

All People Need Jesus

1. **Baptism:** God works through baptism to clothe sinners with Christ: “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Galatians 3:27).
2. **Repentance:** For baptized people who have fallen away, God wants to work through His Word to call them to repent – *to sorrow for sin and trust in Jesus:* “Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19-20).
3. **God is calling everyone to repent:** “[God] commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead” (Acts 17:30-31).
4. **God’s eternal blessings are His gift to us through Jesus:** “...the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).
5. **Through faith in Jesus, apart from our good works, we are righteous in God’s sight:** “For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law” (Romans 3:28).

JESUS is the ONLY ANSWER for EVERYONE!

Life in Christ

1. **Abiding / Remaining / Continuing:** “Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, ‘If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free’” (John 8:31-32).

2. **Meeting Together:** “...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near” (Hebrews 10:25).
3. **Rooted in the Word and living for Christ:** “...as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith” (Colossians 2:6-7).
4. **Doing the good works God has planned for those who know Jesus:** “For we are [God’s] workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).
5. **Living for Jesus:** “...he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised” (2 Corinthians 5:15).

Knowing Jesus as Savior, we honor Him as Lord!

All passages: ESV, English Standard Version of the Holy Bible.

Conclusion

God has created us, provides our needs, and saved us through Jesus! Don’t miss out on receiving His eternal blessings!

Let’s talk soon!

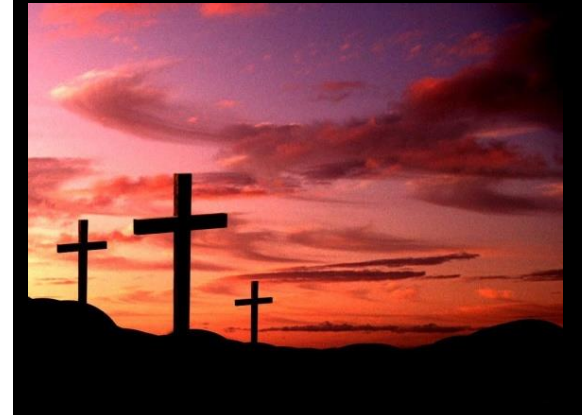
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God’s Awesome Work to Rescue Us!



Introduction

Dear friend: The Almighty God made us, loves us, saved us, and wants us to be with Him forever! *God has made the way through Jesus!*

Please carefully read this brochure to understand ♦the reliability of the Bible, ♦some important Old Testament events, ♦God’s saving work through Jesus, ♦our need for Jesus, ♦how to receive Jesus, and ♦how to go forward with Jesus as our Savior and Lord.

As you read, please look up the Bible references and write down your questions (need a Bible, just ask); then contact the person who gave you this brochure, or Bethlehem Lutheran Church!

The Bible Is God’s Holy Word

1. **Creation:** Were we created or did we evolve? *Honest science* supports creation! Imagine finding a watch on the ground; what would you say? ♦How long did it take to evolve or ♦who lost his watch? *Creation is so much more than a watch!*

2. Flood: The Bible tells of a *worldwide* flood, which covered the highest mountains, but many deny it. Honest science is finding evidence all over the world for a flood, *even on top of the highest mountains!*
3. Prophecy – *saying what will happen before it happens*: There are over 2,000 prophecies in the Old Testament, *which have already happened!* The LORD said they would; *then they did!*
4. Bible: It is true!
 - a. The Psalmist prayed: “The sum [top, head, chief] of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever” (Psalm 119:160).
 - b. Jesus prayed: “Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth” (John 17:17).

The Bible IS God’s Word! Not sure? Let’s talk!

Some Important Events Recorded in the Old Testament

1. God created in six days: “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth...” (Genesis 1:1-31).
2. The first marriage and children: God brought Eve to Adam; then He told them to be fruitful and multiply: [Gen. 1:27-28](#)
3. The Fall into sin: Adam and Eve disobeyed God: [Genesis 3:1-7](#)
4. The Savior was promised: A future descendant of the woman: [Genesis 3:15](#)
5. Sin and the flood: The world became increasingly sinful, so God sent the worldwide flood: [Genesis chapter 6-9](#)
6. Through Abraham: God promised to send the Savior through him: [Genesis 12:3](#)
7. The Passover: It pointed ahead to Jesus – *the Lamb of God*: [Exodus chapter 12](#)

8. The Ten Commandments: God gave them to teach us how to love, and to show us our need for Jesus: [Exodus 20:3-17](#)
9. Animal Sacrifices and festivals: God commanded them; when they were *rightly* understood, they pointed ahead to the Promised Savior: [Leviticus 1-7, 23](#)

The OT is about JESUS! Not sure? Let’s talk!

When the Time was Right, God Gave His Son to Save the World

1. God took action to fulfill the promise He made to Adam and Eve: “She [Mary] will bear a son, and you [Joseph] shall call his name Jesus, for he [Jesus] will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21).
2. Jesus fulfilled God’s law for everyone: “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets [the Old Testament Scriptures]; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them” (Matthew 5:17).
3. Jesus took the punishment for everyone: “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous [Jesus] for the unrighteous [everyone else], that he might bring us to God” (1 Peter 3:18).
4. Jesus laid down His life for everyone: “Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, ‘Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!’ And having said this he breathed his last” (Luke 23:46).
5. God raised Jesus from the dead: “...this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed... God raised him up” (Acts 2:23-24).
6. Jesus is the one way to heaven for everyone: “...there is salvation in no one

else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

Jesus is the ONE WAY! Not sure? Let’s talk!

God Gave and Sustains our Lives

1. By God’s action we are alive: “The God who made the world and everything in it... he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything” (Acts 17:24-25).
2. By God’s action we have our lives on earth: “...In him we live and move and have our being...” (Acts 17:28). So, *without Him, we are not alive, cannot move, and don’t exist!*

Let us recognize and thank the Almighty God!

All have Inherited Sin and Death

1. We have all received sin from our parents: “...just as sin came into the world through one man [Adam], and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned” (Romans 5:12).
2. No one can live up to God’s standard: “...all have sinned and fall short of the glory [righteousness] of God” (Rom. 3:23).
3. Our sins have earned us death: “For the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23).
4. Our sins make us deserving of eternal punishment: “They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord” (2 Thessalonians 1:9).
5. Our good works cannot make us right in God’s sight: “...by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin” (Romans 3:20).

NO ONE can fix or remove his / her own sin!