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STEP ONE - JESUS

*“The steps of a (good and righteous) man are directed and established by the Lord, and He delights in his way (and blesses his path).”
Psalm 37:23*

GOD CREATES MAN IN HIS LIKENESS

Genesis 1:26-28, Zephaniah 3:17

God’s original plan and purpose for mankind was for us to be like Him and have an intimate relationship with Him.

SIN SEPARATES US FROM GOD

Genesis 3:1-13, Romans 5:12

The freedom to choose is a gift given to us by God. When Adam and Eve chose to sin, a barrier was created that broke the relationship we had with God.

MAN TRIES TO EARN FORGIVENESS AND RESTORATION

Isaiah 29:13, Romans 3:28

The purpose of the Old Testament law was not to get us closer to God; its purpose was to show us we couldn’t reach God on our own. Being good enough isn’t good enough.

A SAVIOR IS ON THE WAY

Isaiah 7:14, Romans 5:19

God promises to send a Savior who will do what needs to be done to bring us back into relationship with Him.

GOD BECOMES ONE OF US

John 1:14, John 3:16

The Father sent His Son to live among us. God knew this was the perfect and only way to bring us back to Him.

JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO THE FATHER

John 14:6, Acts 4:12

When it comes to a relationship with God, there are not many ways up the same mountain. The Bible makes it clear that only Jesus can bring us to God, because only Jesus could do what needed to be done.

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER IS RESTORED

2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 10:9

Jesus' willingness to come to earth and pay the penalty for our sin made it possible for us to be reunited with our Father. Jesus removed the barrier that sin had put between us and God.

IN CHRIST, WE ARE FULLY ACCEPTED BY GOD

Ephesians 1:6, 1 Corinthians 1:30

If Jesus is our Lord, the Father no longer sees us through our works and what we have done. He sees us through the finished work of the cross and what Jesus did for us. He sees us pure and holy, and He accepts us into His presence.

JESUS IS THE ANSWER TO OUR GREATEST NEEDS

Romans 8:16-17

By accepting the Son of God into our hearts, we become children of God. This allows us to enjoy all the benefits of being heirs of our heavenly Father. Jesus is our provider, the One who has brought all we need for this life and the life to come. He has provided...

Forgiveness: Ephesians 1:7

Hope: Titus 2:13

Strength: Philippians 4:13

Peace: John 16:33

Healing: Acts 10:38

Joy: John 15:11

GOD PROMISES EVERLASTING LIFE TO THOSE WHO KNOW JESUS

Romans 6:23, John 14:2-3

Jesus' sacrifice gives us security in death. We have confidence that physical death is simply a necessary step into an eternal existence in the very presence of God