

**What has gone wrong with the world, and where is there hope?**

*“We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”*

*Isa. 53:6*

**Big Idea:**

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*So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.*

*God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful  
and increase in number; fill the earth and  
subdue it”...God saw all that he had  
made and it was very good.*

Gen. 1: 27-28,31

*And the LORD God commanded the man,  
“You are free to eat from any tree in the  
garden; but you must not eat from the  
tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for  
when you eat from it you will certainly  
die.”*

*Gen. 2: 16-17*

*She took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.*

*Gen. 3: 6-7*

*The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.*

*Gen. 6: 5*

“We must that understand that through rebellion against God we sinned ourselves into an existence that God never intended.”

C.S. Lewis

**What God created he called  
“very good”, but we chose to  
rebel against God, thus sin and  
evil have entered the human  
story.**

**Sin affects:**

**1. Creation**

**2. Individuals**

**3. Social systems**

*Jesus said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles them. For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”*

Mark 7: 2-23



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*“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”*

*Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,*

*“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”*

Luke 2: 11-14

*But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.*

Romans 3:21-25

*The Scriptures tell us, “The first man, Adam, became a living person.” But the second Adam—that is, Christ—is a life-giving Spirit. -1 Cor. 15:45*

*You must be born again... -John 3:3*

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

*2 Cor. 5:17*



*Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."*

John 20:21

*Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*

1 Cor 12:27

Jesus is God's means and message of HOPE to the world, and WE are His messengers.

*You are the salt of the earth.... You are the light of the world...*

*In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Matt. 5: 13-16

*“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”*

*James 2:14-16*



## Going forward:

Don't lose faith in the Gospel.

Be faithful to your pocket of influence.

Small acts of love can have big impact.

*“You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.”*

Rev. 5: 9-10