

THE CARPENTER SERIES

101 - BUILDING YOUR FAITH

Lesson 1 – Salvation _____

Building Our Lives to be More Like Jesus

The Design

What on earth am I here for? What's the reason for my existence?

Genesis 1:26a Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..."

Revelation 4:11 (KJV) Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Our purpose is to bring God _____.

1. Connect to _____.

Mark 12:30 'And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment.

2. Connect to _____.

Mark 12:31 And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.

3. Connect to your _____.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

God has a destiny, purpose, and strategic plan for your _____. The devil has a strategic plan for your _____.

At Living Faith Fellowship, we want to make a lasting difference in your life, in our community, and in the world.

How do we go about that?

Our Mission Statement is, "To make devoted followers of Jesus in community, empowered by the Holy Spirit."

Living Faith Fellowship is a great place to find your faith, _____ your faith, and share your faith.

God wants you to KNOW what He has given you!

Hosea 4:6a My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

We want to help you know and daily experience the Lord Jesus Christ in a living, personal, intimate way. We want you to know _____ you believe and _____ you believe it. We want you to be able to articulate that belief – then _____ your beliefs and convictions.

Bible = absolute _____, the standard

We need to know what it says! The Word is designed to confront you, challenge you, and _____ you.

The Foundation

Luke 6:47-49 Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them,...⁴⁸ He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.⁴⁹ But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.

The Cost

Why did Jesus have to die? To _____ us to God.

To know Jesus, we must understand there is a big problem.

- 1) God is holy and perfect.
- 2) We are sinners and fall short of His holiness.

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

- 3) Jesus makes it possible for us to be restored to God.

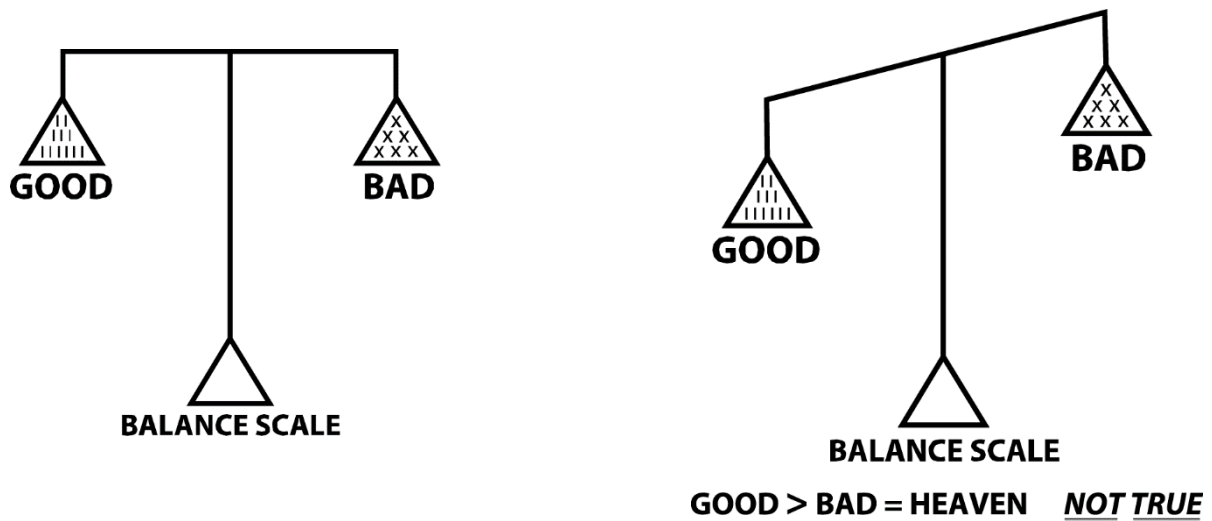
The problem = _____

The answer = _____

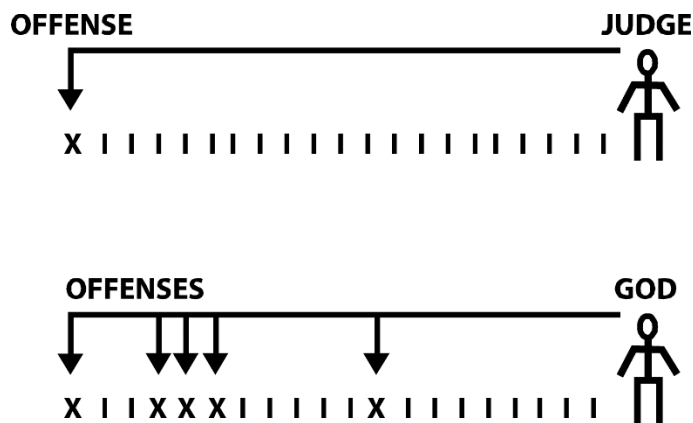
His death:

