

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12

Redemption—The Way of The Cross

The love of God was made clearly visible when He sent His only begotten Son Jesus to be born in human flesh, to be crucified and die on the cross as punishment for the sins of God's chosen people. The third day He arose from the dead victorious over death and sin. Jesus has ascended into heaven, and shall come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.

"And she [Mary the virgin] shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree." Galatians 3:13

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit." 1 Peter 3:18

Faith—God's Gift

Faith is the gift of God which unites one to Jesus Christ. Through faith alone we receive the wonder of salvation.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:8

"And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed." Acts 13:48

What Shall We Do?

God commands all men everywhere to repent. We must come humbly, and reverently in faith; believing on the Lord Jesus, the only Saviour of men, and rely on Him alone for the remission of our sins. We must forsake all evil, serve Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King; and fellowship with like-minded Christians, in a God-Centered Church that faithfully preaches the Word of God; The Bible.

"Men and brethren, what shall we do?...Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...and be converted that your sins may be blotted out..." Acts 2:37-38, Acts 3:19

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood [natural birth], nor of the will of the flesh [human resolve], nor of the will of man [the act of another], but of God." John 1:12-13

"Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2:47

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:9

The Bible Our Authority

The Sacred Holy Scripture is revelation of the one and only true God. It contains 66 books written by 40 Divinely inspired and directed writers. It is the infallible Word of God. The original languages were Hebrew and Greek.

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." 2 Peter 1:21

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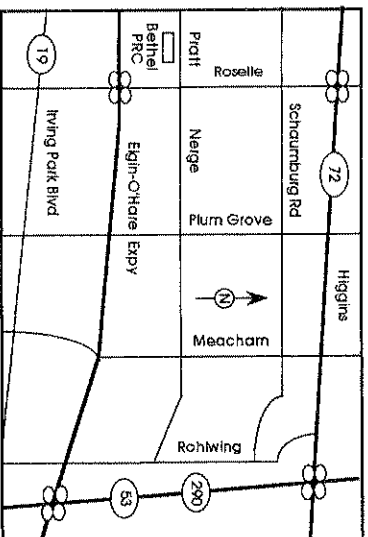
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A brief Explanation of

The Christian Faith

The God of the Bible is the Creator and the Sovereign of all. He is the only one and true God. All other gods are false.

"I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me... I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded." Isaiah 45:5,12

God is a Trinite God, He is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: and these three are one." 1 John 5:7

God is Eternal, Infinite, everywhere present, and Almighty.

"I am the first and I am the last; and beside Me there is no God." Isaiah 44:6

"Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD." Jeremiah 23:24

God Made All

God is the giver and sustainer of all life. He determines when people are born, where they live and when they die.

"By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth." Psalm 33:6

"For he spake, and it was done he commanded, and it stood fast." Psalm 33:9

"And [God] Hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation." Acts 17:26

"For in him we live, and move, and have our being..." Acts 17:28

The Majesty and Splendor of God

God is worthy of reverence, love, fear and obedience from all.

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." Revelation 4:11

"Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD." Psalm 150:6

"For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen." Romans 11:36

God is Holy in All His Ways

God is perfect, righteous, and holy.

"For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour..." Isaiah 43:3

"Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God." Leviticus 20:7

"Thou [God] art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity..." Habakkuk 1:13

God is Gracious and Merciful

God is loving, merciful, and gracious toward his chosen people in Christ, forgiving their sins.

"He hath not dealt with us after our sins... As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us... Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him." Psalm 103:10-13

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." 1 John 4:10

God is Just and Judge of All

We will answer for everything we think, say or do.

"But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." Matthew 12:36

"The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou [God] hastest all workers of iniquity. Thou shalt destroy them..." Psalm 5:5-6

"For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness." Romans 1:18

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this is the judgment." Hebrews 9:27

Why Was Man Created?

Adam was created to be a friend of God, to have fellowship with Him, to love honor and serve Him, and to have dominion over the earth. Man did not evolve from lower life forms. Unlike animals, humans have a rational moral soul, and are therefore responsible before God.

"And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness..." Genesis 1:26

"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Genesis 2:7

God commanded: "Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people..." Jeremiah 7:23

"Thou madest him [Adam] to have dominion over the works of thy hands thou has put all things under his feet." Psalm 8:6

The Fall of Man

"And the Lord god planted a garden...there he put the man [Adam] whom he had formed." Genesis 2:8

"And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Genesis 2:16-17

Adam and Eve willfully disobeyed God, and ate the forbidden fruit. In so doing they died spiritually, and became incapable of doing any good before God. As a result, every descendant of Adam's race has inherited Adam's sinful nature, and is an enemy under the wrath of God.

"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Genesis 6:5

"Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one." Psalm 53:3

"The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies." Psalm 58:3

The Nature of Man

The descendant's of Adam from birth, are spiritually dead, morally depraved, and in bondage to sin and the devil. Man is at enmity with God, and is unable to change his condition and be reconciled to God. Yet, God having made man good, looks upon man as wholly responsible for his sins, and accountable for all his actions. Unless the penalty for our sins is paid, we shall be cast into a lake of fire for eternity.

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:36

"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Psalm 9:17

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Revelation 21:8

Man of himself is guilty before God, and worthy of eternal death. However, Jesus said—

"The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." Luke 18:27

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

What man needs is a new nature that only God can provide through the work of the Holy Spirit.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: [with a new nature] old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17

God Chose a People

God chose a people in Christ to show forth his truth, and to live in covenant fellowship with Him.

"For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee [Israel] to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth." Deuteronomy 7:6

"Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen..." Isaiah 43:10

"This people have I formed for myself, they shall show forth my praise." Isaiah 43:21

The Moral Law Given

God's will for all men for all ages, was revealed when God spoke and wrote on tablets of stone the Moral Law.

"And God spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage—

- (1) Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- (2) Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
- (3) Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain.
- (4) Remember thy Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- (5) Honor thy father and thy mother.
- (6) Thou shalt not kill.
- (7) Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- (8) Thou shalt not steal.
- (9) Thou shalt not bear false witness.
- (10) Thou shalt not covet." Exodus 20:1-17

The Summary of The Moral Law

"Jesus said... Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment." Matthew 22:37-38

"And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Matthew 22:39-40

The Call To Repent—

Reconciliation to God

To be reconciled to God means to have the guilt of one's sins removed, and to be restored to fellowship with God.

"And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation: To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

The Only Way to God

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all..." 1 Timothy 2:5-6

"Jesus saith... I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6