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What ever God says is true. Whatever God said, He said it all in Jesus. Jesus is the Word and the Bible is what we call the Word. God says that, "there is none righteous, no, not even one. There is none that seeks after God. Some might say that they are seeking God, but really, they are being sought by God, and some are only seeking to justify themselves. There is none who does good, no, not even one." Some might say that we are good, but that is only because we are made in the image of God. On the contrary, if you had a cake that was made perfectly but had an extra ingredient, lets say cyanide or arsenic, would that cake still be good? No. Sin is that extra ingredient.

Some say that Adam ate a poison fruit that made him a sinner, but that is a very bad explanation of what really is the case. The reason that Adam died is not that he only ate from the tree, but that he broke Gods only law. Yes, Eve was the first one to eat of it, but Adam was the one accountable to God. Eve was accountable to her husband, Adam. Eve was deceived but Adam must have wanted to eat of it.

They were naked before God and each other, they were not ashamed. When they ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they became aware of their nakedness and hid themselves. They knew that they were guilty for breaking Gods only law. Adam died spiritually when he ate from the tree. Apart from the knowledge of the law, sin was dead. I was alive once without the knowledge of the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. The law kills you using sin as the power to kill. For sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me. Everyone has broken the law.

Death can't bring forth life, so whoever is born from Adam is still spiritually dead. This is why we need to be born again, born of the Spirit. Some might say that we are intrinsically good, or others say we are intrinsically evil. The fact is that we are intrinsically dead. The penalty for sin is death... So everyone who is not born of the Spirit is still in the flesh and dead, or soulless, and you only serve the law of sin and death. There is a way for the ones born of the Spirit to act in this way, that is to be carnally minded. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be Spiritually minded is life and peace.

Death was actually a merciful act on Gods part. It came so we wouldn't live separated from God forever. God gave mention of a savior before He threw Adam out of the garden. God said to Satan, Gen. 2:15, "I will put enmity between you and her seed. He shall bruise your head and you shall bruise His heel." The seed actually comes from the man, but God says, "her seed" which refers to Jesus.

To understand how the sacrifice of Jesus satisfies God. We must know what God says. God uses His law of death on the account of sin to implement the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. God says, in Romans 6:23, "for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. and, Deut.21:23, "His body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day, so that you do not defile the land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance; for he who hangs on a tree is accursed of God." Lev.17:11, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul." Heb. 9:22, "for without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin"

God lets there be a proxy to take the judgment for us, but the proxy must not be guilty like the one accused or he would be taking the judgment for himself and not for us. So then the only person who could be without the judgment must not be from the corrupted bloodline of Adam. So that is where the seed of the woman comes in. Mary was the mother of Jesus but Joseph, Mary's husband, wasn't the father of Jesus. Jesus was not from a seed of a man, but conceived by the Holy Spirit. She was a virgin at the birth of Jesus.

Jesus is sinless, therefore He can take our place of judgment. He died on the cross, or we may call it a tree, to take the curse of our sin and Gal.3:13, the curse of the law. Gal.3:10, "for as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.'" No one ever keeps the law.

Jesus shed His blood on the cross "Heb. 9:22, "for without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin" God also accepted His sacrifice, in verification of Gods' acceptance, He raised Jesus from the dead.

We walk by faith, not by sight. Faith and faithfulness are pretty much the same thing. If we are full of faith, wouldn't you say that we are faithful. Faithfulness is loyalty and obedience, and faith is toward GOD. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." So then faith is substantial evidence, and hope is not a wish but a certainty. So then, we never guess on God. HE will have you know His will. You might ask, how do we know God's will? We know it by the WORD of GOD, godly council(in a multitude of council there is much wisdom) and understanding of who GOD is and how HE works. Prov.3:5,6. Lean not to your own understanding, but trust in God with all your heart. Acknowledge HIM in all your ways and HE will direct the path that you take. God will give us wisdom liberally and without objection. We can confuse our own will with HIS will.

The cross is where we find the difference between HIS will and ours. What does the cross actually mean? We can't live

crucified on the cross, we will die if we stay there. We must die daily on the cross. The cross is where GOD wants us. It means not your own will or your own life but God's. Whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Jesus' sake will find it. The word life is translated as your soul, your will, your mind, or your self. God wants HIS values and HIS desires to become ours. HE wants our life and our actions to reflect or be replaced by HIS.

Faith without works is dead. What are works? Works are the fruit of righteousness. In other words, a changed life, a new view on life, and a new motive for everything that you do. But if you don't work for your salvation, then how is faith dead without works? In these new aspects of your life will come actions or works that give a testimony of Christ in you. In other words, you don't work to get a job, you work because you have a job. You don't work to be saved, you work because you are saved. There are also works of the law. Gal.3:10, "for as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.'" No one ever keeps the law. Those who are saved are not under law but grace, but that does not mean that we are to be lawless. We are still under the law of Christ, and that would be the spirit of the law. Jesus is the law.

Whatever God will give us, He has already given to us in His Son. So then if you ask for anything, you can find it in Jesus.

A view of reality is based on the view of God. Whatever is real is true. Jesus is the truth. Jesus is God and God is love, Love fulfills the law and covers a multitude of sins. A good example is that you can't steer a parked car. In other words, Choose a direction based upon Godly wisdom and counsel and GOD wants you to know his will in most circumstances, so you will know what to do, not guess. It is mostly common sense and logical choices based on who GOD is. There might be times that you just don't know what to do, in which you can't choose a path. That is when you remember the cross, which

God doesn't need worship or praise, but we need it. What is worship and what is praise? Worship is what we do with our lives and praise is what we do with our mouth. We do everything to the glory of the Lord, so our whole life should be worship. When we sing "I give glory to the Lord", is that praise just by saying that I do? No. Or when we sing certain Psalms like, Psalm 29 which says "Give unto the Lord, all ye mighty, give unto the Lord power and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. The voice of the Lord is full of majesty". That isn't praise. That is actually a song about worship and praise. Then what is praise? Praise is like when you say to your wife, "you are so beautiful", or "you do that very well" to your children. But like I said, God doesn't need this. Then why do it? Because we need it! We need to worship because we need to have a goal and purpose to our life, and God is the only One worthy of this. Otherwise our outlook will be out of focus. Praise is for the reason of bringing our thoughts and attitude into the right perspective. We need to attribute all our life to God. Praise helps us to meditate on God and His word. Worship keeps our life in the right perspective.

Prayer, What is prayer? When you pray, You commune with God. There are different ways to commune with Him. You may converse by asking questions and He will respond by bringing to your mind verses and aspects of His character. You may even present arguments to Him. The arguments need to be based on His ways and His word. For example: why should He do something that you ask? Present the argument that it would glorify Him in certain ways by giving a testimony of one or more of His attributes or by giving you a chance to be a witness in ways that couldn't be done by any other way but by Him answering your prayer in a yes answer. You may also argue that it will benefit His Church or a body of it, or just one person. This not only sways God's heart, it confirms your thoughts and strengthens your faith.

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