

The cross

Without the cross	Because of the cross
I am accused and found guilty of breaking God's perfect law.	God, as a perfect judge, declares me right with him – justified. He now views me as righteous.
To break God's law is to sin, and my sin incurs a sin-debt, a consequence I must pay.	My sin-debt was taken care of on the cross. The debt is gone – paid in full, erased.
The debt can only be paid by my death, a payment that is made for eternity in the Lake of Fire.	God gives me a new life, both now and for all of eternity in Heaven.
It is impossible to keep God's law perfectly. Even when I try hard, I still find myself failing. In addition, Satan manipulates me to do his will. I am a slave.	Once enslaved, I have now been bought with Jesus' blood and set free. I am no longer a slave to Satan's purposes.
My sin has estranged me from God and his love. God seems distant and remote.	Not only have I been born into God's family, but God has given me the full rights of a son/daughter.
When I was born into this world, I joined forces with Satan, who also sinned against God.	Jesus' death and resurrection defeated Satan. I no longer belong to the Devil. I have peace with God.
Having chosen my own way, I find myself in a spiritual wilderness seeking truth as a blind person. I am like a lost sheep.	Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, has found me and given me new life, eternal life, forgiveness, purpose for living, freedom from guilt, and so much more.