

1. Let's say that God is this hand, and the fingers and thumb of the hand represent features of God--what is true about Him.



He has a mind, emotions, a will, He communicates with words, and He creates. In other words, God is personal.

2. God made man in His image.

Man has a mind, emotions, will, communicates with words and creates.



If you hold this hand in front of a mirror, you can see the reflection of it.



If you pull it away, it is still the same as the reflection and image.

God gave man the same features He has, though not exactly the same.

3. God made man in His image because He wanted to have a relationship with the creatures made in His image.

God gave man a will. It was man's responsibility to maintain this relationship by his trust.



4. Man broke this trust, and mankind decided to do what they wanted to do. "We can do better on our own. We don't have to obey."

For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

Man moved away from God-- the source of life.



When anyone moves away from the source of life, it brings death.

5. So man died spiritually, relationally and ultimately physically.

This death operating in man's life brought things never experienced when they had fellowship with God.



All of this demonstrates the fact that man is no longer in relationship with God.

And that relationship is what people are looking for deep down inside.

6. Since man has never been able to extend his physical life significantly, it's foolish to think that he can extend his spiritual life.

Death is something we cannot undo on our own.

7. That leaves God as the only one who can do anything about it.



He sent Jesus down to earth :
He was born
Lived the perfect life
Fulfilled the will of God.

And that was something man could not do on his own.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

8. Jesus voluntarily chose to go to the cross: the place of sin, guilt, shame, fear, suffering, and conflict.

As Jesus died, at His weakest moment, He took all those things on Himself and paid for them.

Before He died, He said,
“It is finished.”
The payment was complete.



The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

9. God was satisfied with Jesus. He won the victory by his death .

God raised Him from the dead, and showed Him to His disciples.

Jesus said, “ I’m the one who can bring you back to the Father; trust me.”



And He returned to heaven to wait for our choice.

If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

10. God will always honor the choice that we make.

He wants us to trust His son for that reunion with God and a relationship with Christ that begins now.

Truly, truly I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. John 5:24



The gospel is in your hands.
Make sure it is in your heart.
Trust Him for your salvation.

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