- 1) Became man (*John 1:14; Philippians 2:7*)
- 2) Sweat drops of blood; "Take this cup from Me, not My will, but Yours be done" (*Luke 22:42, 44 NIV*); soldiers came, betrayed by Judas, disciples ran away (*Mark 14:43, 50*)
- 3) Covered head, hit, mocked, spat on (*Matthew 26:67; Luke 22:63-64*)
- 4) Scourged (*John 19:1*): 12 straps, pieces of bone, metal, etc. $12 \times 39 = 468$ lashes
- 5) Crown of thorns (*John 19:2*)
- 6) Carried His own cross (*John 19:17*)
- 7) Nailed to the cross - had to struggle to breathe (*Matthew 27:35 NLT*)
- 8) His appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and His form marred beyond human likeness (*Isaiah 52:14 NIV*): not who but what is on that cross?
- 9) "Eli, Eli lama sabachthani" (*Matthew 27:46*); total eclipse (*Luke 23:44*); earthquake (*Matthew 27:51*)
- 10) Jesus says, "It is finished." (*John 19:30*)

Balance Scale Illustration:



Bank Robber Illustration:



The _____ for sin is death.

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

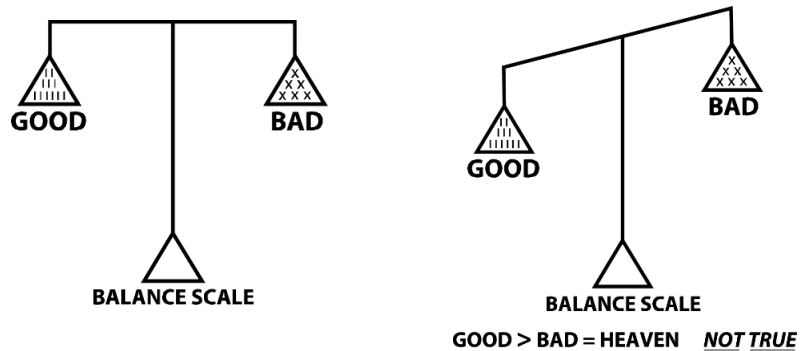
_____ people don't go to Heaven, _____ people do.

Jesus had to die to pay the penalty for sin. Once you _____ receive what He did for you, the penalty is paid and you are _____.
"It is _____."

ADDITIONAL BUILDING MATERIALS

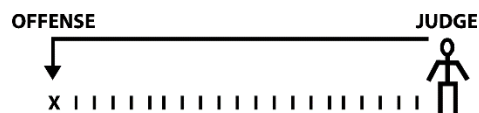
Bank Robber Illustration

1. Why did Jesus have to die?
2. Why didn't He just... (i.e., do miracles, tell people to believe in Him and then go back to heaven)?
3. Why was His death so important? (*Exodus 12:13; Isaiah 53; John 1:29; Romans 5:12-17; Hebrews 9*)
4. Explain in detail His death.
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5. Show Balance Scale Illustration, emphasizing wrong mentality of works. (*Romans 3:20, 23; Galatians 2:16, 21*)



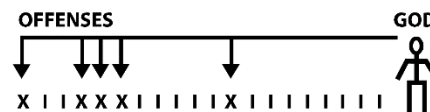
Show Bank Robber Illustration emphasizing:

- 1) Offense - can't be overlooked
- 2) Penalty
- 3) Penalty = 20 years
- 4) When penalty paid = free



Then show God as Judge with our lives:

- 1) Offense - can't be overlooked
- 2) Penalty
- 3) Penalty = Death (*Romans 6:23*)
- 4) When penalty paid = free



6. Therefore, either you pay the penalty in hell or Jesus pays it; you should be on the cross but Jesus took it for you. (*Romans 5:6-9; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 2:9; Revelation 20:15*)
7. Emphasize the freedom from guilt. (*Psalms 103:10-12; Colossians 1:19-21; Hebrews 9:11-15 MSG, 10:22; 1 John 1:9*)
8. Million Dollar Illustration - free for all but only those who receive it benefit from it; same with Jesus and His death. You must accept Him into your life. (*John 1:12 NLT; Romans 5:18*)
9. Therefore Jesus had to die to pay the penalty for sin. Once you personally receive what He did for you, the penalty is paid and you are free. "It is finished." (*John 3:16, 19:30; Acts 10:43 NLT; Romans 8:2; 1 John 4:10*)

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RESPONSE TO TRUTH

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Please submit this page to your TA at the end of class. All Response to Truth (RTT) forms will be returned to you at the end of "The Carpenter Series."

1. ___ I understand that God is holy and perfect.
2. ___ I understand that I am a sinner and fall short of His holiness.
3. ___ I understand that the penalty for sin is death.
4. ___ I understand that Jesus paid the penalty for my sin on my behalf when He was crucified.
5. ___ I understand that in order for me to be free from the penalty for my sin, I must personally receive what Christ did for me by dying on the cross.
6. I have: received Christ's payment for my sin for the first time today!
 previously received Christ's payment for my sin, and have rededicated my life to Him today!
 previously received Christ's payment for my sin.
Approximate date: _____
 not yet received Christ's payment for my sin, but I would like to!
 not yet received Christ's payment for my sin, and I am not ready at this time.

7. Do you have any questions about this lesson?

8. What are your overall thoughts about this lesson?

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Date: _____

TA's Name: _____