

A Simple Gospel Presentation

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GOD'S PURPOSE: LIFE

God created us to live a full life in relationship to Him.

- Genesis 1:27 God created us in His image
- Psalm 139:13-16 God formed us and knows us completely
- Isaiah 43:7 God created us to bring Him glory
- Ephesians 1:4-5 God created us for a relationship with Him
- John 10:10b Jesus came to provide a full, abundant life
- Ephesians 2:10 We are created as God's masterpieces to do good works

OUR PROBLEM: SIN

Rebellion has separated us from God

- Genesis 2:17, 3:17 Evil entered the world by our disobedience
- Isaiah 59:2 Our rebellion separates us from God
- Romans 3:10, 23 Every person has sinned and experiences separation

Rebellion results in death and judgment

- Romans 1:18-19 Sinful people are already under God's wrath
- Romans 6:23a Sin always results in death
- Hebrews 9:27 All people will one day face judgment
- Proverbs 14:12 Our attempts to do right still result in death

GOD'S REMEDY: JESUS

God gave His Son Jesus to pay the penalty for our rebellion

- 1 Peter 2:24 Jesus bore our sins on the cross to heal us of our sins
- Romans 6:23b Jesus provides a free gift of eternal life
- Romans 5:8 Jesus died in our place out of love for us
- Hebrews 10:12 Jesus offered, for all time, a single, perfect, sacrifice for sins
- John 14:6 Jesus is the only way to God
- 1 Peter 1:3 Jesus' resurrection from the dead has brought new life and new hope

OUR RESPONSE: BELIEVE & RECEIVE

Each person must individually receive the gift of life through faith

- Mark 1:15 True faith includes repentance (turning away from sin)
- Romans 10:9-10 True faith submits to Jesus as our Lord (master)
- John 1:12 Those who believe become God's children
- John 3:16, 17, 36 Whoever believes in Jesus has eternal life
- John 5:24 Belief in Jesus bridges the gap between us and God
- John 11:25 Through Jesus' death and resurrection, all who believe in Jesus will live forever
- 1 John 5: 11-13 Those who have Jesus have eternal life (now!)
- Ephesians 2:8-9 Saved by God's grace through faith, not by any kind of work
- Romans 8:1 Confidence that if we trust Jesus, we are no longer condemned