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Experience the Cross

Week 5: Jesus





Summary

- From Mary the Mother of Jesus we learned :
 - **God has a plan for our lives**
 - **He can be trusted**
- From Peter and Judas we learned:
 - **Our lives can change**
 - **Repentance leads to salvation**

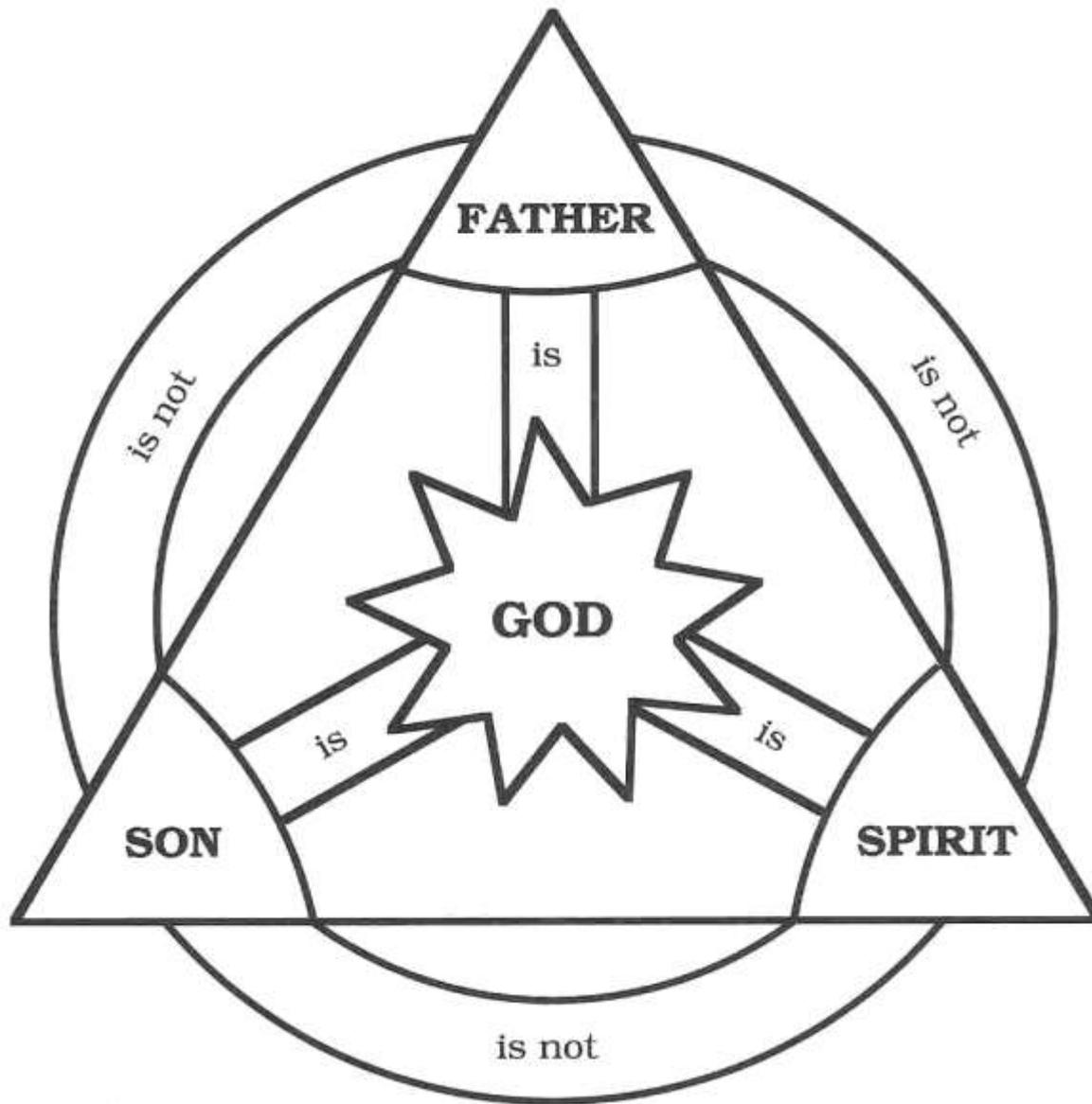
Summary

- From the thieves we learned
 - **Jesus Changes hearts**
 - **The grace of God is a gift not a wage**
 - **When God seems dead, He has a plan**
- From Mary Magdalene we learned
 - **If God says it, He'll do it**
 - **Jesus' resurrection is our assurance of faith**
 - **Through belief in Jesus we can have eternal life**

