

THE GREATEST MESSAGE EVER HEARD

I. **God is a powerful God.**

- A. He is the Creator of all things.
 - 1. Genesis 1:1.
 - 2. Exodus 20:11.
- B. He created everything out of nothing (Hebrews 11:3).
 - 1. The word “framed” means to fit with, to adjust with great wisdom and ownership.
 - 2. “Word” means to speak.
 - 3. God fit the world with wisdom by His spoken word.
- C. Can you imagine creating something just by speaking it into existence?
- D. This is exactly what God did (Psalm 33:9; 148:5).
- E. Now, everything remains by that same word (2 Peter 3:4-8).

II. **God is a holy God.**

- A. He is holy in every aspect of His nature (Isaiah 6:1-6).
- B. His holiness renders Him unable to look upon evil (Habakkuk 1:13).
- C. He demands holiness from His creation (1 Peter 1:15-16).
 - 1. We may ask in what are we to be holy?
 - 2. Remember that God is holy in His entire nature - not one thing about Him is a bit unholy.
 - 3. Therefore, all parts of our lives, everything we do is to be holy, without evil and sin.

III. **Man is not holy.**

- A. Ecclesiastes 7:20.
- B. Isaiah 64:6.
- C. Romans 3:23.
 - 1. There is not a sinless person.
 - 2. Man, by himself, when having learned good from evil, eventually sins and becomes unholy.

IV. **God is a righteous God who demands punishment for sin.**

- A. Our sins, or unholiness, cause us to be separated from God (Isaiah 59:1-2).
- B. The initial consequence was the onset of physical death (Genesis 3:23).
- C. Ultimately, sin brings about spiritual death (Romans 6:23).
- D. God has prepared a place for the unholy and sinful - hell.
 - 1. Originally, it was prepared for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41).
 - 2. It is called the second death (Revelation 20:14-15).
 - 3. It is a place of eternal torment (Revelation 14:11).
 - 4. It is a place where the fire is not quenched and the worm does not die (Mark 9:43-48).
 - 5. It is for everyone that does not know God or who does not obey the gospel of Christ (2 Thessalonians 1:6-9).

V. **God is a loving God.**

- A. God wants no one to perish (2 Peter 3:9 - “perish” means to be destroyed;

- 1 Timothy 2:4 - "all" in both verses literally means anyone and everyone).
 - B. Because of His love, God provided a substitute for our sins (1 John 4:9-10 - propitiation carries the idea of appeasement; Galatians 1:3-5).
 - C. Jesus not only died, but He is risen from the dead.
 - 1. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4.
 - 2. Romans 10:9-10.
 - D. What Jesus came to do was to snatch us from the fires of hell (Jude 23).
- VI. God's gift demands a response from us.**
- A. It demands gratitude (2 Corinthians 9:15).
 - B. It demands love (1 John 4:19 - this love is the sacrificial love agape).
 - C. God's gift demands submission (1 Peter 5:6 - "humble yourselves" means recognize your sinfulness and need of a savior; James 4:10).
 - D. It demands obedience (Matthew 7:21-27; Luke 6:46).
 - E. It demands faithfulness (2 Corinthians 5:15).

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