

**I. WE ARE A NEEDY PEOPLE**

- A. We are a needy people. We all have needs of various types. In order to live life successfully on the earth these needs must be fulfilled in some way.
- B. Our needs are meant to find their greatest fulfillment in our relationship with God.
- C. When Adam, the first man was created, and he needed life, God breathed into his lungs the breath of life. When Adam needed a job to have an impact in life, God told him to name the animals and tend the Garden of Eden. When Adam needed a wife, a life partner, God gave him Eve, made from one of Adam's ribs.
- D. We all have needs.
  - 1. When we are sick and broken in our body, we need a doctor.
  - 2. When our teeth are bad, we need a dentist.
  - 3. When our car is broken, we need a mechanic.
  - 4. When our soul is broken, we need a counselor, a minister.
- E. Jesus' ministry in his first coming on the earth was to meet God's greatest need and man's greatest need in the same moment.
- F. Jesus, the Second Adam, labored on behalf of God and for you and I, to cover and minister to our greatest need – reconciliation with God.
- G. Friends I am here today to face us with our greatest need. It doesn't mean our other needs don't count, it means that if we face this most important need first, God promises that so many of our other needs will find reconciliation as well.
- H. Our greatest need is for reconciliation with God. God wants our relationship with Him restored. And there is only one way that can happen.

**II. THE PROBLEM WITH SIN**

*“Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, 17 Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow. 18 “Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. Isa. 1: 16-20*

*6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Isa. 53:6*

### III. THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN

*<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Rom. 3:23*

*23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom. 6:23*

### IV. GOD'S REMEDY FOR SIN – THE MAN HE SENT - JESUS

*Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men...He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. 3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. 4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken...10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. 11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors. Isa. 52:13 – 53:12*

*45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45*

### V. THE EVENT GOD PLANNED – THE CROSS

*14 Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” 15 But they cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar!” 16 Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. Then they took Jesus and led Him away. 17 And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, 18 where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. 19 Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: 20 Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. 21 Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘He said, “I am the King of the Jews.” ’ ” 22 Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.” 23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. 24 They said therefore among themselves, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be,” that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: “They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.” Therefore the soldiers did these things. Jn. 19:14-24*

**VI. GOD'S REPOSNSE**

*7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1Jn. 1:7-9*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: 3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, 4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, 5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Ps. 103:3-5*