Our Common, So Great Salvation

"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Luke 19:10

"It is a trustworthy statement, deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

I Tim. 1:15

GOD'S MAJESTIC WORK

OF

AMAZING GRACE

The Core Issue - Man's Perspective

Job's Question:

"Can mankind be just before God? Can a man be pure before His Maker?"

"How can a man be in the right before God?"

"Who can make the clean out of the unclean? No one!"

Job 4:17; 9:2; 14:4

Job's Dilemma:

"For God is not a man as I am that I may answer Him, that we may go to court together."

"There is no umpire between us, who may lay his hand upon us both."

Job. 9:32-33

The Core Issue Exposed

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men."

"There is none righteous, not even one ... there is none who seeks after God ... there is none who does good, not even one" Rom. 1:18 & 3:10-12

"He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the righteous, both of them alike are an abomination to the LORD." Prov. 17:15

"But the Scripture has confined all men under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe." Gal. 3:22

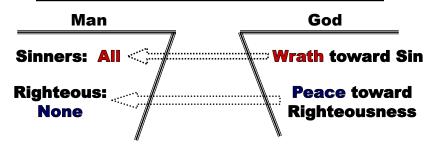
The Core Issue - God's "Challenge"

How can God rescue man from his sinful state without compromising His justice?

How can God renew relationship with sinful man without transgressing His holiness?

How can man acquire relationship before God that satisfies the requirements of His perfect righteousness?

Man's Position in Relation to God



"There is **none** righteous, not even, one"

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

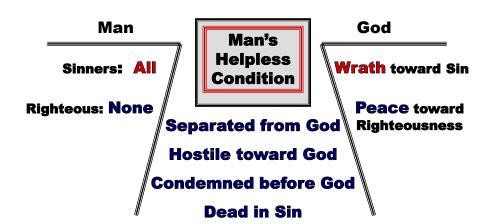
Rom. 3:10, 23

"And you were **dead** in your trespasses and sins, ... and were <u>by nature</u> children of **wrath**"

Eph. 2:1-3

"Who is like Thee, majestic in holiness"

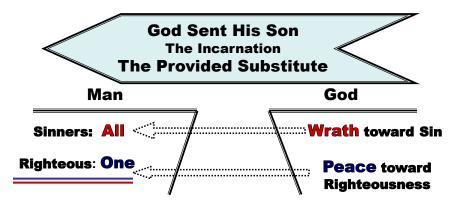
"There is no one holy like the Lord"



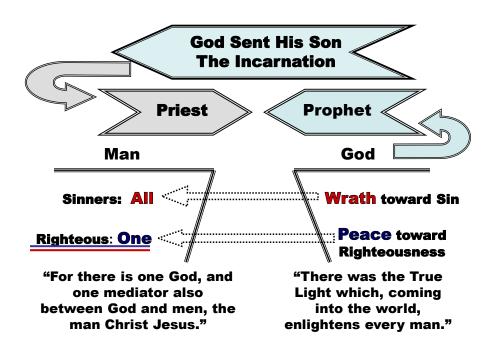
Man's Need in Relation to God

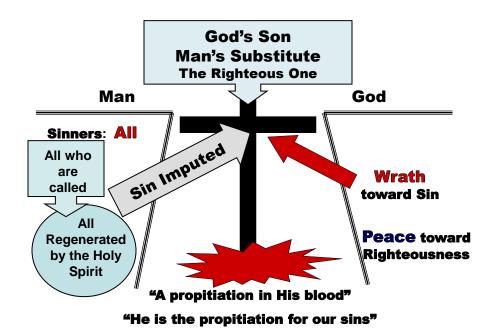
Wrath – *satisfied* by a Substitute Righteousness – *provided* by a Substitute

Separated – in need of a *Mediator-Reconciler*Condemned – in need of a *Redeemer-Justifier*Dead (in sin) – in need of a *Creator-Regenerator*

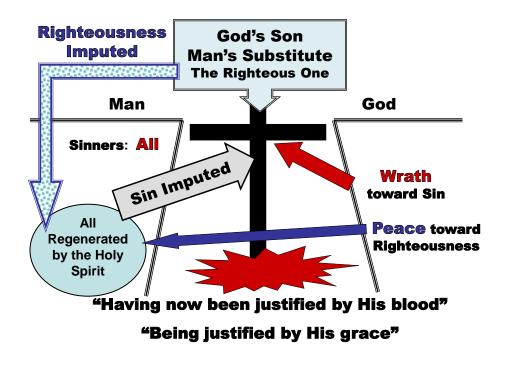


"But when the fullness of the time came, **God sent forth His Son**, born of a woman, born under the Law, in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons." Gal. 4:4-5

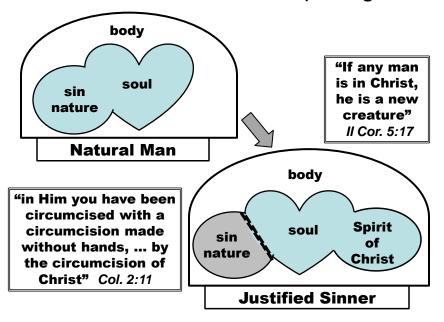


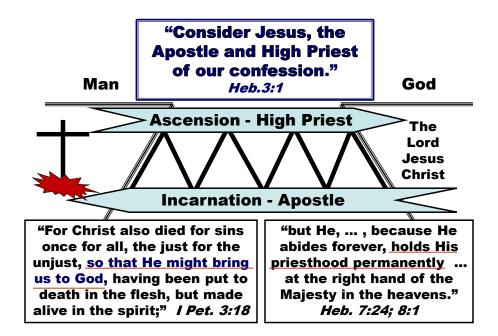


"In Him we have redemption through His blood"



An Inside View of God's Creative, Saving Work





God's Great Work of Amazing Grace

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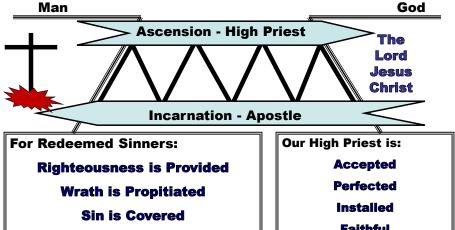
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God's Gracious Provision

"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever" ... "We have such a high priest who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens."

Heb. 6:19-20; 8:1



Relationship is Established Eternal Life is Secured

Condemnation is Lifted

Reconciliation is Accomplished

Accepted
Perfected
Installed
Faithful
Merciful
Sympathetic
Effectual
Permanent

Our Common, So Great Salvation The Essential Content of the Gospel

Jesus Christ is the true God and true man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He died upon the cross, the just for the unjust, as a substitutionary sacrifice, and all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood.

He arose from the dead according to the Scriptures. He is now at the right hand of the Father, in heaven, as our great High Priest.

He will come again to establish His kingdom of righteousness and peace.