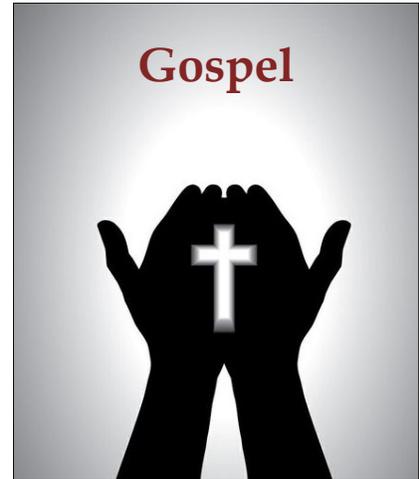


# A Simple Explanation of the

## Gospel



# From The Old Testament to The New Testament

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**Luke 24:**<sup>12</sup> But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

**John 20:**<sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.

### JESUS now sits at the right hand of GOD

**1 Peter 3:22**

**1 Peter 3:**<sup>22</sup> ...who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

### JESUS said we must be born again

**John 3:3,7-8; 1 Peter 1:23**

**John 3:**<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

**John 3:**<sup>7</sup> You must be born again. The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. <sup>8</sup> So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

**1 Peter 3:**<sup>23</sup> ...having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,...

**Now let's talk about the CONSCIENCE.** A baby does not have a developed conscience. They are born with a sin nature but they don't understand the concept of right and wrong. They run around naked and they're not ashamed. They enjoy it!

One day when **they get to a certain age**, their conscience develops and suddenly they realize their naked and they yell, "Don't come into my bedroom I'm not dressed".

But **as that child grows up**, their conscience becomes dull to sin by the things they watch on television, what they see in the movies and on social media, the music they listen to, the culture they grow up in and how they were taught.

*Just a side note... you don't have to teach a child to misbehave; they are born with a sin nature. You have to teach, correct and guide them to do what is right.*

The **LAW OF SIN is like gravity**. If I take my phone and hold it up and let go, it is going to drop. That's gravity! No matter how many times I say, "I do not believe in gravity," my phone is going to drop. It's the same with sin. The more you sin and deny it is sin, the more you become a slave to it. When you have repented, you receive a new life. God puts a new heart inside of you.

*Scripture from the  
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*Notes:*

*And this Gospel of the Kingdom  
will be preached in all the world as a  
witness to all the nations, and then  
the end will come. Matthew 24:14*

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**But you still have a dead body.** What do you do with a dead body? You bury it. That's why baptism is important. You're burying your old sinful nature with Christ. Your sins are washed away, you come up out of the water a new person with a new life. You are born again, the old self is gone.

**Then God sends His Holy Spirit to live in you,** the same Holy Spirit that came upon Jesus in baptism, the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead.

It isn't you get a small Holy Spirit and Jesus gets a big Holy Spirit, you get the Holy Spirit. He's a person.

Then Jesus commanded His followers in Matthew, Mark and Luke, "To go out and preach the gospel, telling people to repent, to be baptized in the name of Jesus, lay hands on the sick and to cast out demons."

There are those who believe and have received the **Baptism of the Holy Spirit** because they are a witness to the signs that have followed them and others. But that is between you and God to accept or reject.

**John 19:<sup>25</sup>** Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

**Philippines 2:<sup>8</sup>** And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

**1 Corinthians 1:<sup>18</sup>** For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**2 Corinthians 5:<sup>21</sup>** For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**JESUS rose from the dead**

**Matthew 28:7-8; Mark 16:6; Luke 24:12; John 20:8-9;  
2 Corinthians 5:21**

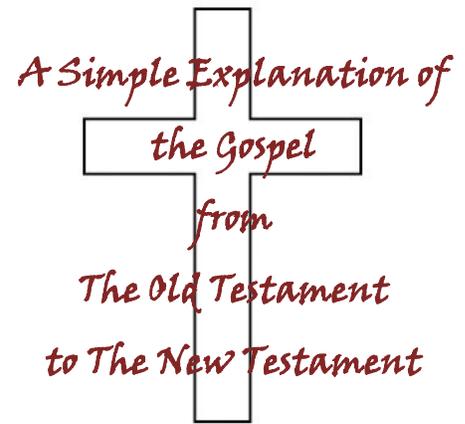
**Matthew 28:<sup>7</sup>** And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." <sup>8</sup> So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

**Mark 16:<sup>6</sup>** But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.

**KING DAVID'S PRAYER TO THE LORD — Psalm 51:1-13**

*"Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are proved right when You speak and justified when You judge. Surely I have been a sinner from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me... Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me and I will be whiter than snow... Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me. Then will I teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will turn back to You...."*

If you have never called upon God for His grace, mercy and forgiveness, consider making this request to Him today.



