

## Good News from God to People

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**People** are made to glorify **God** in loving and purposeful relationship. *That’s why we have unfulfilled longings for meaning in life.* We are made to be in relationship with God forever and to work together with him and other people for his glory and our joy. God gives us direction on how to experience a life of fulfilling purpose.

**Sin** is choosing our way in life rather than following God’s direction. *That’s why we sense something is broken in us and our world.* All people start with the desire to be their own boss and replace God’s plans and glory with their own. Rebelling against God’s rule over our life results in spiritual and physical decay and death for us and our world.

**Jesus Christ** is God’s Son, sent to earth by God the Father to rescue us from sin and reorder our lives in relationship to God. *That’s why we have a longing for security and a fear of death.* Jesus took up life as a man but continued to be God. By God’s plan he took our judgment and satisfied God’s justice by dying on the cross in our place. Jesus broke the power of sin and death in his resurrection back to life.

**Salvation** is God rescuing us from sin and spiritual death when we receive Jesus by faith as a gift of grace. *That’s why we long for something or someone to reorder all life.* God invites us to receive his Spirit and new life free from the judgment and rule of sin. Nothing we can do ourselves can take away our sin and its consequences. We must believe what God says and receive life as a gift by trusting Jesus. This is spiritual birth into a whole new life.

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