

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?



WHO IS GOD?

THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT THERE IS ONE ETERNAL GOD (DEUTERONOMY 6:4, ISAIAH 43:10, JAMES 2:19) IN THREE PERSONS (GENESIS 1:26, MATTHEW 28:19). GOD IS THE CREATOR AND OWNER OF ALL THINGS SEEN AND UNSEEN (PSALM 24:1), AND HE IS THE PERFECTLY HOLY JUDGE (1 TIMOTHY 1:17, 6:13-16). HE IS THE ONLY BEING WORTHY OF ALL GLORY AND HONOR (REVELATION 4:11).

WHO AM I?

WE WERE ALL CREATED IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD (GENESIS 1:26). OUR ANCESTORS, ADAM AND EVE, WERE THE FIRST HUMANS TO EVER LIVE (GENESIS 2); YET THEY SINNED AGAINST GOD AND THE HUMAN RACE WAS CHANGED FOREVER (GENESIS 3, PSALM 51:5). WE ARE ALL SINNERS DESERVING OF GOD'S JUDGMENT (PSALM 51:5).

YOU, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, HAVE PROVEN THE SINFULNESS OF YOUR HEART BY WILLFULLY DISOBEYING GOD'S GOOD COMMANDS. ALL OF US HAVE BROKEN THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AND SHOWN THAT OUR HEARTS ARE "DECEITFUL AND DESPERATELY SICK," (JEREMIAH 17:9). THOUGH WE STILL BEAR HIS IMAGE AND ARE PRECIOUS CREATURES, WE HAVE FALLEN SHORT OF GOD'S STANDARD AND DESERVE HIS JUDGMENT (ROMANS 3:23).

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

BECAUSE GOD LOVES THE WORLD, HE SENT HIS ONLY SON, JESUS CHRIST, TO PROVIDE THE FULL AND FINAL PAYMENT FOR OUR SINS. HE BORE GOD'S WRATH TOWARD OUR SIN IN HIS BODY ON THE CROSS SO THAT WE MIGHT BE SAVED FROM OUR HELPLESS CONDITION (ROMANS 5:6, 1 PETER 2:24). NOT ONLY THAT, BUT JESUS PROVED THAT ETERNAL REDEMPTION WAS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH HIS CROSS BY RISING FROM THE DEAD, DEMONSTRATING HIS POWER OVER THE GRAVE (ROMANS 4:25, HEBREWS 9:11-12).

UNDERSTANDING WHO GOD IS AND WHO YOU ARE ENABLES YOU TO SEE THE BEAUTY OF THE CROSS. JESUS PAID ALL THAT WE OWED (COLOSSIANS 2:14), DIED IN OUR PLACE (1 PETER 3:18), AND ROSE FROM THE DEAD, PROVING HIS DIVINE NATURE AND ABILITY TO SAVE (1 CORINTHIANS 15:20).

THEREFORE, IF YOU BELIEVE THIS GOOD NEWS—PLACING ALL OF YOUR HOPE IN THE FINISHED WORK OF JESUS—GOD IS FAITHFUL TO SAVE YOU AT THIS VERY MOMENT, MAKING YOU BRAND NEW (2 CORINTHIANS 5:17). YOU WILL RECEIVE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST HIMSELF AND WILL ALWAYS BE PERFECTLY RECONCILED WITH GOD (2 CORINTHIANS 5:21). TRUST IN HIM TODAY!

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