God and Sinners Reconciled

Luk 2:8-11 ESV And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the **people.** 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a **Savior**, who is **Christ** the **Lord**.

1Jn 3:8 ESVThe reason the Son of God appeared was to **destroy the works of the devil**

Sin Separates us from God

Isa 59:2 - But your **iniquities** have made a **separation** between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

Rom 8:7 ESV For the mind that is set on the flesh is **hostile** to God, for it **does not submit** to God's law; indeed, **it cannot**.

Sin Corrupted Creation

Rom 8:19-22 ESV For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

Why Did Jesus Come Into the World?

1Ti 1:15-16 ESV The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. 16 But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

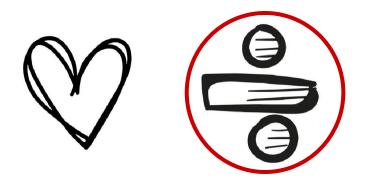
Reconciliation

Col 1:19-23 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. 21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

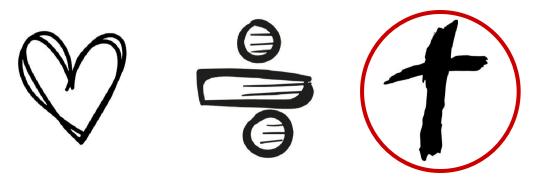
22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.



God Loves Me Psa 100:5 - For the Lord is <u>good</u>; his <u>steadfast love</u> endures forever.



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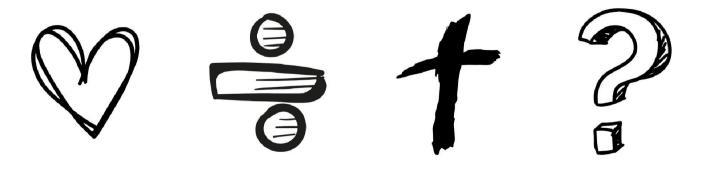
Jesus Rescues Me

Rom 5:8 But God shows his <u>love</u> for us in that <u>while we were still sinners, Christ</u> <u>died for us.</u>



Will I Trust Jesus?

Rom 10:9 If you <u>confess</u> with your mouth that <u>Jesus is Lord</u> and <u>believe</u> in your heart that <u>God raised him from the dead</u>, you will be saved.



This is what Christmas is all about! This is God & Sinners Reconciled