



1. Who is God?

1. Maker Owner
2. Love-Giver Father
3. Law-Maker Judge

Point:
God is supreme. I am accountable.

Bible:
Paul's sermon—Acts 17:22-34
Creator—Genesis 1:1
Revelation 4:11
Owner—Job 41:11,
Hebrews 1:1-2
Father—James 1:17
Judge—Romans 14:12

Illustration:
Inventor—patent rights and instruction book

Have you heard the story about the two roads in life?

2. God-Centered Living Leads to Life

1. One-way road
2. Two rules are best road rules
a. love God
b. love others
3. Perfect obedience

Point:
There is one way to live to enjoy freedom: by perfect obedience.

Bible:
Young man—Mark 10:17-27
Two rules—Matthew 22:37-40
Perfect obedience—James 2:10-11
Leviticus 18:5

Illustration:
Very high jump

3. Self-Centered Living Leads to Sin & Death

1. Sin is disobedience
2. Sin separates you
Attempts to: Be loving, do good
"Do" Be religious
Fail Stop doing wrong
3. Sin is punished

Point:
Disobedience is sin. It separates you from God, and enslaves you under God's judgment.

Bible:
Woman at well—John 4:4-30
All sin—Romans 3:23,
Psalm 14:1
Sin separates—Isaiah 59:2
Sin is punished—Romans 6:23,
Matthew 13:49-50

Illustration:
Sin creates a gap and enslaves us. We have a heart disease.

4. Jesus Christ: The Way Back to Life

JESUS CHRIST

SAVIOR AND LORD
"DONE"

1. Jesus is the bridge to God.
2. Jesus obeyed for us.

Point:
Jesus is the way back to God and life, bridging the gap between our failure and God.

Bible:
Died and raised—John 19:17-20:31
Romans 6:9

3. Jesus takes our penalty.
4. Jesus is alive and calls us home.

Point:
Substitute—Isaiah 53:5-6
Romans 5:6-8,
Mark 10:45,
1 Peter 3:18,
2Corinthians 5:21

Without Sin—Hebrews 4:14-15

5. Your Response: Coming Home

1. God calls you home.
2. Turn from sin.
3. Trust in Christ.

Point:
What is your response?
1. Repent and Believe
2. Reject or
3. Investigate

Bible:
Two lost sons—Luke 15:11-32
Invitation—Revelation 3:19-20
Repent—Psalm 51:1-4
Believe—Romans 4:5
Romans 10:9-10
Obey—Romans 12:1-2
1 Thessalonians 2:12
Hope—1 Thes. 4:14, John 5:24

Illustration:
Invitation to follow Christ (Luke 9:23-26)
Only three responses are possible (Acts 17:30-34)

Seeker? Perhaps you're not yet a Christian (or just unsure) and would like an overview of the basic facts of Christianity. You're interested in spiritual things and are aware of looking for something more (love, meaning, power to change, forgiveness). Why not consider Jesus? Begin with these basic concepts and get beyond myths, opinions and emotionalism. Examine something before you judge it. Don't be biblically illiterate or one who takes ideas out of their context. This booklet could be the means to introduce you to the biblical Jesus who is still fascinating and transforming people of all cultures into a new international family. By beginning with understanding these basic truths you will come to realize that Christianity is both something to be believed and someone to be received.

Conclusion of Points 1-3?

Are you convinced you're lost?

How do you get right with God?

Hell

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Who is God?

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

¹¹Who has first given to me, that I should repay him? Whatever is under the whole heaven is mine. Job 41:11

¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. James 1:17

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God. Romans 14:12

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³⁷And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 22:37-40

¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. James 2:10

⁵You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD. Leviticus 18:5

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²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Romans 3:23

¹The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good. Psalm 14:1

²but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. Isaiah 59:2

⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Matthew 13:49-50

²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

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⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." John 8:58

⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Romans 6:9

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:14-15

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:5-6

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die-- ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:6-8

²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21

Your Response: Coming Home

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Psalm 51:1-4

⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, Romans 4:5

⁹because, 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. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. Romans 10:9-10

¹²we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. 1 Thessalonians 2:12

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