3 Truths

1. There is one living and true God, who eternally exists in three persons that are equal in every divine perfection. We refer to this as the “Trinity”. (*Mt. 28:18-19, Jn. 1:1-4, 1 Jn. 5:7*)





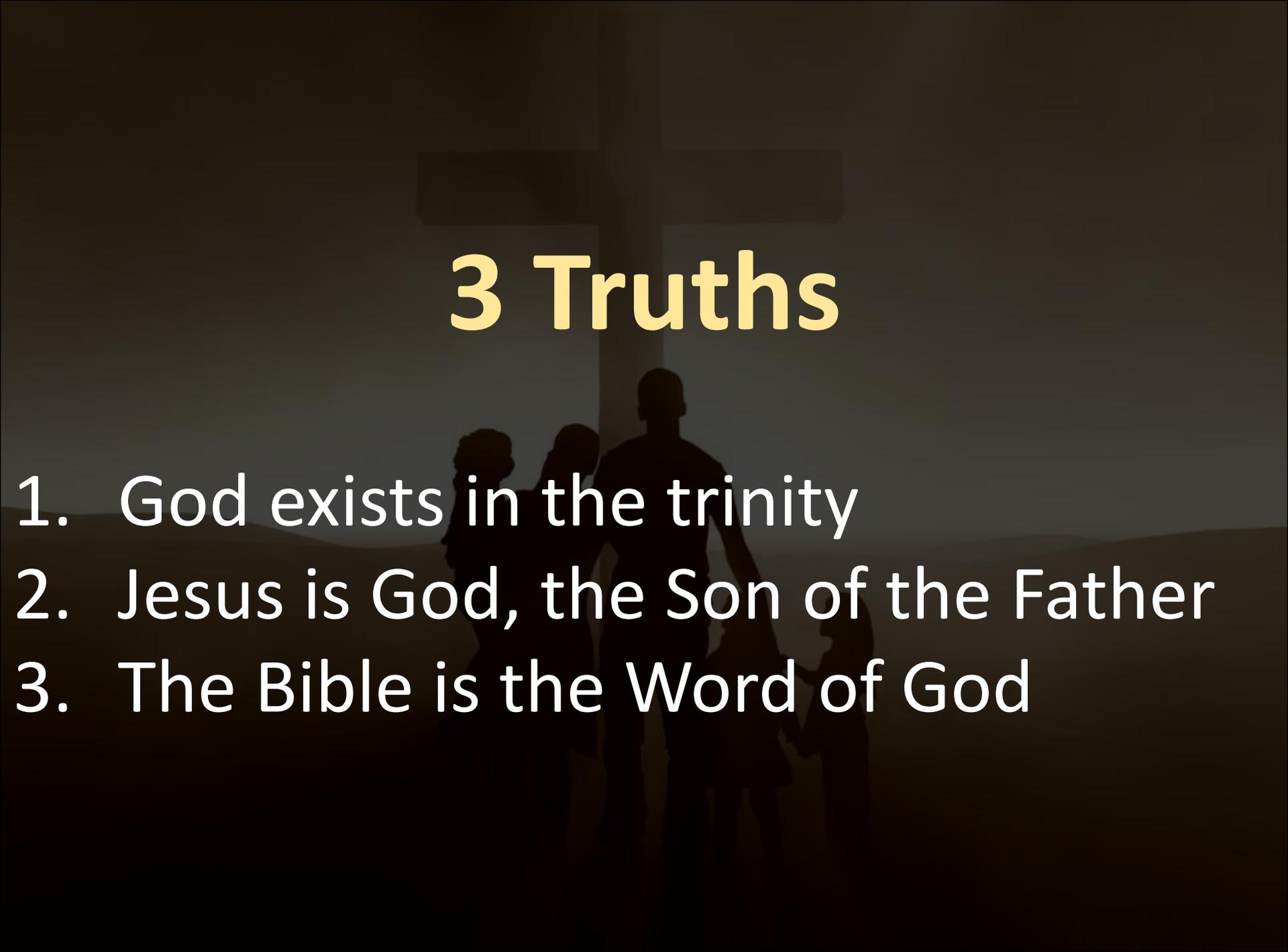
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2. Jesus is God, the only begotten son of the Father conceived by the Holy Spirit. He took on human flesh, was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, and died for the sins of the world. He then rose again in the flesh and ascended to heaven. (*Is. 7:14, Jn. 1:14, Phil. 2:5-11, 1 Thess. 4:16-17, Heb. 1:2-3, 1 Jn. 1:7*)

