



How Jesus Changed Everything!

Last week introduced us to the only true, living God who created us in His image and desires to live in relationship with us. This week we see how sin and death damaged that relationship...

Jesus Makes All the Difference

In last Sunday's sermon, Pastor Tim shared a quote that has been attributed to theologian Ravi Zacharias - "Jesus did not come to make bad people good, He came to bring dead people back to life!"

- Share what you think of this statement...today's lesson will dig into this concept!

Use the back side of this paper to redraw the "circles" diagram that Pastor Scott shares in the video as a reference!

Jesus, the Ultimate Remedy!

- **1. GOD STEPPED IN: LUKE 1 - The Incarnation of Jesus**
 - Read **Luke 1:34-35** - the text uses the same term for "overshadow" as the Spirit of God that hovered over Creation in **Genesis 1:1**
- **2. JESUS DEFEATS SIN THROUGH OFFERING HIS SOUL & BODY - The Atonement**
 - Read **1 John 4:9-10** - Christ becomes our atoning sacrifice, offering His soul and body to cleanse us from sin
- **3. JESUS GIVES NEW SPIRITUAL LIFE TO BELIEVERS - The Resurrection**
 - Read **Ephesians 2:1-10 & 1 Peter 3:1** - Jesus' life in us restores the image of God, our relationship with our Creator, and revives our spiritual life through His Spirit in us.
 - **All of these things belong to us already, right now, through faith in Christ! Share with your group how this helps rethink the power of the Gospel...**

The victories above are ours already, but there is more still to come...

- **4. SPIRITUAL RENEWAL NOW, PROMISE OF BODILY RESURRECTION YET TO COME - Glorification**
 - The concept of physical resurrection at Christ's return may sound like a new idea, but it is what the Church has believed from the beginning (both the Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed talk of "resurrection of the body").
 - Carefully read these passages about the physical resurrection of believers at Jesus' return - **Romans 8:9-11, Romans 8:22-23, 1 Corinthians 15: 12-23, 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 1 Corinthians 15:42-49**
 - **How do these passages make you feel? Hopefully excited for Jesus' return!**
- **5. CREATION ALSO WILL BE RESTORED - The New Creation**
 - Read **Romans 8:18-24** - At the Return of Christ, the goodness and perfection of Creation is renewed - disease, death, injustice, etc. are done away with!
 - **In light of this understanding, how should Christians think about Creation care? As God's image bearers, an important role given to us was "stewards of Creation".**
- **6. SPIRITUAL ENEMIES OF GOD WILL BE DEFEATED - Christ the Victor**
 - Jesus already won a foothold against the powers who opposed God's order and purpose and have deceived His people. The Church advances until His return...
 - Read **1 Corinthians 15:23-26 and Ephesians 6:10-12**
 - **It is important for us to remember that we are in a spiritual battle, but also that Christ gives us victory now, and will ultimately defeat all these spiritual forces!**

EN-CORE

JOURNEY

SCRIPTURE • BELIEFS • PRACTICES

Spiritual Health in Practice

In the last week, what is something you did that helped you feel closer to God and experience His presence in your life? Share with the group as you encourage one another to draw close to God!

Close with Prayer for One Another, and for Others!

There are many around us, even within the Church, who don't have a full understanding of the Good News of the Gospel - perhaps trapped in guilt, shame, or lies. How can we share God's goodness and hope with them? Does this lesson help with that?