# GRACE TO GLORY



# **GOD'S PERFECT DESIGN**



The Bible tells us that in the beginning, God created everything, and He made it perfect. He loved Adam and Eve and put them in charge to take care of a garden. God planned for a close personal relationship with the people He made and wanted them to enjoy everything, but follow one rule:

Don't eat fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

#### THE BIBLE SAYS:

"God saw all that He had made, and it was very good" (Genesis 1:31)

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims the work of His hands" (Psalm 19:1)

# SIN

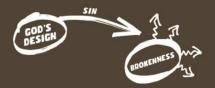


Adam & Eve disobeyed, breaking God's one rule. They ate from the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil and they tried hiding from God. The world was not perfect anymore. When people disobey God, it's called sin. Sadly, sin separated Adam and Eve from God and caused a great divide for the rest of humanity. They had to leave the garden and live in a broken world where they could get sick, hurt and would one day die.

### THE BIBLE SAYS:

"They exchanged the truth of God for a lie & worshiped and served something created instead of the Creator" (Romans 1:25)

# **BROKENESS**



Sin broke God's beautiful plan for us and separated us from God. We experience sin in our own lives, too, when we say and do selfish things that go against the Bible. We *CANNOT* fix our sin problem by doing our best to be good, obey the Bible or go to church. These are all good, but there is only one who can forgive sin.

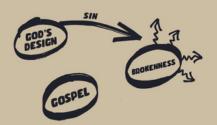
#### THE BIBLE SAYS:

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23)

"For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23)



# **GOSPEL**



Jesus is the only One who can fix our sin problem. God made a way for us to be with Him forever. He sent Jesus, His only Son, to die on the cross and take the punishment for our sins. After three days, God raised Jesus back to life. And He offers us that same kind of forever life. He wants us to receive the grace and forgiveness that leads to Glory with Jesus.

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures... He was buried and raised on the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3–4).

## TRUST & BELIEUE

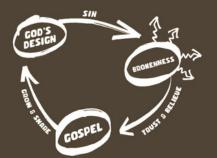
How do we do that? We confess our sins, asking Jesus to be in charge of our life. If we put our trust in Jesus, which involves admitting that we sin and need forgiveness and if we believe that Jesus is Lord and God's Son who died on the cross for our sins and gives us new life, then we have decided to follow Jesus as our King!

#### THE BIBLE SAYS:

"For God loved the world in this way; He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).



# GROW & SHARE



By trusting in Jesus, we draw near to God and cultivate a relationship with Him. We learn His purpose for our lives by reading the Bible, praying, attending church, and seeking guidance from Christians. Even when we make mistakes & go against His teachings, we believe that God will grant us forgiveness. Ultimately, when we die, we anticipate an eternal life with God in Heaven. As Christians, we also have a mission: to spread this Good New, which is the joyful message about Jesus and His forgiveness of our sins.

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TIMOTHY KELLER