

Romans 5:12-21

CHRISTMAS

The Good News

AT THE WINERY

CREATION | FALL | REDEMPTION | RESTORATION

 **RESTORATION**
MAKE DISCIPLES | GATHER TOGETHER | GET EQUIPPED

CHRISTMAS IN CONTEXT

Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of Christ, but this event has far greater implications than many understand. This sermon gives a brief overview of how the Bible fits together in one, comprehensive metanarrative in which the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the central, paradigmatic event.

The Bible is understood best in four movements that together explain what we call the Gospel (Good news), the message that Jesus Christ has died to pay for our sins, rose from the dead to give us new life, and is currently making all things new. We have hope of eternal glory because of His saving work.

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CREATION

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. -Genesis 1:1

GOD CREATED EVERYTHING. THEREFORE, EVERYTHING BELONGS TO HIM AND IS RESPONSIBLE TO HIM.

FALL

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. -Romans 3:23

▶ NOT ONLY DID THE FIRST HUMANS (ADAM AND EVE) SIN, EVERY HUMAN (OTHER THAN JESUS) HAS SINNED AND SEPARATED OURSELVES FROM GOD.



A CURSE AND A PROMISE

*The Lord God said to the serpent,
"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.*

*I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."*

-Genesis 3:14-15

**GOD PROMISED THAT THE WORK OF THE SERPENT
WOULD BE UNDONE BY "THE SEED OF WOMAN."**

FALL

12 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— 13 for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. 14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

-Romans 5:12-14

THE SIN AND DEATH WE DEAL WITH CAME INTO THE WORLD BY THE DISOBEDIENCE OF THE FIRST MAN (ADAM). GOD'S LAW SHOWED US HOW SINFUL WE WERE.

REDEMPTION

15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. 16 And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. 17 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.

-Romans 5:15-17

THE WORLD IS BEING MADE RIGHT BY THE OBEDIENCE OF THE LAST ADAM (JESUS CHRIST). SALVATION IS A FREE GIFT.

REDEMPTION

18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. 19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. 20 Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

-Romans 5:18-21

ALL WHO ARE IN ADAM DIE.
ALL WHO ARE IN CHRIST LIVE.

REDEMPTION

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

-Romans 6:23

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

-1 Peter 2:24

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REDEMPTION

Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

-Romans 10:9-10

CONFESS:

TURN FROM SIN AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT JESUS IS IN CHARGE.

BELIEVE:

TRUST THAT JESUS DIED TO PAY FOR YOUR SINS AND ROSE FROM THE DEAD

RESTORATION

*For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.*

-Isaiah 9:6-7

RESTORATION

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

-Revelation 21:1-4

RESTORATION

5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. 7 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. 8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

-Revelation 21:5-8

REDEMPTION PRECEEDS RESTORATION

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