

The background of the image is a close-up, shallow depth-of-field shot of a wooden cross lying on a sandy, rocky ground. The cross is made of dark wood and has several red, blood-like splatters on it. The ground is composed of light-colored sand and small, irregular rocks. The overall tone is somber and evocative.

The Gospel

In All of Life

Study 3: Why do we need the Gospel

THE BEGINNING

Genesis 1:1-2 (ESV) In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

A surreal, cosmic scene. In the center, a person with their hair in a bun sits on a crescent moon, holding a glowing, golden orb. The moon is surrounded by a ring of various planets and celestial bodies, including a large orange planet, a blue planet, and several smaller, colorful spheres. The background is a dark, starry space with glowing nebulae and galaxies. The overall atmosphere is dreamlike and contemplative.

WHERE IS THE CENTER?

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HOW WE ARE RELATED TO GOD

Genesis 1:27-28 (ESV) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

IMAGE OF GOD

- Relate

- Reflect

- Represent

- Love

- Righteous

- Holy

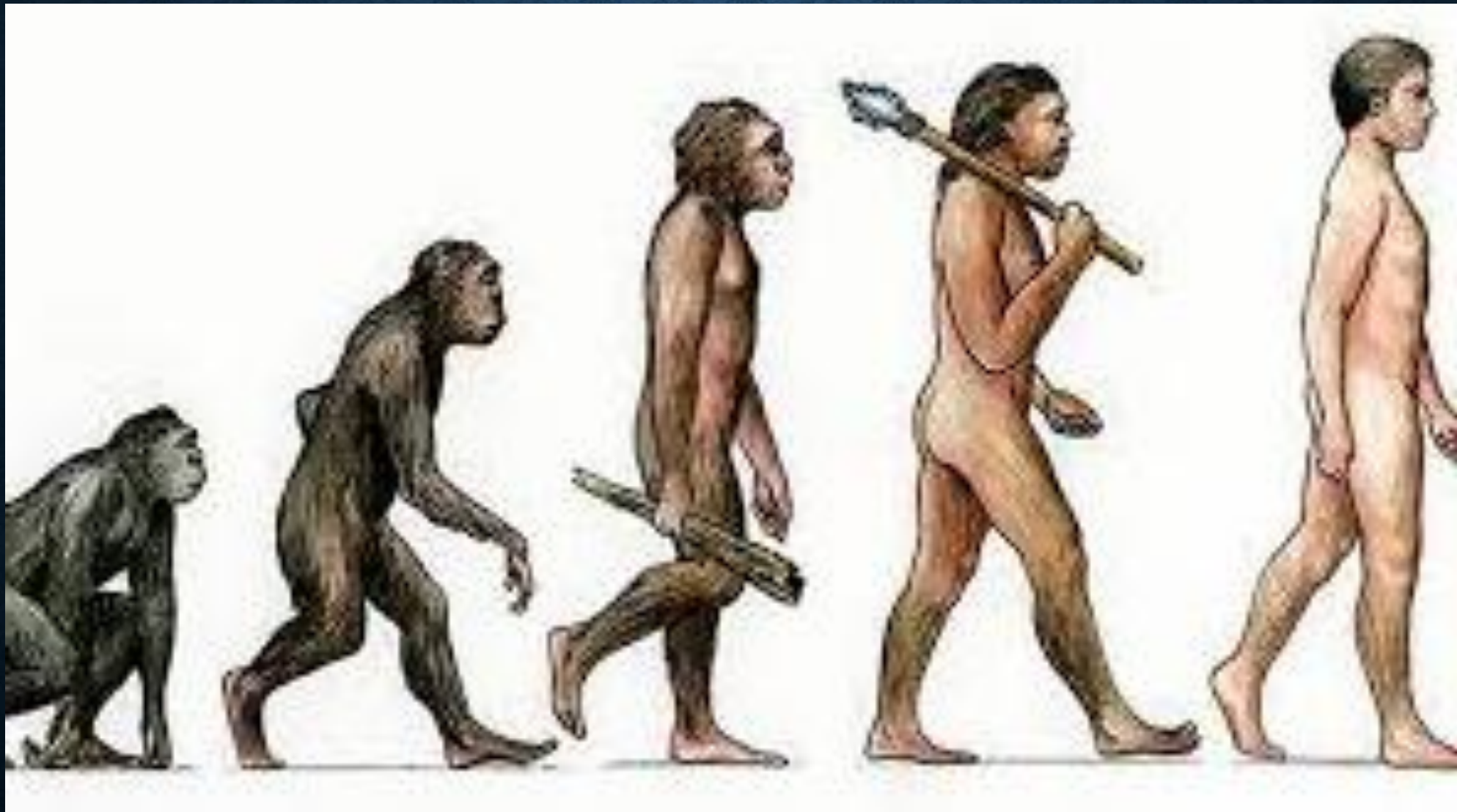
A close-up photograph of a woman with long, dark, wavy hair and light-colored eyes. She has a serious expression and is looking slightly to the right. A large snake with a patterned, brown and tan scale texture is coiled around her neck and shoulder. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the woman's face and the intricate details of the snake's scales. The word "SIN" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font in the center of the image.