We all have family and/or friends in our life that are unbelievers or who claim to be a Christian but yet there is no fruit of that in their life.

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**JESUS died on a cross to pay the death penalty for mankind (The innocent for the guilty)**

**Matthew 27:32,42; Luke 23:40-42, 44-45; John 19:18-19, 25; Philipines 2:8; 1 Corinthians 1:18**

**Matthew 27:**<sup>32</sup> Now as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him they compelled to bear His cross.

**Matthew 27:**<sup>42</sup> "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him.

**Luke 23:**<sup>40</sup> But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation?"<sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."<sup>42</sup> Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

**Luke 23:**<sup>44</sup> Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.<sup>45</sup> Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two.

**John 19:**<sup>18</sup> where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center.<sup>19</sup> Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

**GOSPEL SCRIPTURE REFERENCES**

**GOD sent us His Word (The Bible) to show us the way.**

**Hebrews 4:12 / 2 Timothy 3:16-17**

**Hebrews 4:**<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**2 Timothy 3:**<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,<sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**GOD created the universe— sun, moon, stars, planets**

**Genesis 1:1-2 / John 1:2-5**

**Genesis 1:**<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

**John 1:**<sup>2</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

## I Believe the Bible is the One and Only True Word of God.

In 2 Timothy 3:16... *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.*

In Hebrews 4:12... *For the word of God is living and powerful, sharper than a two edge sword, piercing even to the division of the soul and spirit,...*

I also believe **God created the heavens and the earth**, the sun, the moon, and all the galaxies by His Word.

**God also created a perfect garden** called the Garden of Eden. The garden had all kinds of trees and vegetation that were pleasant to the sight and good for food. There were no weeds, no pestilence and no earthquakes.

**God also placed animals in the garden...** They lived in harmony, didn't fight or kill each other.

**God then created man and He created woman (Adam and Eve)** to walk and have fellowship with Him. They had an open relationship with God and God was open to them.

**God gave man dominion** over the garden and all the animals in the garden. Now there were also two trees in the middle of the garden, "The Tree of Life" and the other "The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil."

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*SIDE NOTE: (Earth [means ground/soil] was named only about 1000 yrs ago as the English language evolved and German migration. All other planets named from Roman and Greek mythology or gods and goddess. Translations of the Bible into English was one of the earliest recorded use of the name Earth.) "God called the dry land, Earth, and the waters that were gathered together He called Seas. And God saw that it was good." (Genesis1:10)*

## **GOD created a Perfect Garden– without weeds, pestilence, earthquakes**

### **Read Genesis 2**

**Genesis 2:**<sup>8</sup> *The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.*

<sup>9</sup> *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.*

## **GOD created animals that didn't fight and kill each other**

**Genesis 1:**<sup>24</sup> *Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. <sup>25</sup> And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and every-thing that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.*

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**Luke 18:10-14** *"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."*

**Acts 22:16** *And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, **calling on the name of the Lord.**'*

**I Peter 3:21** *There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but **the answer of a good conscience toward God**), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,*

In the early New Testament Church, baptism was a response of one who came to repentant faith as they called upon God through the act of saying—"Lord, forgive my sins and give me a clear conscience." Baptism was always practiced at the time of conversion.

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## **JESUS grew up was sinless**

**Luke 2:40,52**

**Luke 2:**<sup>40</sup> *And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.*

**Luke 2:**<sup>52</sup> *And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.*

## **JESUS preached repentance and accepting GOD's rule**

**Matthew 4:17; Mark 6:12-13; Luke 24:45-48**

**Matthew 4:**<sup>17</sup> *From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

**Mark 6:**<sup>12</sup> *So they went out and preached that people should repent. <sup>13</sup> And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.*

**Luke 24:**<sup>45</sup> *And He (Jesus) opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> And you are witnesses of these things.*

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## Responses of Prayer in Scriptures

It is biblical to confess one's sins and ask for forgiveness and put trust, hope, and faith in Christ and His sacrifice on the cross. But it is not biblical to give someone assurance of salvation based on reciting a prayer, on simply saying the words without a true change of heart. Salvation is the work of God.

The following Scriptures are people calling on the Lord for forgiveness which was always a response of the heart, requesting mercy from God. It was not a repeat after me but a repentant and humble heart that made the request to God.

