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Sin-Mankind's Greatest Problem

Jesus-Mankind's Only Hope

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The Gospel begins with a right understanding of God

If we have a wrong view of God, we will see all things wrong (Including ourselves)

Psalm 14:1 *The fool says in his heart, “There is no God”*

Psalm 50:19-21 *You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit. 20 You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother’s son. 21 These things you have done, and I (God) have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.*

A wrong view of God has eternal consequences

We must allow God to define Himself (Scripture)

Isaiah 6:3 *Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!*

Psalm 7:11 *God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day*

Habakkuk 1:13 *You (God) who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong*

A Right Understanding of All Mankind

If you ask most people if they believe they are good most will say “Yes”

- **Hebrews 9:27** *It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment*
- We will be judged based on God’s standard revealed through His law, not compared to other people

Romans 3:10 *There is none righteous, no, not one...v12 no one does good, not even one...v18 There is no fear of God before their eyes. v19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. (v20 through the law comes knowledge of sin)*

- When we look at ourselves compared to God’s law we see how short we fall (**Rom 3:23** *for all have sinned & fall short of the glory of God*).
- When we sin we are “*storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed.*” (**Rom 2:5**)
- Because God is a righteous and just judge He will “*render to each one according to his works*” (**Rom 2:6**) ...v8 *for those who are self-seeking, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.*

It isn’t just that we have sinned, but we are sinners, and we provoke God’s holy wrath when we sin against Him.

The Great Dilemma

Knowing God is holy, righteous and must be just in His judgment (He must give us what we deserve, which is hell). What hope do we have of being forgiven?

Typical Responses:

- “Yes, I have sinned, but I have done good” (Rom 3:12/Is 64:6)
 - Even if you could do good, does good erase guilt?
- “God is a forgiving God, He will overlook my sin” (Ps 7:11-12)
- “I am sorry for my sins and I will stop them now” (Rom 2:6)

If God must punish your sins (hell) so He can remain just, how can He ever forgive you?

If God were to give you what you deserve right now, should He grant you heaven (everlasting life) or hell (everlasting punishment)?

Gospel Means Good News

In light of those truths, if you find yourself hopelessly lost, knowing you deserve the wrath of God and there is nothing you can do to satisfy the punishment you deserve there is good news

1 John 4:8-10 *God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

2 Corinthians 5:21 *For our sake He (God) made Him (Jesus) to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.*

John 19:30 *He (Jesus) said, "It is finished"*

Romans 4:25 *(Jesus) Who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification*

Acts 4:12 *And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*

The Gospel Demands a Response

Scripture commands you to repent and believe

Mark 1:15 *“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; **repent and believe in the gospel.**”*

- Repentance is a changing of mind (regarding sin) which leads to a turning away from sin
- Believing is receiving God’s offer of forgiveness by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone. Trusting in Jesus completely to forgive you of your sins. (**Eph 2:8-9**)

Faith is based on the promises of God

Acts 16:31 *“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved”*

John 3:36 *Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.*

No response is rejection