Jesus Saves

Created in the Image of God
Genesis 1-2
Lesson 1

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► What must I do to be saved?
  • Acts 16:31 – Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved
  • John 20:30-31 – Believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that we have life through His name.

► How can I be saved?
  • The incomprehensible wisdom of God
  • “Amazing Grace” – God’s love and power
  • “O the mighty gulf that God did span” (v. 4) – Man’s dilemma
  • Romans 11:33-36
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The Human Dilemma

1. Created in the Image of God
2. Driven from the Presence of God
3. All have Sinned
4. The Bondage of Sin
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The Divine solution

5. The Gracious Elector
6. Jesus, the God-Man
7. One Sacrifice for Sins Forever
8. Christ is Risen from the Dead!
9. You Must be Born Again!
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The Great Salvation

10. Justification by Faith Alone
11. The Perseverance of the Saints
12. Walk Worthy of your Calling
13. Preach the Gospel!
Lesson 1: Created in the image of God

- God’s version of creation – Genesis 1
- Man in God’s creation – Genesis 1:26-2:25
A summary statement for the chapter

The gap theory

The first act of God – created heavens and earth
  – God called basic elements into existence (Romans 4:17; Hebrews 11:3)
  – Darkness (Isaiah 45:7)
God Created . . .

- God (the Father) created
- Jesus Christ created (John 1:2-3; Hebrews 1:2)
- Spirit of God hovered
- Created for Christ Jesus (Colossians 1:16)
Six Days of Creation

- Day 1: Earth, universe, darkness, light – day and night (1:1-5)
- Day 2: The atmosphere (1:6-8)
- Day 3: Oceans separated and land appears; vegetation (1:9-13)
- Day 4: Sun, moon and stars; orbits (1:14-19)
- Day 5: Sea creatures and birds (1:20-23)
- Day 6: Animals and man (1:24-31)
Bible and science collide in Genesis 1

- **Proverbs 8** – creation displays the wisdom of God
  - Wisdom of God is foolishness to natural man
  - Wisdom of God gives glory to God forever (Romans 11:36)
- **Science is human knowledge of God’s creation**
  - Relies on human wisdom interacting with God’s creation
  - Theories + observations/experiments + interpretation
Evolution is Junk Science

- Assumes natural processes are absolute truth
- Assumes that God is not, and the Bible is not absolute truth
- Denies the truth of Genesis 1
- God (if He exists) does not act in ways not comprehensible to man
- Theistic evolution is a fatally flawed attempt to reconcile Divine wisdom with human wisdom
God created the heavens and the earth

- 2 Peter 3:4-7 – Divine action: creation, the flood, the fire at the end of the age
- The heavens declare the glory of God (Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:20)
- Creation accepted by faith (Hebrews 11:3)
- Christians need not be ashamed of Genesis 1
Creation of man and woman (Genesis 1:26-31)

- Divine counsel – “Let us make man . . .”
- Image and likeness of God (1:27; 5:1,3; 9:6)
- Image of God – a representation of God; not a quality within, but what human beings are

A preview: salvation and the image of God
- Jesus takes on the image of man (Heb 10:5; Phil 2:7)
- Jesus is the image of God (2 Cor. 4:4; Col. 1:15; Heb 1:3)
- We become the image of God in Christ (2 Cor 3:18; Eph. 4:24; Rom 8:29; 1 John 3:2; 1 Cor 15:49)
Defining characteristics

- Dominion – rule over creation
- Union – male and female
- Blessed
  - Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth
  - Subdue and have dominion
  - Genesis 2:15 - work and keep the Garden
  - Plants for food – physical sustenance
- All was very good – but not complete
God’s Purpose for Man (2:1-25)

▶ The “REST” of God
  • A future rest – Hebrews 2:10; 3:8-11, 18; 4:4-11
▶ The generations of the heaven and earth
  – 2:4 – the creation and fall
  – 5:1 – the corruption of the seed
  – 6:9 – grace for Noah
  – 10:1 – corruption resumed – to Babel
  – 11:10 – the holy seed hidden
  – 11:27 – grace for Abram
  – 25:12 – the son of the flesh – Ishmael
  – 25:19 – the son of Promise – Isaac
  – 36:1 – Esau
  – 36:9 – Esau’s race in Edom
  – 37:2 – the son of Promise – Jacob
A new name – LORD God

- Genesis 1 – God (Elohim)
- Genesis 2 – LORD God = YHWH (I AM)
- The foundation for His Covenant with the Elect
The man of dust

- A creature – like animals (2:19)
- Natural, not spiritual (1 Cor 15:45-49)
- Work and keep the Garden
- All trees pleasant to the sight and good for food
- Tree of life – Tree of knowledge of good & evil
- Do not eat . . .
- A helper
Everything was very good (1:31)

- Man in the image of God to rule
- Man to be submissive to God’s rule
- Good – everything necessary for the success of God’s purposes
- Good, but incomplete
- Success depends upon man’s work and his obedience