

THE *Gospel* OF JESUS CHRIST

THE CHARACTER OF GOD

THE HOLINESS OF GOD

Your eyes are too pure to approve evil, and You cannot look on wickedness with favor. *Habakuk 1:13*

But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear. *Isaiah 59:2*

THE JUSTICE OF GOD

For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; the upright will behold His face. *Psalms 11:7*

But the LORD of hosts will be exalted in judgment, and the holy God will show Himself holy in righteousness. *Isaiah 5:16*

God is a righteous judge, and a God who has indignation every day. If a man does not repent, He will sharpen His sword; He has bent His bow and made it ready. *Psalms 7:11-12*

THE DEPRAVITY & CONDEMNATION OF MAN

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. *Romans 3:23*

For all of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment. . . . *Isaiah 64:6*

For as many as are of the works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, 'CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM.' *Galatians 3:10*

THE GREAT DILEMMA

He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous, both of them alike are an abomination to the LORD. *Proverbs 17:15*

Far be it from You to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked are treated alike. Far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly? *Genesis 18:25*

GOD'S ACTION

While maintaining His holiness and justice, the Bible also affirms that God is love, and that in love He has responded to the plight of man.

MOTIVATED BY LOVE

God is love. By this the love of God is manifested in us, that God sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. *1 John 4:8-10*

THE CROSS OF CHRIST

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. *Romans 3:23-26*

THE RESURRECTION

He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification. *Romans 4:25*

