

**I. Introduction: The Witness of Creation**

- A. The Good News of Jesus Christ: **God, Man, Jesus, Response**
- B. **Creation** (Psalm 19:1-6) Book, Chapter: Verse(s)  
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  - 1. Glory: Power, Knowledge
  - 2. Ownership-Judgment (Acts 17:30-31)

**Key Idea** – Paragraph #4 NBC Confession of Faith

*The supreme need of all human beings is to be reconciled to the God under whose just and holy wrath we stand; the only hope of all human beings is the undeserved love of this same God, who alone can rescue us and restore us to himself.*

**II. Absence of a Proper Response: (What is Sin?)**

- A. The Nature of Sin (Greatest Com.)
- B. The Lie of Sin
- C. The Blinding Effect of Sin

**Romans 1:18-32**

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all *ungodliness* and *unrighteousness* of men, who by their unrighteousness **suppress the truth**. <sup>19</sup>

**For** what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup> For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. <sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but *they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened*. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images

resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

<sup>24</sup> **Therefore** *God gave them up* in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup> because they *exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator*, who is blessed forever! Amen.

<sup>26</sup> For this reason *God gave them up* to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; <sup>27</sup> and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

<sup>28</sup> And *since they did not see fit to acknowledge God*, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. <sup>29</sup> They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, <sup>30</sup> slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup> foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. <sup>32</sup> *Though they know God's decree that those who practice such things deserve to die*, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

### **III. Our Creator Has Revealed Himself -> Jesus**

#### **Luke 8:22-25**

<sup>22</sup> One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they set out, <sup>23</sup> and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and *they were filling with water and were in danger*. <sup>24</sup> And they went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, **and they**

*ceased*, and there was a calm. <sup>25</sup> He said to them, “Where is your faith?” *And they were afraid*, and they marveled, saying to one another, “**Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?**”

### **Hebrews 1:1-3a**

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us **by his Son**, whom he appointed the *heir of all things*, through whom also he *created the world*. <sup>3</sup> He is *the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature*, and *he upholds the universe by the word of his power*.

## **IV. The Need to Reconcile with Jesus by Jesus**

A. The Cross is what we Owe God

### **Colossians 1:13-17, 21-23**

<sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have *redemption*, the *forgiveness of sins*.

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For *by him all things were created*, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created *through him and for him*. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him *all things hold together*. ...

<sup>21</sup> And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> *he has now reconciled* in his body of flesh **by his death**, *in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him*, <sup>23</sup> if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from *the hope of the gospel* that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven...

**V. Summary**

- A. Saved *from* Sin (Cravings, False Worship)
- B. Saved *from* God's Wrath
- C. Saved *by* Jesus Taking our Place
  - 1. *His* Perfect Life
  - 2. *His* Voluntary Death
  - 3. *His* Resurrection
- D. Freed *to* Heart Obedience & Joy
- E. Repent & Believe!