



### Genesis 1:26-28

1:26 Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, after our likeness, so they may rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move on the earth."

**1:27 God created humankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them, male and female he created them.** 

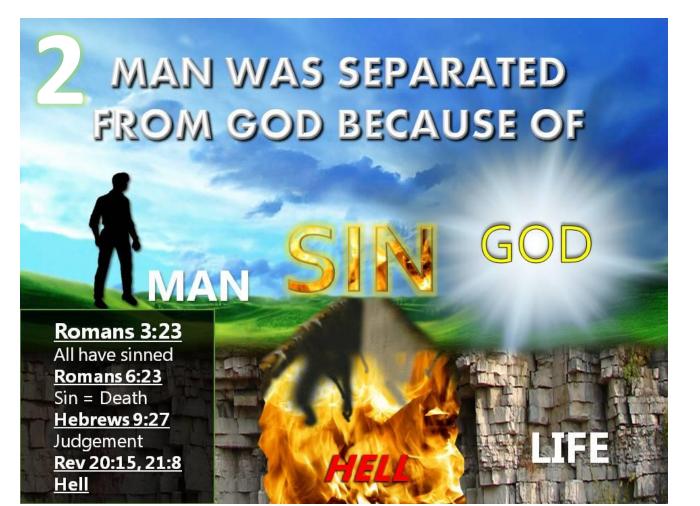
1:28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply! Fill the earth and subdue it! Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and every creature that moves on the ground."

### Genesis 2:15-17

2:15 The Lord God took the man and placed him in the orchard in Eden to care for it and to maintain it.

2:16 Then the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat fruit from every tree of the orchard,

2:17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will surely die."



### Romans 5:12

So then, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, and so death spread to all people

### because all sinned

### Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

#### Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Hebrew 9:27

And just as people are appointed to die once, and then to face judgment,

### **Revelation 20:15**

If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, that person was thrown into the lake of fire.

### **Revelation 21:8**

But to the cowards, unbelievers, detestable persons, murderers, the sexually immoral, and those who practice magic spells, idol worshipers, and all those who lie, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur. That is the second death."

# **3 We can not save ourselves!**

Man tries to return to God thru good works, penitence and religion, but this is not the way of God. We can not save ourselves. Eph 2:8-9 Isaiah 64:6



## Ephesians 2:8-9

2:8 For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God;

2:9 it is not from works, so that no one can boast.

### Isaiah 64:6

We are all like one who is unclean, all our so-called righteous acts are like a menstrual rag in your sight. **GOD LOVE'S YOU SO MUCH!** 

God gave His only begotten Son, that through His death and shedding of blood on the cross, we will all be forgiven and saved. John 3:16, 14:6 Romans 10:9-10 Hebrews 9:22 Acts 4:12



### John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, That whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 14:6

Jesus replied, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

### Romans 10:9-10

10:9 because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10:10 For with the heart one believes and thus has righteousness and with the mouth one confesses and thus has salvation. Hebrews 9:22

Indeed according to the law almost everything was purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. Acts 4:12

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among people by which we must be saved."

## **Another Death Sentence**

- In the United States in the 1840's, a man was convicted of murder and sentenced to death. Only days before his sentence was to be carried out, while the man was waiting in his prison cell, a messenger arrived. He carried with him a presidential pardon signed by President Garfield. However, to the astonishment of the prison officials, the man refused to accept the pardon. The officials brought the matter to the Supreme Court where the justices ruled that the <u>pardon had no effect unless it was received by the</u> <u>prisoner</u>. The man was hung as scheduled because he refused the pardon that had been granted to him.
- It seems impossible to believe, but many today do not accept the forgiveness that Jesus offers.
- Some may be too proud to accept that they need God's pardon.
- Some feel they have to do something to make themselves worthy first before accepting pardon.
- Some think there is another way to be pardoned, and insist on doing it their way.
- We all have the choice to accept or reject the offer Jesus gives us. Have you ever made a decision to accept His gift of forgiveness?

## John 1:12, Luke 10:20

Those who believe, those who receive Him will become a child of God and have their names written in the Book of Life

## **Revelation 20:15**

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## **PRAYER:**

Admit your sins- Repent and turn to God

Believe that Jesus paid your sins through His blood and His death on the cross. Entrust your life to what Jesus has done for you.

**C**ommit your life to Christ, Confess Jesus as your Lord and Savior.