## **Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church**

## The Gospel

- First, understand that eternal life and heaven are gifts from God; you can not earn them by good works, nor deserve them for any reason.
   <u>Ephesians 2:8-9</u> – For it is by Grace that you have been saved, through Faith – and not from ourselves, it is a gift of God – not by works, so that no-one can boast.
- All men and women are sinners, and thus lost.
  <u>Romans 3:23</u> For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- The result of this condition is spiritual death... (forever separated from God)
  <u>Romans 6:23</u> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus
  Christ our Lord.
- 4. God loves His people so much that he sent Jesus Christ to die for them as a substitute for our penalty.

<u>John 3:16</u> – For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believe in Him, shall not parish but have eternal life.

<u>Romans 5: 9</u> – But God demonstrates His love towards us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

5. You receive God's eternal life by receiving and trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.

<u>John 1:12</u> – But as many as received Him, to them God gave the right to become Children of God, even those who believe His name.

- 6. You may receive Christ by a prayer of commitment such as the following: Heavenly father, thank you for sending Jesus Christ to die on the cross for my sins. I know I am a sinner and do not deserve eternal life. But, I believe you died and rose from the grave to purchase a place in heaven for me. Lord Jesus, come into my life; take control of my life and change me into the person you want me to be. I repent of my sins and now place my trust in You for my salvation. In the name of Jesus Christ I pray.
- 7. Begin to read the Gospel of john in your Bible. Believe that God gives eternal life to all who put their trust in Jesus Christ.

<u> $1^{st}$  John 5:11-13</u> – And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is His Son. He who has the Son has the life, he who does not have the Son does not have the life. These thinks I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life.

- 8. Baptism is a symbol of our faith and trust in the Lord.
- 9. Become a member of EMBC or find a church that will disciple you in the faith that you now have in God's Son.