The Gospel

God Created Us for His Glory

Genesis 1:27 says, "God created man in his own image, in the image of God He created him." Man was created to bring God glory by imaging, or reflecting, God to the rest of His creation. God blessed man with everything he needed to be happy and holy under His righteous rule.

All Have Sinned

Unfortunately, the first man, Adam, chose to reject God's loving rule and rebel against His law. Every person who has come after Adam has inherited his sin nature and also chosen to rebel against God. Romans 3:10 states, "As it is written, None is righteous, no, not one." Again, in Romans 3:23 we are told, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." No one meets God's holy standards. Romans 5:12 states clearly, "Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man [Adam], and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned."

There Is a Penalty for Sin

Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Death is the penalty for sin: both physical death and spiritual death. We are born spiritually dead. Adam and Eve died spiritually the moment they sinned, and all of their descendants since have been born spiritually dead. This is why a person needs to be "born again" spiritually (John 3:7). The Bible also speaks of an eternal death, which means being cast into the Lake of Fire forever as punishment for our sins (Revelation 20:14-15). Just as a person is paid wages for work performed on a job, so unforgiven sinners will receive payment for their sins in eternal judgment.

Jesus Paid the Sin Debt for All Who Turn to Him

Romans 5:8 reveals the solution to our desperate situation: "But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Even though we are undeserving, God, in His love, sent Jesus to die in our place in order to give us life. He became our substitute: the righteous for the unrighteous (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Call Upon the Lord Jesus to Be Saved

Romans 10:9 promises, "Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." For people to be saved from the just penalty of their sins, they must turn away from sin—wrongdoing—and trust in Jesus who died on the cross as a sacrifice for sinners, and that He rose from the dead to open up the way of eternal life for them (John 11:25). Confessing Jesus as "Lord" means to acknowledge Him the Master and Ruler of their lives, submitting to His authority. Romans 10:13 promises, "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." The word "call" means "to appeal to." Lost sinners who come to Jesus for forgiveness of sins, believing that He is the Christ, the Son of God, will be saved. The Bible makes it clear that Jesus is the only way for sinful people to become rightly related to God (Romans 5:10). John 14:6: "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" Come to Jesus to be saved!

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