3 Truths

3. The Bible is the Word of God. It is fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts and written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. (*1 Jn. 17:17, Rom. 15:4, 2 Tim. 3:16-17, 2 Pet. 1:19-21*)

3 Truths

A silhouette of a family of four (a man, a woman, and two children) standing in front of a large cross against a bright, hazy background. The family is positioned in the lower half of the frame, with the man in the center, the woman to his left, and two children in front of them. The cross is a simple, dark silhouette centered in the upper half of the frame. The background is a gradient from dark at the bottom to light at the top, suggesting a sunrise or sunset over a landscape.

1. God exists in the trinity
2. Jesus is God, the Son of the Father
3. The Bible is the Word of God

Genesis 1:26-28 (NKJV)

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Romans 5:12

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

Romans 3:23

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Genesis 3:14-15 (NKJV)

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent:

“Because you have done this, You *are* cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.

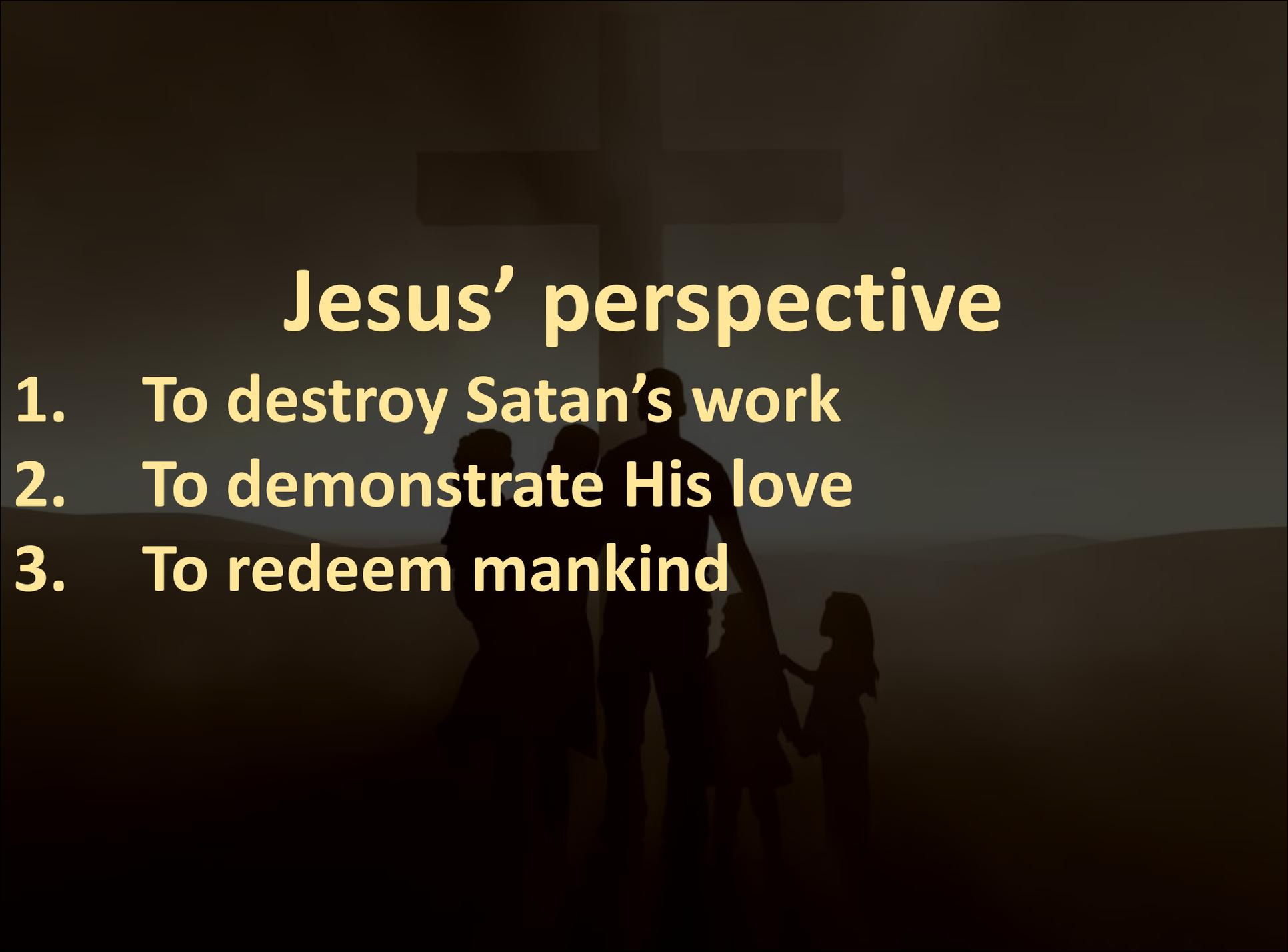
¹⁵ And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise
His heel.”

