Everybody wants more than:
"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved"
That's not enough unfortunately.

So you should see that God is so confident that he is **good enough** to place God

Isaiah 64:6 (NASB95)
6 For we are **all** like an unclean thing, And **all** our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We **all** fade as a leaf, Andrew Stephen Harris, Jr. Jesus Saves us, Amen

God Provides Salvation for Mankind

1. The creation of man.
2. The fall and death of man.
3. **and life again;**

Through the Love, the Kindness, and Mercy of God.

1. Creation of man: *creating man in God's Authority*

2. The garden of submission:

The creation of man:
Genesis 1:26, 27 (NKJV)
26 Then **God** said, **Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness**; Let them rule over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, over the cattle, over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.
27 **So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.**
28 God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

God gives a more detailed account of **man's** creation:

Genesis **2:8 God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being**

God creates the garden of Eden:

Genesis 2:8 (NKJV)
8 **And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.**
9 Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four rivers.
10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four rivers.
11 And the gold of that land is good. Bdellium and the onyx stone are there.
12 And the gold of that land was good; there was also bdellium and onyx stone.
13 The name of the third river is Hiddekel. It is the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates.

God begins to teach man his needs to submit to His authority:

14 Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to dress it and keep it.
15 And **the Lord God commanded the man**, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;
17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Spiritual death
Unable to have fellowship with God
Unable to please God in anyone

Man was created an autonomous finite being.
Man is dependent on God to sustain him, he cannot sustain himself.

So he must submit to God's authority.

And having been created a free moral agent,
YOU MUST CHOOSE TO SUBMIT *to God authority.*

SO EXACTLY HOW DO WE SUBMIT TO GOD'S AUTHORITY?

God is teaching man who he is in relation to his CREATOR

Genesis 2:16-17 (NKJV)
16 So the man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.
17 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."
18 Out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them; and whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.
19 So Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.
20 And the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."
21 So the woman was taken from the man, and God brought her to the man.
22 And Adam said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."
23 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
24 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

The **test** was given because man was created an independent unit capable of volition

2. The fall and death of man: *Man falls the test is submit to God's authority*

3. This **test** in the garden was about **humility**, will man with his limited knowledge, humble himself and submit to the infinite knowledge and power of his creator ?

The serpent tempts the woman:

Genesis 3:1-6 (NKJV)
1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed has God said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"
2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;
3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you perish.'"
4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.
5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, **she took of its fruit and ate**; **she also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.**

God speaks to Adam, to give an account for his actions:

7 **Then the Lord God said to Adam and Eve, "Where are you?"**
8 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

Pronouncements from God the Righteous Judge:

9 Then the Lord **God said to the serpent**, "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field. On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.
15 **I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.**
16 **To the woman He said**, "Sorrow greatly your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children, Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."
17 **Then to Adam He said**, "Because you have hearkened unto the voice of your wife, **And have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you**, Saying, 'You shall not eat of it,' Cursed is the ground for your sake; In sorrow you shall eat of it All the days of your life;
18 Thorns also and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field;
19 With the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."

Genesis 3:16 (NKJV)
16 To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In sorrow you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

Genesis 3:19 (NKJV)
19 "In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."

3. God offers **Life again:** *Through His Love, His Kindness, and His Mercy*

4. So the problem: man has lost access to God's authority which results in **spiritual death**

So now the real issue to solve is spiritual death

Spiritual death
Unable to have fellowship with God
Unable to please God in anyone
Man was also born unable to produce anything which from God's standpoint is acceptable

Genesis 3:22 (NKJV)
22 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;
17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Genesis 3:23 (NKJV)
23 Therefore the Lord God sent him out of the Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.
24 So He drove the man out, and He placed at the east of the Eden Cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Genesis 3:24 (NKJV)
24 So He drove the man out, and He placed at the east of the Eden Cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Romans 5:12 (NKJV)
12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

Romans 5:12 (NIV)
12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

Romans 5:12 (NASB)
12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

Romans 5:12 (ESV)
12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death spread to all men because all sinned—

Romans 5:12 (NLT)
12 When Adam first sinned, bringing sin into the world, his act of disobedience brought death into the world as well. And since everyone sinned, everyone must die.

Romans 5:12 (GNT)
12 Sin came into the world through one man, and through sin came death; and so death has come to all people because all have sinned.

Romans 5:12 (CEV)
12 When Adam sinned, he brought sin into the world, and sin brought death. So everyone will die because everyone has sinned.

Romans 5:12 (MSG)
12 Sin came into the world through one man, and then death through sin, and so death has spread to everyone because everyone has sinned.

Romans 5:12 (ASV)
12 Wherefore, as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all sinned:

Romans 5:12 (NRSV)
12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death spread to all because all sinned—

Romans 5:12 (KJV)
12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: