

WHAT GOD INTENDED FOR ALL PEOPLE

The Bible informs us that:

*The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator... This is what the Lord says...who formed you in the womb: I am the Lord who makes all things...It is I who made the earth and created mankind upon it...I am God and there is no other. Isaiah 40:28 & 44:24 & 45:12, 22

*...all things were created by him and for him. Col.1:16b

*... God created man in his own image... male and female he created them. Gen.1:27

* "God is love..." 1John 4:8

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart...soul,...mind (and strength). This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. Matt.22:36-39/Mark 12:30

* (and God said)... *be holy because I am holy*... (that means, be completely pure and good, like God is). 1Pet.1:16

*(Also)...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. 1Cor. 10:31

HERE IS THE RESULTING SITUATION

The following Bible verses tell us about the several stages of God's judgment (the punishment-consequences) that are the results of our sin problem:

Stage 1a - Earthly consequences:

*... your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you...Isaiah 59:2

*The earth is defiled by its people; they have disobeyed the laws, violated the statutes and broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore a curse consumes the earth; its people must bear their guilt. Isaiah 24:5,6 (The sin-curse is the reason for random disasters, diseases, and decay in this world, as well as the man-made problems of life, and also stages 1b and 2 below)

Stage 1b - (the conclusion of the stage 1 earthly consequences):

*... the wages of sin is death... Rom.6:23a *...it is appointed (for people) to die once and after this comes judgment. Heb.9:27

Stage 2 - Eternity consequences:

*God is JUST (and in His justice)... They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord... 2Thss.1:6,7b-10

HERE IS WHAT WENT WRONG WITH THAT

The following Bible verses tell us about what sin is:

**All wrongdoing is sin....*(and), *Everyone who sins breaks* (God's) *law; in fact sin is lawlessness ...* 1Jn. 5:17 and 3:4

Q? - Are you familiar with God's 10 main Commandment Laws (along with the 2 Great Love Commands)? (Here's a Review) 1.Have no other gods (always put God first); 2.No idols (no praying to or trusting religious statues or charms); 3.No misuse of God's name; 4.Honor God every week with a Sabbath day; 5.Honor parents; 6.No murder (or malicious anger or hatred); 7.No adultery (or lusting or fornication); 8.No stealing; 9.No slander (or lie-ing); 10.No coveting (malicious envy). **Q?-Have you always kept these?**

Q? - Would you be considered guilty or not guilty at God's judgment time? According to the Bible, God's standard for acceptance is perfect goodness: *...whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. James 2:1 (that is because God is completely Holy and cannot allow for any sin at all)

The Bible declares that sin is a universal human problem, and explains why:

*...*through* (the first) *man sin entered into the world*... (and corrupted human nature, which was passed down to all, so that now)...*all have sinned*... *there is no one righteous, not even one*. Rom. 5:12;and 3:10,23

*For out of the heart comes evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what make (a person) unclean...Matt.15:19,20

HERE IS GOD'S SOLUTION & REQUIREMENT

The following Bible verses tell us about what makes our salvation from sin's eternal punishment possible:...when the kindness and love of God our savior appeared, He saved us not on the basis of righteous things we have done, but according to his mercy...through Jesus Christ our Savior. Titus 3:4-6 Jesus revealed to us the mystery that God is actually **3 persons within one being, whom He identified as The Father, The Son (Jesus himself), and the Holy Spirit. All 3 are eternally united and acting together as the one true God. Matt.28:19; Jesus instructed us to: <u>"Repent</u>, and <u>believe in the Gospel</u>." Mark 1:15 The gospel is the Good News that: *God demonstrated His own love towards us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans .5:8**

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the (cross)...Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. 1Pet.2:24 & 3:18

The Bible gives us multiple eye-witness testimonies about how Jesus rose from the dead to prove that He is the one to believe in!

*...the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.... it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.Rom.6:23 & Eph.2:8,9 *... to all who received him (Jesus Christ), to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God... born of (God's) Spirit. John 1:10-12; and 3:8 *Therefore if anyone is in Christ, (they are) a new creation (reconciled to God)-2Cor.5:17,18

*Anyone who **trusts** in Him will never be put to shame...for everyone who **calls** on the name of the Lord (Jesus Christ) will be saved. Rom.10:11,13