

LET'S PUT GOD'S GAME PLAN ALL TOGETHER

I. MAN'S PROBLEM: SIN!

Everyone is a sinner, and our sin separates us from ourselves, others and God. We are hopeless to solve this problem by ourselves.

II. GOD'S SOLUTION: THE CROSS!

God's love for us is so great that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross to pay for our sins. This is the only acceptable sacrifice to God.

III. OUR RESPONSIBILITY: TRUSTING CHRIST AND MAKING HIM LORD!

Saving faith means choosing personally to rely only on the fact that Christ's death on the cross is sufficient payment for my sins.

Romans 10:9-10 – "if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."

IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO MAKE A DECISION! WHAT WILL YOU DECIDE?

You may want to pray a prayer similar to this one right now: "God, thank you for loving me. Thank you for understanding my need and for sending Jesus Christ to die on the cross to pay for my sins. Today I have put my trust in Jesus as my Savior. Thank you for forgiving me for all of my sins. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Signed: _____

If you have made a decision to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior, we would like to help you. Please contact Rec Center Ministries for further assistance at any time!!

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GOD'S GAME PLAN The Three Crucial Issues

LIFE'S MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION:

Suppose you were to die tonight and stand before God and He were to say to you, "Why should I let you into My heaven?" What would your answer be?

In other words, do you know for certain that, if you were to die tonight, you would go to heaven?

**FOR GOD'S TRUTH ON DAILY HOPE AND
ETERNAL LIFE, READ THIS BROCHURE. IT
SIMPLY EXPLAINS WHAT GOD HAS SAID.**

**THIS WILL BE THE MOST IMPORTANT
FIVE MINUTES THAT YOU HAVE EVER
SPENT READING!!**

FIRST CRUCIAL ISSUE

I. MAN'S PROBLEM: SIN!

All men are sinners, and sin separates us from ourselves, others, and most importantly God.

- A. God's rulebook, the Bible, says that all men are sinners.
- Jeremiah 17:9 - "the heart is more deceitful than all else"- sin is not the acts we commit, but it is our nature.
 - Isaiah 53:6 - the "me-first principle" - everyone wants his or her own way.
 - Romans 3:23 - "all have sinned"
 - Romans 3:10 - "there is no one righteous"
- B. Consequences of sin.
- Separation from ourselves ---too many kids are thinking "if I could only get my act together." This self-hate leads to insecurity, doubt, and the inability to accept ourselves.
 - Separation from others ---An individual will feel alone and alienated from his or her friends and family. This leads to bitterness, suspicion, envy, hatred, and fear of others.
 - Separation from God --- This is the ultimate consequence of sin. It separates us eternally from a holy and pure God and prevents a daily relationship with God.

Sin is more than something we do; it is our very nature. Sin has its consequences. The Bible tells us that man is powerless to change or solve his or her own sin problem. You cannot fix yourself!

-- HOW CAN JESUS HELP ME?

Read on

SECOND CRUCIAL ISSUE

II. GOD'S SOLUTION: THE CROSS!

God's only Son, Jesus Christ, died on the cross to pay the full penalty for our sins.

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

- A. We are saved because of Christ's sacrifice on the cross and not because of our own performance. Salvation is a gift from God to those who trust Christ as Lord and Savior. We can rule out scoring the winning goal, good grades, baptism, good works, church attendance, or our mom or dad to get us to heaven.
- B. God loves you!
- Romans 5:8 - "But God demonstrates His love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
 - 1 Peter 1:18-19 - You are redeemed with the blood of Christ.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21 - "He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."
 - 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 - Christ died for our sins, was buried, and is now alive!

SO WHAT MUST I DO NOW THAT CHRIST DIED FOR ME?

Read on

THIRD CRUCIAL ISSUE

III. MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY: TRUSTING CHRIST!

You must exercise saving faith-choosing to personally rely only upon Christ's work on the cross to be sufficient payment for my sin.

- A. Faith – believing that God has the power to do what he has promised in the Bible.
- Ephesians 2:8- 9 - "by grace you have been saved through faith."
 - John 3:16 - "whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."
- B. Faith involves choice - it is your own free will to trust Christ. God promises that all who choose to trust in Christ will be given the gift of eternal life. We must seize this truth and then rest upon it. John 6:47 – "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life."
- C. Saving faith involves trust and confidence. You must trust that Christ's own blood was all that was needed to pay the penalty of your sins.

Your faith, trust, and confidence gives you the right to say – "I know that Christ is my Savior. I now have eternal life."

YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE 4TH QUARTER

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