



Revival Gathering: Hosted by New Life Fellowship

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God First Seeks Us

- ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost” (Luke 19:10)
- A tent revival in Antigo, WI

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The Parable of the Lost Sheep

- So he told them this parable: ⁴ “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ (Luke 15:3-6)
- A grocery store owner in Walworth, WI

We Then Seek God

- ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for peace and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. ¹² Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. ¹³ ***You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.***

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (ESV)

- My testimony
- A church in Fort Atkinson, WI

Historical Revivals

- Solomon Stoddard and five spiritual “Harvests” during 1679-1719
- Jonathan Edwards and The Great Awakening in the 1730s-1740s
- Methodist camp meetings in the 1800s
- Welch Revival during 1904-1906
- The Jesus Movement (“Jesus Freaks”) in the 1960s-1970s
- Asbury University Revival in 2023

The Problem: Human Sinfulness

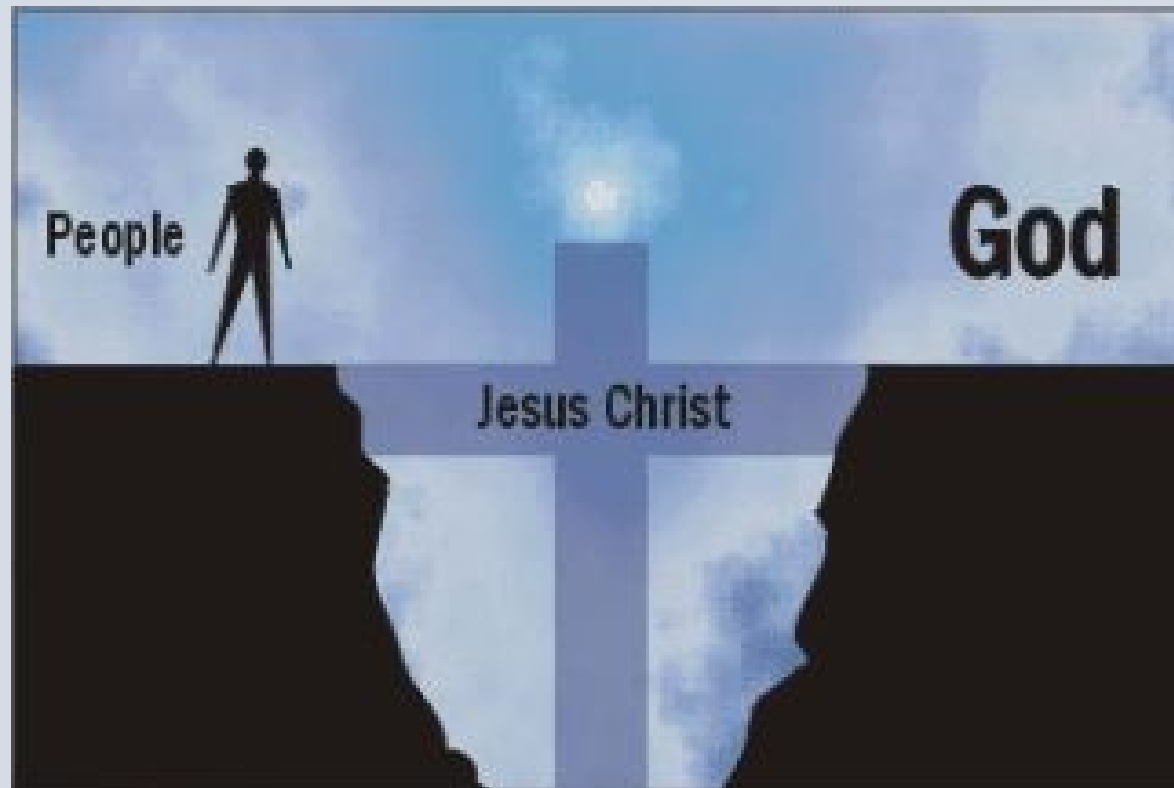
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God's Solution