SIN

THE PRESENCE OF EVIL



EVIL IS PART OF EVOLUTION



EVIL LINKED TO AN EVENT

Genesis 2:16-17 (ESV) And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

SIN IS REBELLION AGAINST GOD

- Genesis 3:5 (ESV) For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.

THE EFFECTS OF SIN



Alienation

Enemies with God
Death



Corruption

Sin affects the total person
Physically, mentally, volitionally,
emotionally, spiritually
Shame
Guilt



Slavery

Addiction to
Satan's rule

ALIENATION

Romans 5:12 (ESV) Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

CORRUPTION

Jeremiah 17:9 (ESV) The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

Ephesians 4:18 (ESV) They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.

INABILITY

Romans 8:7-8 (ESV) For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

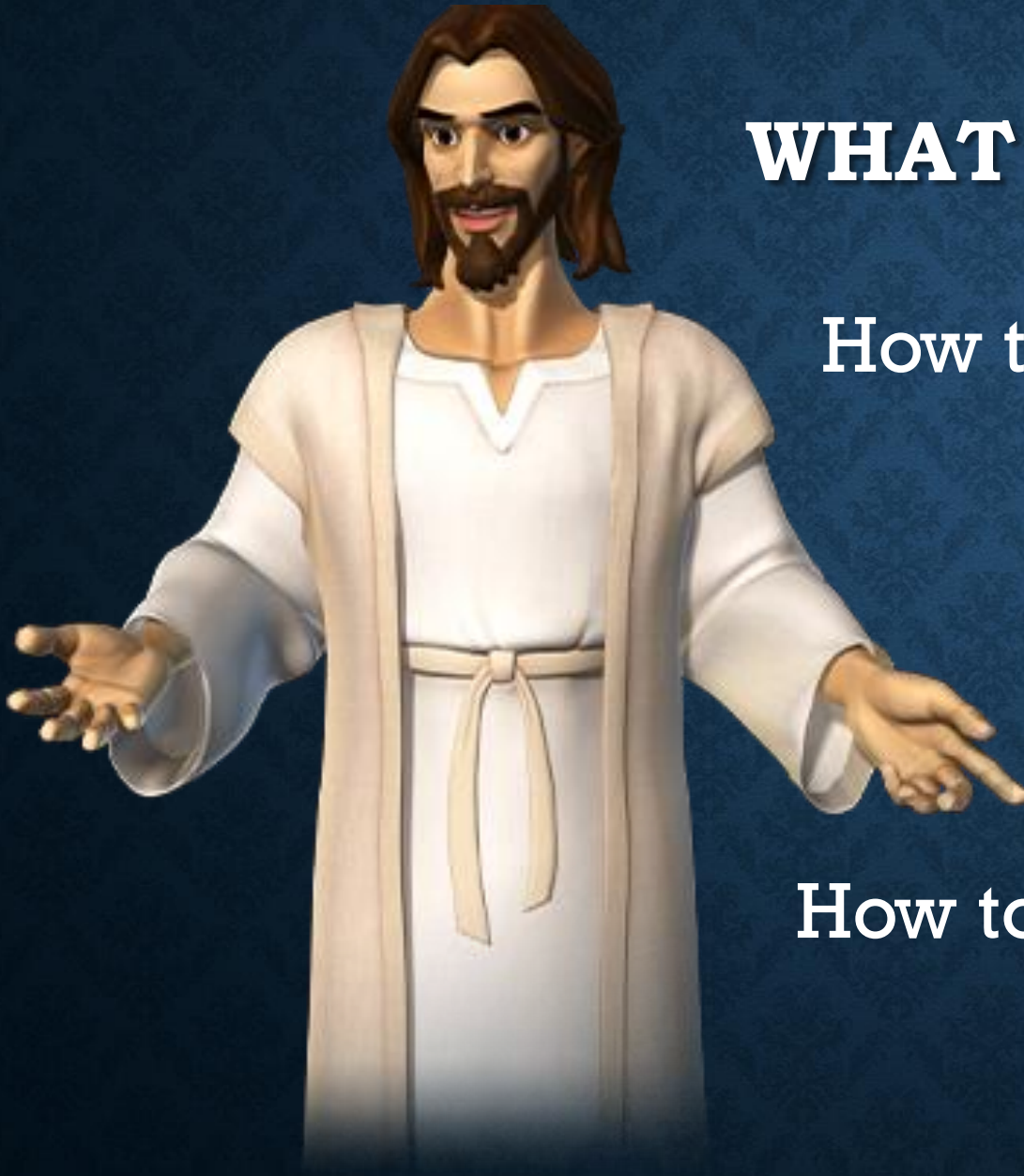
SLAVERY

2 Corinthians 4:3-5 (ESV) And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

1 John 5:19 (ESV) We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

GOD PROVIDES THE PERSON OF THE GOSPEL: JESUS

Galatians 4:4-5 (ESV) But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.



WHAT JESUS PROVIDES

How to live for God

How to be the perfect image of God ...to live in relationship with God..love and selflessness

How to live with God

Sacrifice on the cross for the penalty of our sins

Justification

THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE GOSPEL: JUSTIFICATION



2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV) For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Decision of the court stating that someone has a right relationship to God and his law.

Not made righteous but declared righteous

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basis of the perfect life and the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, received by faith, a sinner is as

Justifi

righteous as his own beloved Son



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he is not declaring bad people to be good, or saying that they are not sinners after all. He is pronouncing them legally righteous, free from any liability to the broken law, because he him- self in his Son has born the penalty of their law-breaking

THE GIFT OF THE GOSPEL: GRACE

Romans 5:17 (ESV) For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:4-6 (ESV) But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— **by grace you have been saved**— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV) For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

THE RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL: FAITH & REPENTANCE

Romans 3:21-22 (ESV) But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

