

“Why are we all lost?”

Opening: As we travel around the country I like to ask people a question. Like, “how are you and the Lord doing?” What I mean is “What if the Lord were to come right now do you know for sure nothing doubting that you would go to be with him forever?” and you know I get all sort of answers.

I. Response we get from good honest sweet people.

- 1. I think so, hope so...**
- 2. I know so. To which I ask if they are a Christian. Some will tell you; yes, and we can ask how they became one ...**
- 3. There are “Good moral man,” who had never done anything bad enough to get him in trouble, But ... (list how good he could be only one sin a day....) But how many sins does it take to keep us in trouble with God. ONE... (expand this thought..)**

II. Ps.92.15....We need to understand some things about God.

- 1. No unrighteousness in God**
- 2. No blackness 1 John 1:5**
- 3. Heb. 6:18 God can't look at sin. He loves us but.....Sin...**
- 4. Humans are not righteous. Rom 3:10...**
- 5. There are some things God can't do.**
- 6. He can't be around contamination (sin). (Tell story about penult butter and contamination of finding a bug in itThen tell how big God is that he fills the Havens and earth...use your illustrations here for the vastness of God's creation.) (use your illustrations here) **Could there be some small place in the vast creation where he could be where sin is? No! Because he is so righteous and just that he can't do that. It is imposible for god to lie says the Hebrew writer. Etc....****
- 7. Sometimes this is hard to understand. We are Law breakers. Rom. 3:10-18**

III. As humans we compare ourselves to each other... (use example of comparison) We compare right and wrong and find good morals in people but, what does God want. That is the question. AMEN! Sin is the problem. (Tell story about the two horse thieves....one took the horse the other was to pretend to be the human turned to a horse because he had sinned then restored to human....county fair owner finds his horse again but makes the statement to the horse ,” Sinned again.”

- 1. We sin by what we do, and by what we don't do... (expand on this thought...)**
- 2. How many sins does it take to keep us in trouble with God? If only one sin per day x 365 days x 60 years = 21,900 sins only one per day this would be one good moral man. How many sins if we really work at it getting more moral each day 1000....or 500...250...125...75...25 sins against God.**

3. **Rom.3:23 says all have sinned....Rom. 3:10, Rom.6:23.** (Ex ample of jumping the chasm... when we compare ourselves to others we might be good but...the chasm is two hundred feet from wall to wall. If being chased by impending danger maybe the best in the world could jump 30+' before falling in to the gap, others are following and only ump 20" or 5' while others just fall off the side. **The problem is that no one can jump 200' we humans can't jump that far.**
4. **No human is righteous enough to get to heaven. How many sins does it take to keep us out of heaven? ONE. Even if we were better than others it still only takes ONE. We deserve hell!**

CONCLUSION:

We need some one to rescue us from hell!! His name is JESUS. We need him more than the air we breathe the food we eat or the water we drink or anything else. We need JESUS! We need the SAVIOR! AMEN!!

Rom. 6:23 the gift is free. The free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because God would not be God if he were not a just God. But at the same time he is just he is merciful. Isaiah 53:4 He bore all our grief, he carried our sorrows, smitten by God...Isaiah 53:4-6.

God has to be just or he is not God, but he chose to be merciful. (Tell the story about the judge and the girl with the fine she owed...then guilty the penalty had to be paid or go to jail. The judge was a just judge the fine had to be paid. As the judge she owed the fine but the judge took off his judicial robe left the bench and became again her father and he paid the fine. She was guilty and he was just but as her father he chose mercy)

We are guilty of sin and deserve hell. But Jesus paid the price. We need Jesus more than life or food or whatever it is we need Jesus. Our penalty has to be paid. We owe it. Man does the crimeman does the time. We can pay the price ourselves in hell or let Jesus who is related to the Judge pay it for us, He can pay the price and did. We are powerless without Jesus.

The power is in the Gospel Rom 1:16. What is the Gospel 1Cor.15:1-4 How do we get in on that power? Rom. 6:3-6.....

That is the subject of Tomorrow nights lesson....THE GOSPEL.