

EASTER IN CONTEXT

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

1. WHO IS GOD?

God is Unique:

Deuteronomy 4:35 – There is no other God, but God.

Psalms 86:8-10 – There is no god like God.

Isaiah 46:5-7 – God is not like the gods made by men.

Isaiah 46: 9-10 – God actually wills and acts and it happens.

God is Triune:

Matthew 28:19 – Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

God is Eternal:

Colossians 1:17 – Before anything was.

Isaiah 5:15 – He inhabits eternity.

God is Holy, Righteous and Just:

Isaiah 6:3 – Holy – Separate – Other.

Psalms 11:7 – He loves and defines what is right.

Acts 17:31 – He judges by his perfect righteousness

God is Creator:

Genesis 1:31 – He originally made everything very good.

Isaiah 44:24 – He formed US in the womb.

Genesis 1:27 – He created us in his image.

Psalms 95:6 – He created us for worshipping him.

Romans 1:30 – We live in his creation, without excuse.

2. WHO ARE WE?

Genesis 2:7 – Humanity was specially created by God from dust.

Genesis 2:16-17 – We were created to enjoy and obey God.

Mankind is Sinful – Corporately:

Genesis 3:1-7 – We sought our own way and rejected God.

Romans 5:12 – We all share in the sins of our father, Adam.

Romans 3:23 – All humanity falls short of God.

Mankind is Sinful – Individually:

Galatians 3:10 – We all individually break God's law.

Ecclesiastes 7:20 – There is not one who never sins.

James 2:10 – Breaking one of God's laws is as good as breaking all.

Sin Has Consequences:

Isaiah 59:2 – Sin separates us from God.

Romans 6:23 – Sin brings death.

Hebrews 10:26-27 – Ignoring God's salvation brings judgment.

Hebrews 9:27 – All humanity face judgment after death.

Matthew 18:8 – God's judgment upon sin is eternal.

Jeremiah 17:9 – Because of sin, man's heart is depraved.

3. WHERE IS OUR SOLUTION?

Romans 3:10-12 – We don't seek Jesus on our own.

Titus 3:4-5 – Our works don't save us.

Isaiah 64:6 – Our works do not meet God's definition of "good."

Psalms 130:3 – Our debt of sin is insurmountable.

The Heart of God:

Psalms 36:5 – God saves because he is love.

Exodus 34:6 – God saves because he is merciful and gracious.

Psalms 145:8 – God saves because he abounds in mercy and love.

God's Grace Comes Through Christ

Galatians 4:4-5 – Jesus is God (the Son), who came to redeem us.

Philippians 2:5-8 – Jesus is God taking on humanity to die for sin.

Hebrews 4:15 – Jesus had a full human experience without sin.

Galatians 3:13 – Jesus took on the curse of sin to redeem us.
2 Corinthians 5:21 – Jesus was without his own sin but took on our sin.

The GOOD NEWS:

John 19:16-19 – Jesus suffered and died on a Roman cross.
John 19:30 – Christ’s work of atoning for sin was finished on the cross.
Romans 5:7 – The cross displays God’s love for sinners.
1 Peter 3:18 – Christ’s died to bring us to God.
John 19:41-42 – Jesus was buried in Easter Friday in a tomb.
John 20:4-9 – Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday.
1 Corinthians 15:3-7 – Jesus rose from the dead – a real living Savior.
1 Timothy 2:3-6 – Jesus is the only possible mediator between God and man.

4. HOW MUST I RESPOND?

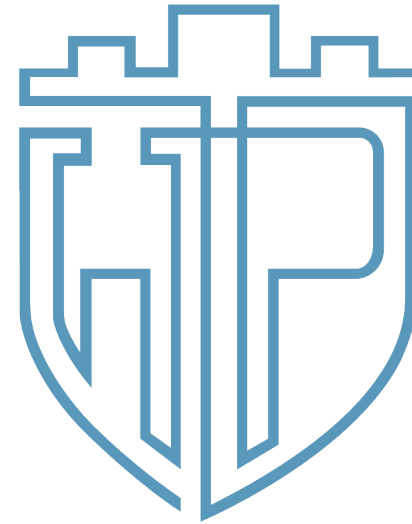
John 3:36 - We must believe in Jesus.
James 2:19 - Believing *about* Jesus is not enough.
John 17:3 - Believing is truly *knowing* Jesus.
1 John 1:9 - We confess sin to Christ to be cleansed from unrighteousness.
Romans 10:8-10 - We confess and believe in the Lordship of Christ.
Acts 4:12 – Our hope of salvation is in no other but Jesus.
Isaiah 55:6-7- We need to be urgent to call upon God for salvation.
2 Corinthians 5:15 – We are saved to live our whole life for God.
1 John 5:12-13 – There are only two ways to live, in Christ or under God’s condemnation.

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