changed, and because He is perfectly just (Dt. 32:4) He must punish all law-breakers (Num. 14:18, Ezk. 18:4). The punishment awaiting our rebellion is eternal destruction, facing God's wrath, never to enjoy His presence (2 Th. 1:8-9).

In light of this, we need the good news that God sent Jesus to save the world. But how did He do it? Unlike Adam, Jesus Christ obeyed God's law perfectly (Ro. 5:15-21). He was the only one to live sinlessly, the only fully righteous man. And in love, Jesus took God's children's sin upon Himself to bear God's full wrath in their place (Ro. 5:6-11), dying the death that they deserved to die (Ga. 3:13), and in exchange freely gave them His own perfection, clothing them in His own personal righteousness (2 Co. 5:21). God then raised Jesus to life from the dead, never to die again, victorious over death itself (1 Co. 15:54-56). Therefore, those who believe in Jesus—the only way to God (Jn. 14:6)—stand before God guiltless (Ro. 8:1), are made righteous (Ro. 4:5), have victory over sin and death (Ro. 6:5-11, 23), and have the sure promise of eternal life to come (1 Jn. 2:25). This is the gospel! It is the greatest act of love ever displayed, that God would in His perfect justice, mercy, and grace, provide a completed way to save wicked sinners from their rebellion against Him (Jn. 3:16, Eph. 2:1-10), to enjoy His presence forevermore!

Jesus says, "Listen!" So, follow His voice, turn from your sins, and trust in Him alone for eternal life.



Bible Study

Resolved to Be Thankful

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Introduction – Psalm 138:1-6 (ESV)

- I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise;
- I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your Word.
- 3 On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul You increased.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O LORD,
 for they have heard the words of Your mouth,
- 5 and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.
- 6 For though the LORD is high, He regards the lowly,
 but the haughty He knows from afar.

What Even Is Jesus's Message After All?

Mark 1:14-15 says that Jesus began His ministry "proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." What does Jesus mean?

The word gospel means good news. The good news Jesus is calling us to believe is that God sent Him to save the world (Jn. 3:16-17). But why do we need to be saved? History begins when almighty God created the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1:31, Col. 1:16). God also created the first two humans, Adam and Eve, to live in His world and enjoy His presence (Gen. 1:27-30). As His children, they were to be righteous, perfectly obeying their perfect Creator (Gen. 2:16-17). Perfection is the standard of a holy, righteous, and good God (Matt. 5:48). However, Adam and Eve chose to rebel against God—which the Bible calls sin—and by their action, all of creation was corrupted (Gen. 3:1-19, Ro. 5:12-14). We are ALL now slaves to sin by nature—we rebel against God because we are sinners (Ro. 3:23). We are unable to meet God's standard of perfect righteousness on our own. No one is good (Mk. 10:18, Ro. 3:10-18).

Any sin, no matter how small, is an infinite offense when measured against an infinitely perfect and holy God (Ja. 2:10). Some people think they can go on overlooking their sin, continuing to live as rebels against God in whatever way they want (Eph. 4:18-19). But God's standard has not

Singing – Come, Thou Fount

- 1. Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing
 Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
 Streams of mercy, never ceasing
 Call for songs of loudest praise
 Teach me some melodious sonnet
 Sung by flaming tongues above
 Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
 Mount of Thy redeeming love
- 2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer
 Hither by Thy help I'm come
 And I hope, by Thy good pleasure
 Safely to arrive at home
 Jesus sought me when a stranger
 Wand'ring from the fold of God
 He, to rescue me from danger
 Interposed His precious blood
- 3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor
 Daily I'm constrained to be
 Let that goodness like a fetter
 Bind my wandering heart to Thee
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
 Prone to leave the God I love
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it
 Seal it for Thy courts above

Singing - How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art

- 2. And when I think of God, His Son not sparing Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin
- 3. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
 Then I shall bow with humble adoration
 And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

Bible Study Outline – Questions and Notes

B. Man Is Essentially Needy

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A. God Is Essentially Eternal

C. Man Is Essentially Sinful

B. God Is Essentially Sovereign

III. 1 Chron. 29:17-19 – Glory in the Gospel

A. Thankful for God's Grace

C. God Is Voluntarily Gracious

B. Thankful for God's Provision

II. 1 Chron. 29:14-16 – Understand Who Man Is

A. Man Is Essentially Fleeting

C. Thankful to Be Used by God