

God, Man, Christ, Response

God

God has created everything, including us. Because He is the Creator and the King, He determines the rules and the standards for His creation.

Genesis 1:1: ¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:31: ³¹ Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! AND evening passed and morning came, making the sixth day.

Romans 1:20: ²⁰ For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities-his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

Man

The problem is that all of us have rebelled against the King. We have all sinned against God and we are under His wrath and judgment. If we remain in this sinful condition, we will die separated from God for eternity.

Romans 3:23: ²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Romans 6:23a ²³ For the wages of sin is death...

Christ

The solution to the problem is that God gave His only Son. God's Son became a man and He obeyed the law perfectly for us. He succeeded where we failed. This obedience allowed Christ to become a sacrifice and experience the wrath and judgment of God for us on the cross. He died as our substitute and He experienced the death we deserve because of our sin. God accepted Christ's sacrifice and raised Him from the dead. Jesus is seated at God's right hand and He is returning soon.

Romans 6:23b ²³ ... But the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 5:8 ⁸ But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Romans 5:17-19 ¹⁷ For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. ¹⁹ Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.

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The good news is that God has provided the solution to our problem. However, we must respond to what God has done in Christ. We are saved by God's grace, but we experience His grace by trusting in Christ alone for our right standing with God. True saving faith is marked by repentance, which is turning from our sin and turning to Christ as our Lord and Savior. If you are trusting in Christ, you can be confident that you are forgiven and you will be with Christ forever.

*Romans 10:9-10*⁹ *If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*¹⁰ *For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.*

*Acts 4:12*¹² *There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.*

*John 3:17-18*¹⁷ *God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.*¹⁸ *There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son.*