1 John 3:8 (NIV)

⁸ The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

John 3:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.



Jesus' perspective

1. To destroy Satan's work
2. To demonstrate His love
3. To redeem mankind

The Old Testament

- **God established the law to show us our need for redemption** (Romans 10:4, Galatians 3:19-25)
- **He established sacrifices to show us the cost** (Hebrews 9:22, Psalm 49:7-8)
- **Jesus was the perfect sacrifice** (2 Corinthians 5:21, Hebrews 7:27)
- **Old Testament prophecy is constantly pointing to Jesus** (Isaiah 52, Psalm 22)

Ephesians 1:7-10 (NIV)

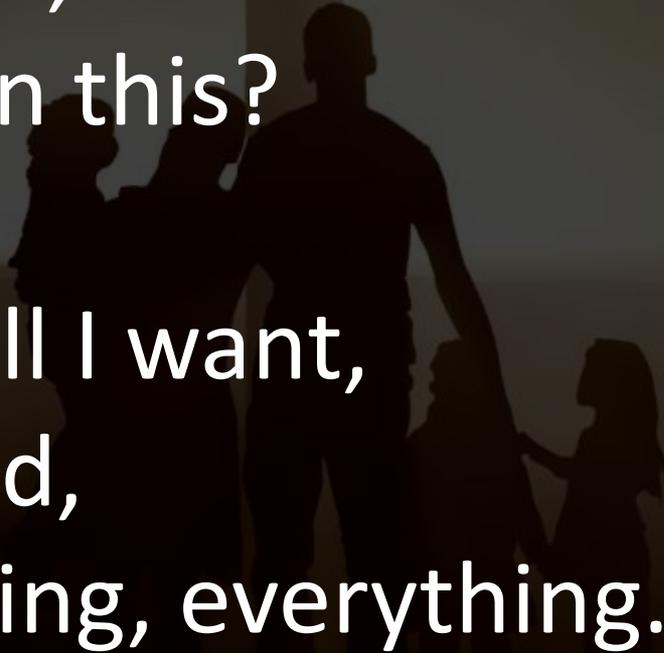
⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

Jesus' perspective

1. To destroy Satan's work
2. To demonstrate His love
3. To redeem mankind
4. To bring us back into unity with God
5. To demonstrate God's Justice
6. To demonstrate God's righteousness
7. To prove God's Word and His promises

“And how can I stand here with you,
And not be moved by you?
Would you tell me,
How could it be,
Any better than this?”

