



# THE GOSPEL!

## 2.THE SICKNESS AND THE CURE



# SCRIPTURES

- Romans 1:16
- plus many more along the way...

# ROMANS 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

# IN THE BEGINNING...

## **Genesis 1:26-28**

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

## **Genesis 1:31**

God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

## **Genesis 2:15-17**

Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. The Lord God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

# BUT THEN...

## **Genesis 3:1**

Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?’”

## **Genesis 3:6**

When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

## **Genesis 2:15-17**

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup> He said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup> And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” And the woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

# THE SICKNESS

- Man disobeyed God
  - Man died, and was ruined
  - Dominion given to someone who steals, kills, destroys
  - Sin entered the world
    - And with it, death, disease, torment, suffering of every kind
  - Man will go to Hell
    - The only thing that can be done!

# THE SICKNESS

## Ephesians 2:1-3

And you were **dead in your trespasses and sins**,<sup>2</sup> in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, **according to the prince of the power of the air**, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.<sup>3</sup> Among them we too all formerly lived **in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath**, even as the rest.

# AH, BUT GOD!

## Isaiah 53:1-12

Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

2 For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, And like a root out of parched ground;

He has no stately form or majesty That we should look upon Him, Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.

3 He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

4 Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

# AH, BUT GOD!

5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed.

6 All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.

7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth.

8 By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was due?

# AH, BUT GOD!

9 His grave was assigned with wicked men, yet He was with a rich man in His death, because He had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in His mouth.

10 But the Lord was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief; if He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, and the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand.

11 As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; by His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, and He will divide the booty with the strong; because He poured out Himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He Himself bore the sin of many, and interceded for the transgressors.

# THE CURE

## John 3:16

- For God so loved the world,
- that He gave His only begotten Son,
- that whoever believes in Him
- shall not perish, but have eternal life.

# THE CURE

## Ephesians 2:4-8

But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,<sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),<sup>6</sup> and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,<sup>7</sup> so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;<sup>9</sup> not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

# THE CURE

- EVERYTHING Sin produced has an antidote in Jesus
- Must be received by faith - no human effort
- Must be pursued
- The Secret of Life: Fear the LORD



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