**Luke 23:39-43** *Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation?"<sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.*

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### GOD has a plan for mankind

#### Romans 5:19

**Romans 5:**<sup>19</sup> *For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.*

### JESUS enacted the plan by being born

#### Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:30-33; John 1:13

**Matthew 1:**<sup>18</sup> *Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.*

**Luke 1:**<sup>30</sup> *Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."<sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS.<sup>32</sup> He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.<sup>33</sup> And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."*

**John 1:**<sup>13</sup> *...who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

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**God gave man only one command**, that he should not eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil because in that day he ate, he would die.

Did Adam and Eve know what death was, I don't know?

**Now Satan came into the garden to deceive the woman and the man.** Adam and Eve had a choice and they listened to Satan instead of God, they ate from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

As soon as they had eaten from the forbidden tree they were aware of their nakedness.

**When God came to them in the garden**, they hid themselves because they were ashamed. Their disobedience separated them from God.

**God had to kill an animal to clothe their nakedness.** God then cast them out of the garden and placed an angel to guard the entrance. Because if man had then eaten from the Tree of Life, he would have lived forever, and there would have been a sin problem forever.

**Adam and Eve now live in a different world** than what God had created for them. Before they only had to tend to the garden now they will have to toil the ground for their food.

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### Mankind to have dominion over the garden, the animals and to have fellowship with GOD

#### Genesis 1:26-28; 2:22

**Genesis 1:**<sup>26</sup> *Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."<sup>27</sup> So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.<sup>28</sup> Then 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."*

**Genesis 2:**<sup>22</sup> *Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.<sup>23</sup> 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."*

### GOD gave man only one command

#### Genesis 2:15-17

**Genesis 2:**<sup>15</sup> *Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.<sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden*

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**Then Adam and Eve had kids**, their kids killed each other, and they had kids that killed each other and so on.

As man multiplied his self-centeredness and heart was intent on every evil he could think of, murder, sexual immorality, idolatry, adultery, stealing, and lying.

**Satan is the prince of this world**, his intent is to kill, steal and destroy.

Sin became so bad upon the earth **God regretted making man** and decided to destroy everything on the face of the earth.

But God found one man, **Noah, who was a just man and walked with God**. God saved Noah and his family in an ark through the water. When they landed on dry ground God said, "multiply and fill the earth."

But again as man multiplied, sin also multiplied, murder, sexual immorality, idolatry. Man doing what is right in his own eyes is rejecting God.

**Because the problem is not earth, the problem is man.** Man is born with a sin nature.

Let's talk about **Sin...** because people misunderstand and they don't see it.

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*you may freely eat;<sup>17</sup> 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."*

#### **Satan deceived the woman and they partook of the forbidden tree**

**Genesis 3:1-8; Genesis 3:21-24**

**Genesis 3:**<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"<sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;<sup>3</sup> 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 die.'"<sup>4</sup> Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.<sup>5</sup> 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."<sup>6</sup> So 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.<sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.<sup>8</sup> And they heard the

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#### **JESUS sends you out to preach the gospel, repentance, baptism, heal sick, cast out demons**

**Matthew 24:14, 28:18-20; Mark 16:16-18; Luke 24:47**

**Matthew 24:**<sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

**Matthew 28:**<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

**Mark 16:**<sup>16</sup> He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.<sup>17</sup> And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;<sup>18</sup> they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

**Luke 24:**<sup>47</sup> and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

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**Revelation 14:**<sup>7</sup> ...saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

#### **There's no one to blame but yourself**

**Hebrews 4:13; 1 Peter 3:12**

**Hebrews 4:**<sup>13</sup> And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

**1 Peter 3:**<sup>12</sup> For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil."

#### **GOD'S not the problem, we are**

**Romans 3:10-11; Isaiah 64:6**

**Romans 3:**<sup>10</sup> As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one;<sup>11</sup> There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God.

**Isaiah 64:**<sup>6</sup> But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

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## **Baptized in the name of JESUS and receiving the HOLY SPIRIT**

**Acts 2:38; Acts 4:31; John 3:5; 1John 5:7; Romans 6:3 (+20 other verses in the New Testament)**

**Acts 2:**<sup>38</sup> Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 4:**<sup>31</sup> And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

**Romans 6:**<sup>3</sup> Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

**John 3:**<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

**1 John 5:**<sup>7</sup> For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

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## **GOD's commandments are a unit. Break just one law and you've broken His law.**

**James 2:10; Romans 3:19**

**James 2:**<sup>10</sup> For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.

**Romans 3:**<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. <sup>20</sup> Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

## **Someday we will stand before God in judgment**

**Romans 14:12; 1 Peter 4:5; Revelation 6:15-17, 14:7**

**Romans 14:**<sup>12</sup> So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

**1 Peter 4:**<sup>5</sup> They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

**Revelation 6:**<sup>15</sup> And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, <sup>16</sup> and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!" <sup>17</sup> For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

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**We all compare ourselves to others.** You look at someone and say, "I haven't done what she/he has done," "I'm not as bad as that person." You set up your own standard of right and wrong, by the culture you grew up in, what you were taught or the influence of others. You choose your own ideas and thoughts of what you think is right and wrong. But we should compare ourselves to God's righteous standard of right and wrong.