Cause you're all I want,
You're all I need,
You're everything, everything.

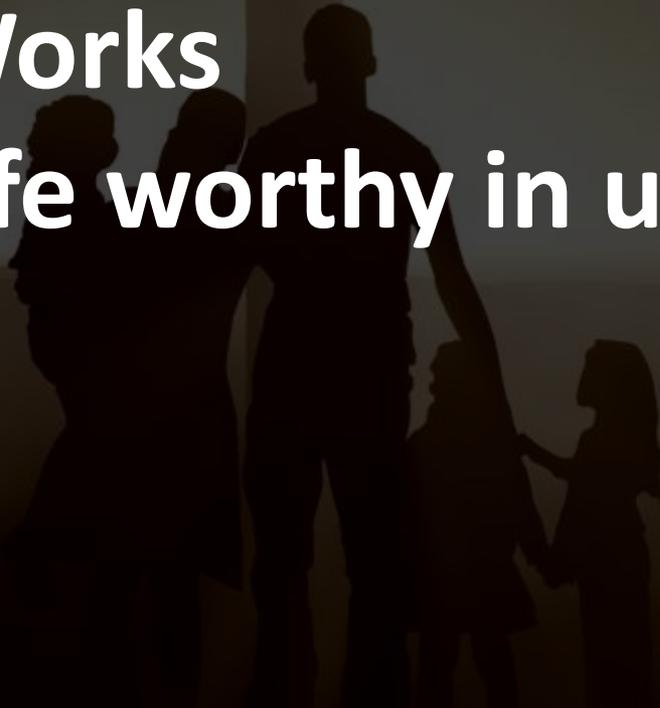


Our Response

- **Ephesians 2:10** ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
- **Ephesians 4:1-3** As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Our Response

1. Good Works
2. Live a life worthy in unity

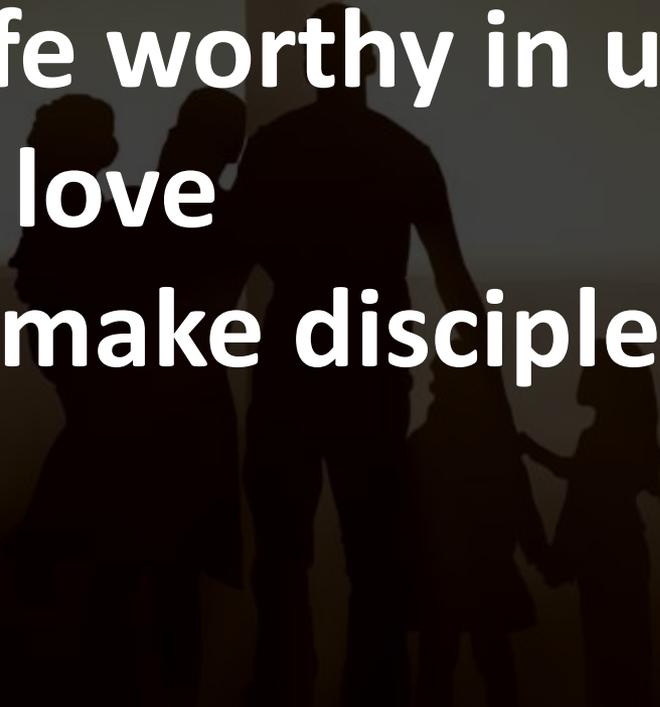


Our Response

- **Ephesians 5:1-2** “¹ Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
- **Matthew 28:19** “¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Our Response

1. Good Works
2. Live a life worthy in unity
3. Walk in love
4. Go and make disciples



Questions

1. Is there a good work God is leading you to do for someone?
 2. Is there a relationship that you need to seek unity in?
 3. Is there a person God is calling you to love?
 4. Is there a person God is leading you to share the gospel with?
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