

Bible Top 5

God's Roles for His Son

Week 6

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Top 5 Concepts - God Sends the Savior

In the Fullness of Time
A Light in the Darkness
The Empty Tomb
Christ the Lord
Revelation

Concept Question - Why was it important that Jesus was fully God?

The Word Became Flesh

*In the beginning was the Word ... and the Word was God.
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father*

Concept Question - Why was it important that Jesus was fully man?

Jesus the Man

Kneeling Figure = Jesus of Nazareth - The Messiah, though God, was totally human
Cradle and Infant = Born of a woman
Hand and Dust = True creature of the earth, had all of original man's attributes
Halo Behind Head = Born in the image & likeness of God
Bowed Head = Had a perfect willingness to follow the will of the Father instead of His own
Crown = Crown of God's creation, Showed man as God designed him to be
Flower-decked Staff = Perfectly obedient, He had full powers, promises & potentials of man
Shaft of Light = Displayed a fulfilled humanity, This is my beloved Son...

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Concept Question - Why was it important for Jesus to speak to the distortions of His time?

Jesus - Spokesman to Distortion

Law Tablets = Israel's moral, civil & ceremonial laws (L)

Scroll = Israel's traditions (T)

White Band Around Tablets and Scroll = Israel's emphasis on separation (S)

Bright Sky and White Clouds Behind Symbols = LT&S originally instituted for good purpose

Distorted Reflection in Water = As time passed, LT&S were put to distorted use

Hands Reaching out of Water = Distorted use of the good tended to destroy life

Figure = Jesus of Nazareth

Figure Facing Distortion in Water = Jesus spoke to distortion & proper use of LT&S

Figure in Stance of a Rescuer = Jesus fulfills the law and the prophets

Concept Question - Why was it important for Jesus to be a teacher (rabbi) of God's truths?

Jesus the Teacher

Lighted Lamp = As a teacher, Jesus cast heaven's light on important issues

Parted Curtains = He unveils the hidden and makes known the unknown

Great Crown Over Earth = He declares the Father is Sovereign of heaven & earth

First Diamond in Crown = He proclaims God's will & purpose for ALL to be saved

Second Diamond in Crown = He reveals the nature of God (God made visible)

Small Crown at End of Staff = He reveals the true nature and purpose of man

Beams from Crown Bathe Kneeling Figure = He taught us to live in God's presence

Discarded Masks = He calls us to abandon the false values of life

Storm Clouds = He identifies the threats to our relationship with God

Towel and Basin = He gives the responsibilities of a right relationship with God

Evaluate Motives

Love Others

Forgive Others

Serve Others

Make Disciples

Flower Bed = He declares the promises, powers & blessings of the God-filled

Power Over Satan

Forgiveness of Sins

Eternal Life

Diamond and Key = He asserts that God's treasures are appropriated by FAITH

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Concept Question - How do you explain the good news of Jesus Christ to others?

Jesus the Savior

- Great Waterfall* = The human predicament of eternal death resulting from sin
- Broken Boats* = Man's attempts to save himself are inadequate
- Person Clinging to Cross* = God's saving act in Christ solved human predicament
- Large Pointed Rock* = Jesus saves from God-imposed & Self-imposed Separation
- Second Pointed Rock* = Jesus saves from guilt and from a "sense of guilt"
- Third Pointed Rock* = Jesus saves from the threat and power of evil (God's armor)

- First Grave* = Jesus saves from spiritual death
- Second Grave* = Jesus saves from temporal death (dead lives)
- Third Grave* = Jesus saves from eternal death

- Cross Spanning Chasm* = Jesus brings man to God & the blessings of His plan
- Ascending Stairway* = Jesus cross gives a pathway to God's eternal mansion
- Pathway to Placid Lake Scene* = God's salvation includes redemption of creation

Top 5 Concepts - God's Roles for His Son

- The Word Became Flesh
- Jesus the Man
- Jesus – Spokesman to Distortion
- Jesus the Teacher
- Jesus the Savior