The Bible says **liars will go to the lake of fire.** That means Hell!

You may think lying is not so bad. But...

If I lie to a child, what can a child do to me?

If I lie to a spouse, there are a lot of divorces over lying spouses.

If I lie to my boss on my job, I can be fired.

If I lie to a judge in a court of law, I can go to jail.

So it's not just what you do, it's who you do it against, the authority that person has to administer the punishment or the consequences.

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*sound 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.*

## **GOD killed an animal for skins to clothe their nakedness**

**Genesis 3:**<sup>21</sup> Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

## **Mankind was cast out of the perfect garden**

**Genesis 3:**<sup>22</sup> Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" — <sup>23</sup> therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. <sup>24</sup> So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the Garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

## **Adam's descendants took on the sin nature now present in their parents**

**Genesis 4:8; Isaiah 5:20**

**Genesis 4:**<sup>8</sup> Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

**Isaiah 5:**<sup>20</sup> Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

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The Ten Commandments say, “**Thou shall not murder,**” but Jesus said, “If you have hatred for your neighbor, you’ve committed murder in your heart.”

The Ten Commandments also say, “**Thou shall not commit adultery,**” but Jesus said, “If you lust after someone,” or let’s say in this day and age you enjoy pornography; you’ve already committed adultery in your heart.

Let’s say I **take a photo of you with my phone.** It has a special app that creates a video of your whole life from that one photo.

Now you have done a lot of good things but this video only records your sins. Just like in a court of law, a judge doesn’t look at the good things you’ve done, a judge only looks at the crime committed. This video shows things you have done behind closed doors, things you’ve done in secret, in the darkness, those things you don’t want anyone to know.

Now what if, I put that video up on the screen for all your family and friends to see. You would be ashamed! But just think, you’re ashamed in front of people who also have their own hidden secrets/sins.

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### **Satan took over dominion that was given man and he became the prince of this fallen world**

**John 10:10; Mark 4:15; Job 1:7**

**John 10:**<sup>10</sup> *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

**Mark 4:**<sup>15</sup> *And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.*

**Job 1:**<sup>7</sup> *And the LORD said to Satan, “From where do you come?” So Satan answered the Lord and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.”*

### **GOD Regretted He made man, but Noah found God’s grace**

**Genesis 6:7-9**

**Genesis 6:**<sup>5</sup> *Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. <sup>6</sup>And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. <sup>7</sup>So the Lord said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.” <sup>8</sup>But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. <sup>9</sup>Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.*

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**Luke 18:**<sup>16</sup> *But Jesus called them to Him and said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. <sup>17</sup>Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”*

### **Sin makes you slave to it**

**Romans 6:16**

**Romans 6:**<sup>16</sup> *Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?*

### **JESUS offers a new life**

**Romans 6:4; 2 Corinthians 5:17**

**Romans 6:**<sup>4</sup> *Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

**2 Corinthians 5:**<sup>17</sup> *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

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**Matthew 15:**<sup>19</sup> *For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.*

**Mark 7:**<sup>21</sup> *For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,...*

**Romans 2:**<sup>15</sup> *...who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) <sup>16</sup>in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.*

**Matthew 12:**<sup>36</sup> *But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. <sup>37</sup>For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”*

**1 Peter 4:**<sup>5</sup> *They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.*

**Jude 1:**<sup>15</sup> *...to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”*

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**Recognize your sin against GOD, confess it and turn away from it**

**Romans 10:9**

*Romans 10:<sup>9</sup> ...that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

**GOD will give you a new heart**

**Ezekiel 36:26**

*Ezekiel 36:<sup>26</sup> I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*

**We must humbly receive Him**

**Matthew 18:3; Mark 10:14-15; Luke 18:16-17**

*Matthew 18:<sup>3</sup> ... "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.*

*Mark 10:<sup>14</sup> "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."*

**GOD has a record of all that we do, even our thoughts**

**John 16:8; Revelation 20:12; Luke 12:2-3; John 3:20-21; Mathew 15:19; Mark 7:21; Romans 2:15-16; Jude 1:15; Matthew 12:36-37; 1 Peter 4:5**

*John 16:<sup>8</sup> And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:*

*Revelation 20:<sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.*

*Luke 12:<sup>2</sup> For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known. <sup>3</sup> Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.*

*John 3:<sup>20</sup> For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."*

One day you are going to **stand before a Righteous and Holy God** who created you. You are going to be judged on the things you've done, what you didn't do, what you said, even your thoughts.

