospel plus baptism, the Gospel of prosperity, the Gospel plus experience, the Gospel plus the sacraments, the Gospel minus eternal security, the Gospel plus keeping the commandments.