Closing Prayer

Next Week - God's Lessons to His People

| <u>Kennedy Evangelism Explosion</u> | <u>The Bridge</u> |
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| <p>1. Do you know for certain that if you were to die today you would go to heaven?</p> <p>2. If you died tonight and God asked you why He should let you into heaven, what would you say?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Summary of the Gospel</p> <p>Grace Heaven is a free gift (<i>Romans 6:23</i>) It is not earned or deserved (<i>Romans 11:6</i>)</p> <p>Man Is a sinner (<i>Matthew 5:48, Romans 3:10</i>) Cannot save himself (<i>Romans 3:23</i>)</p> <p>God Is merciful - doesn't want to punish us (<i>Neh. 9:17b, 31</i>) Is just - therefore must punish us (<i>Exodus 20:5</i>)</p> <p>Christ Who He is - the infinite God-man (<i>John 1:1, 14</i>) What He did - He paid for our sins (<i>Isaiah 53:6</i>)</p> <p>Faith What it is <i>not</i> - intellectual assent (<i>Eph 2:8-9, James 2:19</i>) What it <i>is</i> - trust in Jesus alone for salvation (<i>Gal 3:10-14</i>)</p> | <p>1. The Beginning MAN GOD <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">TO GETH ER</div></p> <p>2. Sin entered the world MAN GOD <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center; margin: 0 auto;"><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">SEPARATED</div> SIN <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">SEPARATED</div></div></p> <p>3. Jesus Christ came and bridged the gap MAN GOD <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center; margin: 0 auto;"><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">TO GETH ER</div> <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto;">CHRIST</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">TO GETH ER</div></div></p> <p>Related approach: 1. We are separated from heaven by canyon formed by sin 2. We try to jump across canyon by good works we do 3. Some can jump further than others, but none can reach 4. No amount of works can get to other side, all fall short 5. Jesus gave us a bridge to simply trust in and walk over</p> |

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Three Basics</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People need a Savior. - We all suffer from our sin and need rescue. 2. Jesus is our Savior. - His death paid the punishment for our sins and rescued us. We are free. 3. We live under His love. - As God's saved people we live under His care & direction. We demonstrate it to others. <p style="text-align: center;">From C. F. W. Walther (First LCMS President)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much I needed Christ. 2. How much Christ did for me. 3. How I came to faith in Him. <p style="text-align: center;">From a 10-yr old to his friend</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I messed up. 2. Jesus forgives me. 3. I just want to thank Him. | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Roman Road</u></p> <p>Good brief Biblical explanation of the essence of Christianity.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Romans 3:23 = All have sinned & fall short of God's glory I'm in that "ALL", are you? = Sure Have you ever done anything wrong? = Sure Can you own up to it? = Sure 2. Romans 6:23 = Wages of sin is death, Free gift is etrnal life What are wages? = Rewards/payment for working What are we paid for our sin? = Physical & spiritual death What is a gift? = Something someone gives you Do you have to work for it? = No, it would be wages What free gift does God offer through whom? = EL, Jesus 3. Romans 10:13 = Whoever calls on the Lord will be saved Are you included in this "whoever"? = Sure What must you do you be saved? = Call upon the Lord How do you do this? = Prayer, confession Are you ready to call on the Lord now? = Let Spirit push |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Four Spiritual Laws</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life. John 3:16 = God so loved the world that He gave 2. Man is sinful and separated from God. Therefore he cannot know & experience God's love & plan for his life. Romans 3:23 & Romans 6:23 = All sinned, wages death 3. Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin. Through Him you can know and experience God's love and plan for your life. John 14:6 = I am way, truth, life - Only to Father thru Me Romans 5:8 & 1 Cor. 15:3-6 = Christ died for us, the story 4. We must individually receive Jesus Christ through faith as Savior and Lord; then we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives. Ephesians 2:8-9 = By grace you are saved through faith Mark 16:16 = He who believes & is baptized will be saved | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Bad News - Good News</u></p> <p>Bad News #1 - You are a sinner. Romans 3:23 = All have sinned and fall short of God's glory</p> <p>Bad News #2 - The penalty for sin is death. Romans 6:23 = The wages of sin is death.</p> <p>Good News #1 - Christ died for you. Romans 5:8 = While we were sinners, Christ died for us</p> <p>Good News #2 - You can be saved through faith in Christ. Ephesians 2:8-9 = By grace you are saved through faith Eternal life is based on fact, not feeling. John 5:24 = He who hears & believes has eternal life.</p> <p>How do you respond? Philippians 4:6-7 = Tell God through prayer 2 Timothy 3:16-17 = Learn more by reading the Bible Hebrews 10:24-25 = Worship with God's people Matthew 4:19 = Tell others about what Jesus has done</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Religion vs. Christianity</u></p> <p>If you'd ever be interested in knowing the difference between religion and Christianity, I'd be happy to tell you.</p> <p>Religion is spelled D-O Religion is trying to DO things to win God's approval ... to earn eternal life ... to make up for past sins Religion is a dead end road You don't ever know if you've done enough Would a loving God play those games with His people?</p> <p>Christianity is spelled D-O-N-E No one can measure up to God's standard of holiness No self-effort or sacrifice can merit God's favor/EL When Jesus died on the cross, He said, "It is finished." He did for you what you can't do for yourself He has paid the price for your sins</p> <p>If you accept His gift of forgiveness through faith, you can become a Christian and be certain of where you'll go when you die. If you ever want to talk further, I'm available for you.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Xs and Os</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Most people think they can earn eternal life if their Os outnumber or outweigh their Xs <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"> </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Bible says Os don't offset Xs. Nothing can remove an X. 3. There's only one way to get rid of Xs. Jesus died on the cross to wipe out your Xs. <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"> </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. You need only trust in what He did for you. |