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Before those words broke upon my mind I hated God and was an- gry with him. . . . But when, by the Spirit of God, I understood those words—“The just shall live by faith!” “The just shall live by faith!”— then I felt born again like a new man; I entered through the open doors into the very Paradise of God.

[Faith] brings with it nothing to Christ but a sinful man's soul. It gives nothing, contributes nothing, pays nothing, performs nothing. It only receives, takes, accepts, grasps, and embraces the glorious gift of justification which Christ bestows

JC Ryle



Faith does not save us..Christ does

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GOSPEL: SANCTIFICATION

Ephesians 2:8-10 (ESV) For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

WORKS EVIDENCE OF TRUE FAITH

James 2:18 (ESV) But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

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1	Where did we come from?	From God: the One and the relational
2	Why did things go so wrong?	Because of sin: bondage and condemnation
3	What will put things right?	Christ: incarnation, substitution, restoration
4	How can I be put right?	Through faith: grace and trust

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2	<p>Three persons in God</p> <p>loved, adored, served, and enjoyed one another from all eternity</p> <p>Love, friendship, and community</p>	
3	<p>Intrinsic heart of all reality</p> <p>Created for mutual joy and service</p> <p>Other orientated</p> <p>World..worship , know and serve Him</p>	
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1	<p>Why did things go so wrong?</p> <p>Sin Instead of living for God and our neighbors, we live lives of self-centeredness</p>	
2	<p>Broken relationship vertical and horizontal</p> <p>Consequences spiritual, psychological, social, and physical decay and breakdown</p> <p>Bondage..slavery</p>	<p>Because of sin: bondage and condemnation</p>
3	<p>Spiritual death and penalty of sin</p>	
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1	<p>What will put things right?</p> <p>Took upon himself flesh</p> <p>John 1:14 (ESV) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.</p>	
2	<p>Substitution</p> <p>1 Peter 3:18a For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God,</p>	
3	<p>2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV) For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.</p>	<p>Christ: incarnation, substitution, restoration</p>
4	<p>Restoration of creation</p>	

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<p>How can I be put right? Faith: Trusting Him</p> <p>John 1:12-13 (ESV) But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.</p> <p>No dependant on quality of faith..not psychological certainty but act of will</p> <p>Grace—unmerited favour</p>		
<p>Retunes us to God</p>		<p>Through faith: grace and trust</p>





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