The Bible says if you break **one commandment you've broken them all**, you don't get 1 out of 5 or 2 out of 10.

In that day when you stand before God **you are not going to blame** your parents, your college professor or your spouse. **You're going to stand naked and ashamed**, you will fall on your face and cry guilty, "I am guilty and I deserve hell. **Because God is good and I'm not."**

**God is not the problem, we are.** We are born with a sin nature. But **God had a plan from the garden** when Adam & Eve disobeyed.

God sent His son **Jesus 2000 years ago, born of a virgin and born of God**, not of man.

**Jesus grew up sinless.** He didn't lie, He didn't cheat, He didn't steal. And when **Jesus was 30 years old**, He was baptized into the water and when Jesus came out of the water the Spirit of God came upon Him. Then **Jesus walked around preaching to everyone...** repentance, the kingdom of God is near, healing the sick and casting out demons.

**Man's problem is his sin nature**

**Read Genesis 11; Ezekiel 36:31**

*Genesis 11:<sup>4</sup> And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.*

*Ezekiel 36:<sup>31</sup> Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good; and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight, for your iniquities and your abominations.*

**Sin corrupted man's mind**

**2 Corinthians 10:12; Matthew 2:7; Isaiah 5:20**

*2 Corinthians 10:<sup>12</sup> For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.*

*Matthew 2:<sup>7</sup> For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. (Also similar Scripture references in Mark 4:24, Luke 6:38)*

*Isaiah 5:<sup>20</sup> Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*

Then He was **hung on a cross, an innocent man to die,** and **He was buried.**

If **Jesus had committed one sin** He would've been guilty. But because He was sinless, He **rose from the dead,** and now He sits at the **right hand of God the Father.** *(God made Jesus who had no sin to be sin [a sin offering] for us, so in Him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21)*

A man once asked Jesus, "What should I do to be saved?" And **Jesus said, "You must be born again."**

**What is born again?** It is repentance to God and baptism into the name of Jesus.

**What is repentance or to repent?** It is recognizing you have sinned against a Holy God, confessing that sin, turning away from sin, and putting your faith into Jesus.

When you have repented, **God takes that stone heart of yours** that is selfish and sinful, and He puts in a new heart, a conscience with a desire to do good and sensitive to evil.

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### Man violated God's standard of righteous

**Proverbs 21:2; Ezekiel 36:31; Matthew 6:33; 13:49; 23:28; 25:46**

*Proverbs 21:<sup>2</sup> Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, But the Lord weighs the hearts.*

*Ezekiel 36:<sup>31</sup> Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good; and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight, for your iniquities and your abominations.*

*Matthew 6:<sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

*Matthew 13:<sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just,...*

*Matthew 23:<sup>28</sup> Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.*

*Matthew 25:<sup>46</sup> "...And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."*

### The wages of sin is death (separation from God)

**Revelation 21:8**

*Revelation 21:<sup>8</sup> But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."*

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### Repentance to GOD

**Acts 2:38**

*Acts 2:<sup>38</sup> Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

### Repent/repentance is found 56 times in NT

**Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 13:3,5; Acts 3:19;**

**2 Peter 3:9**

*Matthew 4:<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

*Mark 1:<sup>14</sup> Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."*

*Luke 13:<sup>3/5</sup> I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.*

*Acts 3:<sup>19</sup> Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,...*

*1 Peter 3:<sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*

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### Sin results in punishment

**Psalm 9:7; Matthew 25:46**

*Psalm 9:<sup>7</sup> "But the Lord shall endure forever; He has prepared His throne for judgment.*

*Matthew 25:<sup>46</sup> And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."*

**BIBLE says: Shall not murder, shall not commit adultery, JESUS said**

**Matthew 5:21-22; 5:27-28; Luke 18:20**

*Matthew 5:<sup>21</sup> "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' <sup>22</sup> But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment...*

*Matthew 5:<sup>27</sup> "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup> But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*

*Luke 18:<sup>20</sup> You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.' "*

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