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NATURE OF GOD: God is Holy, perfect, and separate from His creation (Isa 6:3, 55:8-9, 2 Cron 2:6, 6:18, Neh 9:6). God says "be Holy, for I am Holy" (1 Pet 1:15-16) and requires perfection (Matt 5:48). God is a just judge (Psa 98:9), all powerful, all knowing and unchangeable (Psa 147:5, Heb 13:8). You can't avoid His judgment (Psa 139:8, Dan 4:35). God "searches the heart" and will "render to every man according to his deeds." (Jer 17:10) God is love and hates evil (1 John 4:16, Prov 6:16-19). God shows mercy to "thousands that love Him and keep His commandments" but won't clear the guilty. (Deut 7:9, Num 14:18)

NATURE OF MAN: Are you a good person? Have you ever lied? (Exo 20:16) "all liars have their part in the lake of fire." (Rev 21:8) Have you lusted after someone, or hated without cause? (Ex 20:13-14) Jesus said this is the same as adultery and murder (Mat 5:21-22, 28). Used God's name disrespectfully? God says "He will not hold him guiltless that takes His name in vain." (Exo 20:7) The Bible says if you break "one commandment" you are guilty of all (James 2:10). By God's standard you are a lying, adulterous, murdering blasphemer. "The soul that sins shall die" (Eze 18:4) and be cast into Hell; described as flames and darkness (Mark 9:48, Matt 25:30, Luke 16:23, Rev 14:11). Sin is an offense against an infinitely Holy God; so an eternal Hell is just (Rom 2:9). If a criminal says "sorry" is a just judge going to release him? No, he'll say, "I'm glad you're sorry, but the law demands justice." God will punish sin and being "sorry" won't clear guilt. "There is none righteous" (Rom 3:10-18) and all of our "righteousness are filthy rags." (Isa 64:6)

THE GREAT DELIMMA: The Bible says it is an abomination to justify the wicked (Prov 17:15) So how can a Holy God forgive sinners? **JESUS = YOUR ONLY HOPE:** Consider, if a criminal can't pay their fine but another pays it; then justice is satisfied. This is what Jesus did for you (1 Tim 1:15, Rom 5:6, 1 Cor 15:3, Heb 9:15). God took on flesh (Heb 2:14), Jesus lived a sinless life and in love offered Himself on the cross as a sacrifice (John 3:16-18, 1 Pet 1:19, John 8:46) baring the wrath of God for sin (1 Pet 3:18). He died, was buried, and resurrected the 3rd day showing the penalty fully paid (Luke, 9:22, Rom 4:25).

REPENTANCE & FAITH: Salvation is by grace, through faith, in Jesus (Eph 2:8, Acts 4:12, John 14:6). God commands "all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30, Mark 1:15). So repent, believe; humbly cry to God confessing and forsaking your sin (James 4:8, Rom 6:2). Pray for God to give you repentance and faith (Acts 11:18) begging for mercy (Psa 41:4, Luke 18:13, Prov 28:13). "He that comes to Me, I will in no wise cast out." (John 6:37, Rom 10:13) "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit and a contrite heart" (Psa 51:17). "To this one I will look, he that is humble and of a contrite spirit, and trembles at My word." (Isa 66:2, 57:15, James 4:6) Jesus said you "must be born again" (John 3:3-8). In Christ you will become a "new creature" (2 Cor 5:17) and your heart will be changed to desire Holiness. Your sin will be put on Jesus, and His righteousness to you (2 Cor 5:21, 1 Cor 1:30, Rom 4:8, 1 Pet 2:24). Next, read the Bible and find a Bible-preaching church.

ALREADY CHRISTIAN? "Examine yourself" (2 Cor 13:5); are you really trusting in Jesus alone, or your own works? Read 1 John and compare yourself to Scripture. "Make your calling and election sure." (2 Pet 1:10) To hypocrites Jesus will say "I never knew you, depart from me, you who work lawlessness." (Matt 7:22-23). For more information please visit: www.gfbchurch.com