

DAY'S IDEA: WHO IS GOD?

1. Creator. All powerful.
2. Creation marvellous: God all-wise
3. Knows everything about His creation: All-knowing
4. All-present
5. Before everything (eternal)

We can know some things about God by what He has made: He exists, powerful, wise,

Things God must reveal about Himself (we can't know by observing) through His Word

(Inspired men to write it)

- 1) God is triune (Explain Trinity)
2. God is Holy (a) Very far above and greater than His creation (not part of it) King on throne.  
(b) Perfect, all-good, pure, no evil (hates it infinitely). Hab. 1:13
3. God gives laws to tell us what is right and wrong. (Things God Himself would do or not do) Laws based on who He is - holy. Only God knows and can say what is right and wrong. Man not fit to say because we do wrong ourselves.

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 11:36a

### DAY'S IDEA WHO IS MAN?

1. Special creation - in image of God (thinks, feels, makes choices, creates, moral sense)
2. Created to know God (explain relationship) and worship Him (praise, thanks, esteem) -)
3. Created to love God - to show love by obeying God's Laws.
4. Created to spend eternity with God, ETERNAL LIFE
5. First man and woman blessed by God with ideal world.(Garden of Eden)
6. A and E created righteous. Knew God was holy. Knew they were created to be holy too.

Read Genesis 2:15-17. Man (Adam and Eve) can make choice: obey this law or not. Will they love God and honor Him and show thanks for all He'd done for them?

If they obey they will do the right thing and continue to be righteous. If they disobey, they'll become unrighteous. Righteousness is to obey God's laws

If they disobey they will die. (1) Body dies -physical death (God intended they live, be w/ Him forever. ETERNAL LIFE)

(2) Spirit dies (Spiritual death)

Your spirit is that part of you that is eternal: who you are apart from your body, that gives life to your body. Emotions, mind, personality. Exists even if body dies.

Spiritual life: relationship with God because you are righteous: this is how A and E were when they were created.

Spiritual death: separation from God now - and for eternity in a place of punishment: ETERNAL DEATH. No relationship. God's enemy. Also: spiritually dead no longer able to obey God. Therefore always unrighteous

Did man do what God created him for? Genesis 3:1-6.

Consequences: man ashamed (v.7) Hide from God (v.8) Wouldn't admit sin (v.9-13) NO MORE RELATIONSHIP. Man unrighteous. Man and woman now spiritually dead - afraid of God, ashamed. Committed one disobedience - then right away others.

Bible calls disobedience to God's commandments SIN

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God put A and E out of Garden. Life tough. Death, sickness, hunger, pain now in world for all their descendants. 7.5 billion people on earth today.

Does everybody die? If sin brings death, and everyone dies, that means everybody-----? Sins!

Everybody unrighteous. Everybody spiritually dead. Nobody has relationship with God. Nobody wants to obey God or can obey God because spiritually dead people are unable to. Often don't know what's right/wrong.

Terrible!. But there is hope, and you're here at Kamp to learn how you can be made righteous with God, have a relationship w/ Him and have eternal life.

MEMORY VERSE; Romans 3:23

## DAY'S IDEA: MAN'S NEED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

Review yesterday's lesson

Why God so hard on A and E? Holy, perfect, pure, all-good, therefore must hate even one sin - infinitely. Can't tolerate - or else not holy, not righteous.

God must judge sin. (Explain judging ). Man (sinner) still judges crimes or offenses

- how much more God? If God didn't judge, wouldn't be holy - be condoning sin.

As judge God must punish sin - eternally ( because He's eternal God.)

All sin - all face God's judgment and eternal punishment (Eternal Death). To have Eternal Life (in heaven forever with God) you must be as righteous as God. Not even one sin (perfect).

Can we do that? No! We're spiritually dead. Only one can be this is God Himself.

Who's heard the word *substitute*? ( Define it ). Since we can't be perfectly righteous as God wants, God was righteous for us, in our place, *as our substitute*.

Instead of us being judged, and guilty, and condemned to eternal death, God was judged and died in our place, *as our substitute*

But: you can't judge God - He can't do anything wrong! God can't die!

Suppose: God came to earth, born as human (while still also being fully God,) and lived perfect sinless life.

How can He be full man and full God at same time? Mystery, but God all-powerful, all-wise. Can do things we can't understand.

Suppose He took the judgment of death for us and died in our place as our substitute. Took on our guilt and punishment due us.

Remember God is trinity? God the Father sent God the Son to be born on earth, fully human *to be our substitute*. We know Him as Jesus Christ.

