



THE GOSPEL: HUMANITY.

“FOR ALTHOUGH THEY KNEW GOD, THEY DID NOT HONOR HIM AS GOD OR GIVE THANKS TO HIM, BUT THEY BECAME FUTILE IN THEIR THINKING, AND THEIR FOOLISH HEARTS WERE DARKENED. CLAIMING TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS, AND EXCHANGED THE GLORY OF THE IMMORTAL GOD FOR IMAGES RESEMBLING MORTAL MAN AND BIRDS AND ANIMALS AND CREEPING THINGS.”

ROMANS 1:21-22

BIG IDEA:

Sin is rebellion against the authority of God.

GOSPEL STATEMENT

The one and only God, our Righteous King, created us in His image and for His glory, to love, know, and represent Him. **We made a choice, however, to violate God’s righteousness with our sin and thus we are unable to love, know, and represent Him on our own. Our sin and lack of righteousness deserves a punishment, the anger and judgment of God.** But because we cannot bear this punishment on our own, and because of His great love for us, God sent His Son, Jesus, who was both fully human and fully God, to live a perfectly righteous life and to die on a cross that He might save us from the punishment that our sin deserves. After three days, Jesus was raised from the dead, showing that God the Father had accepted the sacrifice of the Son, Jesus, on behalf of His people. And now, God calls us to trust in Jesus—to have faith in the sufficiency of His work on the cross and to repent, changing our minds about the sufficiency of our old way of living. In trusting Jesus to save us, we are reconciled to God. This means that we are forgiven of our sin, credited with Christ’s righteousness, adopted in as sons and daughters, and given new and eternal life. In being reconciled to God, we now have relationship with Him. This relationship means that we have received the presence of God’s Spirit in our lives, thus producing the fruit of the gospel and enabling us to live as kingdom citizens who love, know, and represent God as we were created to do.

THE GOSPEL: God. Humanity. Jesus. Response.

REALITIES OF SIN’S REBELLION:

- Sin is an active attempt to be like God – to overthrow his kingship (Gen 3:1-7)

“... in sin God’s created order is turned upside down. God made us to be in dominion over the animal. When we rebel against God and say we’re going to do it our way what happens? We are put in subjection to the animals.” – J. Ligon Duncan

- We sin by choice (Gen. 3:1-7)
- Sin corrupts the whole man or woman (Gen. 3:1-7; Rom. 3:9-20)

Sin makes us enemies of God, no longer able to enjoy his intimate love.

SIN HAS CONSEQUENCES:

- All of creation is hurt and affected by sin (Gen. 6; Rom. 8)
- All will be held accountable to God for their rebellion (Rom. 3:19)
- Sin’s penalty is death (Gen. 2:17; 6:23)

BUT GOD...

“... but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Rom. 5:8)

WHO AM I IN LIGHT OF THE GOD?

1. I am small (God)
2. I am guilty (Humanity)
3. I am loved (Jesus)
4. I will follow (Response)