## GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION



### God of the Bible<sup>1</sup>

#### Triune God

- o God the Father
- The Son of God
- God the Holy Spirit
- Creator God (Rom 1:1-7)
  - "Uncaused Cause"<sup>3</sup>
  - God made mankind "in our Image" (Gen 1:1,26)
- The Sovereign
  - o Law-Giver⁴
  - Omnipotent
  - Omniscient



- Just Judge (Gen 18:25)
- Righteous
- Merciful (Loving)
  - Exod 34:6-7; Is 6:3



# Man the Sinner (Bad News)

- Adam and Eve
   1<sup>st</sup> Sin (Rebellion)
  - Gen 3:1-7; 15<sup>5</sup>
- Death (Gen 2:17)
  - Physical and Spiritual
- God's Commandments
  - o Ex 20:1-10/ Matt 5 & 6 (Beatitudes)
- You are a sinner (guilty before God)
- o Romans 3:10,19, 23; 5:12,18
- The wages of sin is death
  - o Rom 6:23a; Eph 2:1
- God's wrath abides on you
  - o John 3:36; Rom 1:18; Eph 2:3

#### • Unbelievers go to hell

- Matt 10:28; Rom 2:8-9;
   1 Cor 6:9-11; Rev 21:8
- You must be born-again
  - o John 3:3,5; 1 Peter 1:23

## **Christ the Savior (Good News)**



- Sent from the Father as the only way to God
  - Matt 3:17; John 3:16, 14:6
  - Born of a virgin (Matt 1:23)
- o God Incarnate (Matt 1:23)
  - All God & Man (Jo 1:1,14)

#### The Gospel (Christ died for you)

- o Christ knew no sin<sup>6</sup> (2 Cor 5:21)
- Christ died for our sins (crucified)<sup>7</sup>
   (John 19:23, 1 Cor 15:3,
- 2 Cor 5:21, 1 John 2:2)

  Christ was buried (Matt 27:60)

  Christ rose again (1 Cor 15:4)
- More Good News
  - The Gospel is a promise<sup>8</sup> of salvation from God (Rom 1:2; 1 John 2:25)
  - Christ is presently interceding for you (Advocate) (1 John 2:1)
  - Christ is coming again (Acts 1:11)

## Man's Response<sup>2</sup> (& Results)

- Repentance<sup>9</sup> (turn) toward God and Faith<sup>10</sup> (trust) alone in the Lord Jesus Christ are inseparable experiences of grace (gifts) and what one must do to be saved.
  - o Mark 1:15 & Luke 13:3,5
  - o John 3:16,36; 20:31
  - o Acts 3:19; 11:18; 17:30; 20:21
  - o Rom 6:23b; 10:9-10
  - o Eph 2:8-9 & 1 John 5:1
- By God's grace salvation results in:<sup>11</sup>
  - Eternal Life (John 3:16)
  - Conversion (Acts 3:19)
  - Justification (Rom 1:17; 5:1)
  - Adoption (Rom 8:15)
  - o Given the Spirit (Eph 1:13)
  - Spiritual Gifts (Rom 12:4-6)
  - o Sanctification<sup>12</sup> (2 Cor 5:17)
  - Preservation (Jude 1)
  - Glorification (Rom 8:30)

1 GOD IS THE AUTHOR AND GUARANTOR OF HIS PLAN OF SALVATION (GEN 1:1; 3:15; EPH 1:4); ULTIMATELY SALVATION WILL END WITH GOD CREATING A NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH (REV 21:1-4).

2 THIS IS THE ANSWER TO THE: "WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?" QUESTION AND IT CAN NEVER BE UNDERSTOOD TO BE MORE THAN ONE EXPECTATION OR STEP.

3 THE GOD OF THE BIBLE IS THE SELF-EXISTENT, "I AM THAT I AM" ETERNAL GOD WHO IS THE ULTIMATE CAUSE BEHIND ALL THAT EXISTS (EX 3:14; JOHN 1:3)

4 THE FIRST LAW GIVEN WAS TO ADAM AND EVE; THEY WERE NOT TO EAT OF THE FRUIT OF THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL IN THE GARDEN (GEN 2:16-17).

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5 GIVEN TO EVE, THIS IS THE EARLIEST RECORD OF GOD PROMISING A COMING SAVIOR; THE SEED OF A WOMAN WOULD ULTIMATELY BE JESUS BORN OF A VIRGIN (IS 7:14).

6 CHRIST DIED FOR "OUR" SINS NOT HIS OWN SINS; CHRIST'S LIFE WAS PERFECT; HE KEPT THE LAW PERFECTLY WITHOUT EXCEPTION BECAUSE NO MAN OR WOMAN COULD KEEP THE LAW.

7 IT WAS ON THE CROSS THAT CHRIST SHED HIS BLOOD FOR THE REMISSION OF SIN AND THE PURCHASING OF THE CHURCH (ACTS 20:28; HEB 9:22; 1 PET 1:19).

8 THE GOSPEL IS A PROMISE OF REMISSION OF SINS AND ETERNAL LIFE FROM GOD TO ANYONE WHO REPENTS AND BELIEVES THE GOSPEL; ONE DOES NOT HAVE TO ASK FOR THIS GIFT. IT IS GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL WHO WILL BELIEVE ON HIS NAME (JOHN 1:12; EPH 2:8; TITUS 1:2).

9 SINNERS MUST REPENT OF ANY AND ALL SIN THAT IS KEEPING THEM FROM TURNING TO GOD (REPENTANCE) AND PLACING THEIR FAITH IN THE PERSON AND WORK OF JESUS CHRIST (THE GOSPEL) (SEE 1 THESS 1:9). FOR EXAMPLE, IN ACTS 2 THE JEWS NEEDED TO REPENT OF THEIR FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE JESUS AS THE MESSIAH. SUBSEQUENTLY THE CHRISTIAN LIFE WILL BE CHARACTERIZED BY REPENTANCE FROM SIN FOR LIFE (ACTS 3:9, ROM 2:4, 1 JOHN 3:19; REV 3:19).

10 FAITH IN CHRIST IS SYNONYMOUS WITH AUTHENTIC BELIEF, DEPENDENCE, TRUST IN, RELIANCE UPON HIM; IT IS MUCH MORE THAN INTELLECTUAL ASSENT (SEE JOHN 2:23-24; JAM 2:19).

11 SALVATION IS PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE IN ITS TENSES; BELIEVERS HAVE BEEN SAVED FROM THE PENALTY OF SIN, ARE BEING SAVED FROM THE POWER OF SIN, AND WILL BE SAVED FROM THE PRESENCE OF SIN IN THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH.

12 SANCTIFICATION IS BOTH INSTANTANTEOUS (1 COR 6:11) AND PROGRESSIVE RESULTING IN OUR STRIVING TO BE OBEDIENT TO THE WILL OF GOD BY GOD'S GRACE AND IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (MATT 28:19-20; TIT 2:11-12; 1 JOHN 2:3; 1 PET 1:15).