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Made for More
2 – Salus Dei: Made Right by God
Colossians 1:19-22



1. Briefly share with each other your own church or religious background. Was it in a church or faith that in any way prescribed faith plus works for salvation?
2. Consider the difference between knowing about God and knowing God. Was there a time in your life when you knew about him as God but didn't know him as your Saviour and Lord?
3. What are all the different ways that people try to have peace in their lives? What's the difference between the kind of peace most people look for and the peace Paul is talking about in Colossians 1:20? What does Paul say about how we achieve that peace?
4. Why is the shedding of Jesus' blood necessary for our salvation?
5. Most people think they are moral enough to be accepted by God. Why is it so hard for people to confess that they're sinners? Why is it necessary that we admit that sin separates us from God?
6. Open up and share with one another. Are you at rest with your salvation? Is your sense of having been forgiven by God so complete that you have complete assurance in what Jesus has done for you?

EXTRA: The gospel was clearly presented in this message. Take a look at our online resource: www.trygod.ca and review the 5 key words that can help you share the gospel with others. There are also *Could God be the Answer?* booklets available at Connections if you'd like hardcopies of this resource.

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Religion is man seeking God. Christianity is God seeking man.
- Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Christ is the only means by which I am made right with God, and so...

...I acknowledge him as God (v. 19)

Jesus had to be a man so that he could identify with us, suffering in our place and sympathizing with us in our weakness. Jesus had to be truly God so that he could satisfy God's wrath and secure for us true righteousness and life.

- Erik Raymond

Ecclesiastes 3:11

There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of each man which cannot be satisfied by any created thing but only by God the Creator, made known through Jesus Christ.

- Pascal, Pensées

Genesis 2:7

...I accept his offer of reconciliation and peace (v. 20a)

Although the human heart cries for feelings of peace, the deep need is for a relationship of peace. When relationships are correct, feelings follow.

- Richard Melick

1 Timothy 2:5

...I come to the cross on which he died (v. 20b)

The 5 kinds of people not yet reconciled to God:
Deniers – know the gospel but reject it
Opposers – know the gospel but fight against it
Ignorant – don't know it; maybe don't want to
Deceived – have bought into something else
Seeking – interested but not yet there

Hebrews 9:22b

...I confess my desperate need (v. 21)

1 John 4:19

Romans 3:10–12

...I rest in my new standing before him (v. 22)

simul justus et peccator – both saint and sinner

*The glory of Christian redemption is that it is in union with Jesus that we are given back our true selves.
We finally begin becoming who we were truly created to be.*

- Dane Ortlund, Deeper

RESOURCES:

Why Must Jesus Be Both Human and Divine? by Erik Raymond

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/erik-raymond/must-jesus-human-divine/>

Deeper: Real Change for Real Sinners by Dane Ortlund

<https://a.co/d/6ai0FSb>

"The Life" Podcast

<https://www.harvestbible.ca/storylines/>