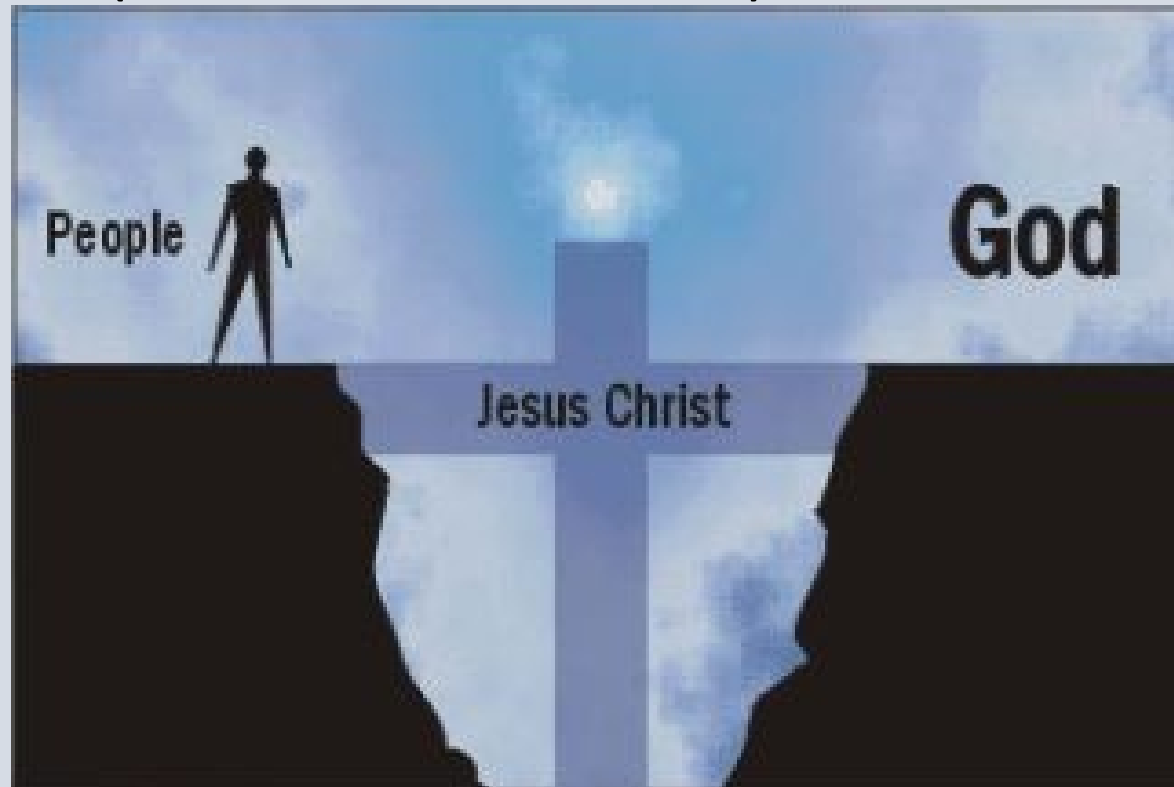
¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 (ESV)



God's Solution

- ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. (Romans 3:23-25 ESV)



Salvation is by God's Grace, not by Our Works

- ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:8-10 ESV)

Who is this Jesus?

- ²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”
- Like Thomas, will you take the leap of faith and believe in Jesus?
- “Awakening”

Already a Believer?

- ³ I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. ⁴ But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. (Revelation 2:3-4)
- ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. (Matthew 13:8)
- “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit in me”
(Psalm 51:10)
- Will you take this time to re-commit your life to Jesus Christ?
- “Revival”

“The Romans Road” to Salvation

- 1. The Human Problem** (Romans 3:10, 3:23, 6:23): God created human beings to be in a relationship with Him; however, our sinfulness (we all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God) separates us from God, who is holy.
- 2. Humanity’s Hope in Christ** (Romans 5:8): God’s only Son, Jesus Christ, died for us on the cross while we were still sinners, thus paying the price for our sins and enabling us to be reconciled to God
- 3. The Sinner’s Response** (Romans 10:9-10, 10:13): Call out to Jesus, inviting Him into your heart by accepting Him as Lord and Savior of your life
- 4. The Result of Salvation** (Romans 5:1-2, 8:1): Through faith in Jesus Christ, sinners can enjoy peace with God, no longer being separated from God by sin.

Drawing Closer to God

- **Acknowledge:** God, I know that I am a sinner and that the wages of sin are death.
- **Believe:** I believe that you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, as a payment for my punishment.
- **Commit:** I declare that Jesus is my Lord and profess my faith for salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- **Give Thanks:** Thank you for your grace, forgiveness, peace, and gift of eternal life. Amen!

A Time for . . .

Reflection

Prayer

Commitment

Let Us Pray