Jesus lived a perfect sinless life for us, and died for our sins on the cross so that we could be found righteous and be given eternal life..DESCRIBE CRUCIFIXION

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Why did God the Father do this? Romans 5: 8 (pg. 128) God loved us. Didn't want us to suffer Eternal Death (remember: *must judge*). Only way for us to have eternal life: God the Father sends God the Son to be righteous for us and to die as payment for our sins.

Jesus didn't stay dead, but rose . Remember: died for *our* sins - He was sinless, didn't deserve death. Ascended back to heaven,

MEMORY VERSE 2 Corinthians 5:12

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### DAY'S IDEA: RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH

Review what God's done for us to make us righteous,  
But: no good to us unless we do something.

PAD WITH QUESTIONS: do you understand?

- Everybody is a sinner (including yourself?)
- Your sins are against God personally?
- God will judge and punish you for your sins eternally?
- You need to be as righteous as God Himself to have eternal life?
- God has to be righteous for you - only one who can meet His own demand for righteousness?
- Jesus Christ \*God the Son) came to be your substitute - to live a perfect sinless life for you and be judged in your place?
- That you must trust Him and what He did for you to have eternal life?

If you understand these things - feel them in your heart - want Jesus to be your Savior, then you can ask Him to forgive you for your sins, and be your Savior and give you the gift of eternal life. And He will give it to you.

This is called FAITH (trust, depend upon). You are saved from eternal death by FAITH in Jesus. He becomes your SAVIOR - saves you from eternal death. You'll be a CHRISTIAN - one of Christ's very own followers. Belong to Him. MOST IMPORTANT DECISION YOU'LL EVER MAKE.

Romans 3:22 (pg 127) Kids recite it. Romans 6:23 and recite.  
Note: Free gift - to get gift you don't do anything, just ask (simple prayer - counselors will help you, answer your questions)

Remember - we are God's enemies? No peace between enemies.  
Romans 5:1 Recite.

A and E, before sin, had relationship but lost it with one sin. When we're saved - relationship restored. Can't lose it. If a Christian sins, he/she just asks God for forgiveness. 1 John 1:8-10 (pg 209) Be forgiven because all our sins paid for by Jesus on cross.

Christian has ETERNAL LIFE - can't lose it. Romans 8:35-39 Read it, kids follow, explain

MEMORY VERSE: John 3:16

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## DAY'S IDEA: JESUS MUST BE LORD

Remember: spiritually dead people can't obey God. Dead to what God wants.

A and E: moment they sinned - spiritually dead. Committed many sins in years after. Their son Cain did worse sins - a murderer. Started his own anti-God tribe.

Jesus makes Christians spiritually alive: can now love God, learn to obey Him, please Him.

He gives them each God the Holy Spirit (remember Trinity?) to live within them.

H.S helps Christians to obey and love God. (We're too weak, need God's help)

Things spiritually dead people do. Galatians 5:19-21. (pg 161) Note: They won't get into the kingdom of God - no eternal life, only judgment and punishment.

But: if Jesus your savior, and w/ Holy Spirit in your heart, these are things you can do: 5:22,23. What spiritually alive people do. So different from list of sins.

Note: no law against such things. God *doesn't* say: you shall not be gentle, you shall not be kind! He *does* say, Be gentle, be kind. When you do these things - you are obeying God. You are being **RIGHTEOUS**. You are keeping His commandments *because you're now spiritually alive.*

Note: 1st 3 fruit: love, joy, peace. Disobeying God doesn't bring these things: only fear, guilt, shame - and more sin. Remember: that's what happened to A and E when they sinned - no different w/ us today. (Conscience)

A and E had choice: who'd be Lord in their lives - God or themselves. (Lord = authority, ruler, boss, the king, the one you obey). A and E could do what God wanted, make Him their Lord or,

Do what they wanted: be their own Lord. They chose to be their own Lord - look what happened.

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Spiritually dead people are Lord of their own lives: don't want Jesus to be their Lord. Like doing what they want - and so sin. Love sin! Why world so bad today? 7.5 billion people wanting to be their own Lord.

Spiritually alive people make Jesus their Lord - and want to obey Him. Grateful because He saved them from ETERNAL DEATH.

How do we learn to obey Jesus more and more? How do we learn what He wants?

(1) Prayer. Talking to God. Confess sins. Ask for help. Share your life - fears, joys,

You now have a RELATIONSHIP with God.

Also: you're God's child. God has adopted you, and the HS helps us to see God as our Father. God our Father wants us to talk to Him, our prayers please Him.

(2) Bible - reading it you learn who God is, what He wants you to do. Go to SS, go to kid's club. Paul, Tim will teach you.

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 8:16