

Notes for: God's Plan of Salvation

Introduction: Good News/Bad News

(1) The Condition of Condemnation (Romans 3:23; cf. 3:9-22)

■ Everyone Has Sinned Against God

- >> universal and without exception (Romans 3:19-20)
- >> an infinite debt against an infinite God
- >> an eternal life sentence in God's "forever prison" (Revelation 20:11-15)
- >> bad news designed for a good purpose

(2) The Crucifixion Confronts Our Condemnation (Romans 5:8)

■ The Balance of God's Character Which Motivates His Solution To Our Problem

- >> His justice must punish our sin/His love moves to save us from that punishment
- >> The solution: a substitutionary sacrifice for our sin (Mark 10:45)

■ The Good News That Overcomes The Bad News

- >> Justification: God's ultimate judicial transaction (Isaiah 53:11-12; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
- >> The benefit with a requirement (Romans 3:24-26)

(3) The Requirement of Repentance and Faith (Mark 1:15; Acts 20:21)

■ Repentance: the confusion requiring clarification (Isaiah 53:6)

- >> "metanoia" (a change of mind and not behavior)
- >> "the fruit of repentance" (a change of behavior that follows conversion)
- >> Luke 3:8-14; Acts 26:19-20

■ "The Metanoia Moment" (a required three-fold change of mind)

- >> who are you? "a sinner in God's sight deserving condemnation"
- >> your greatest need? forgiveness of sin resulting in justification
- >> who is Jesus Christ and what did He accomplish on your behalf?
 - (1) God in human flesh (John 1:1,14; Colossians 2:9; Romans 10:9)
 - (2) Death/Resurrection (Vindication: Acts 2:32-36; Validation: John 10:17-18)

■ The Transference of Trust (John 3:16; Acts 16:30-31; Ephesians 2:8-9)

- >> No other options; No plan B! (John 14:6)
- >> Express your faith in Jesus Christ in a simple and sincere prayer to Him right now!