

Summary of the Gospel Message

> CREATION

- In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth. The last thing He created was man.
- God made man in His image. We were not created to be God, but to reflect God.
 - o We should exhibit and reflect all the characteristics of God and His nature.
 - o We are to God as the moon is to the sun.
 - o We were created to shine the light of God, not our own light.
 - o If we could create the light of God, we would be God.
 - o We were created for worship and love: to love God and love others.

> SIN

- Adam and Eve, the first man and first woman, disobeyed God's command and sinned.
- Sin had three major effects:
 - (1) SEPARATION: They were separated from God. They no longer reflected His light.
 - (2) VIOLATION: They committed an eternal crime. They became enemies of God.
 - (3) CORRUPTION: They were no longer the beings/creatures God created, they were corrupted.
- Sin is like a disease. Adam became infected and it has spread to all humanity. We are born separated from God – we have no knowledge of Him. We do not please God or seek Him.
- Bible says WE ARE ALL SINNERS. All who are born of Adam are infected.
- TEN COMMANDMENTS show that we are sinful.

> JESUS

- Jesus came to save us from our sins.
- Salvation means we cannot do it ourselves. We are stuck. We cannot balance bad with good.
- Jesus is the incarnate God. He is the image of God. He is whom we were created by and for.
- Jesus is God in the flesh. He had all the power of the universe. He could heal people, resurrect the dead, command the wind and waves, walk on water, read thoughts.

> CROSS & RESURRECTION

- Jesus went to the cross to die for our sins. The cross portrays our sin. Jesus pays the price on our behalf. We are set free by the shedding of His blood.
- Jesus is raised from the dead. He is the Lord. He proves that He has all power and authority by coming back from the dead. Because He lives, so will we live.

> SALVATION

- Jesus rectifies the three major effects of sin. He reconciles us with God.
 - (1) RECONCILIATION: Jesus came to us. He is Emmanuel. He gives us the Holy Spirit.
 - (2) REDEMPTION: He pays the price.
 - (3) REBIRTH: He gives us a new spirit and a new heart.

> HOW ARE WE SAVED:

- Jesus calls us by faith. We cannot save ourselves. No amount of good works will make us good.
- We must be born again. Salvation happens here and now.

STEPS:

- (1) Call upon Christ for salvation in humility and repentance.
- (2) Believe in your heart that He has been raised from the dead.
- (3) Confess Christ as LORD.