Truly Great To Know God

1.5 Only Savior

Bible Verse: Acts 4:12

Salvation is found in no one else for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

Proclaim: Apart from the Lord Jesus, there is no salvation.

Truth: As a result of sin, man has become helplessly separated from God. However, Christ Jesus, the Son of God has shed His blood and given His life to redeemed man, and has called all men to reconciliation with God.

Scripture Reference: Genesis 3

Lesson: (1) <u>Man was originally perfect and pure</u> — In the beginning, God created man in His own image. Man was perfect, holy and full of light. Adam and Eve were the first male and female whom God had created. (Genesis 1 and 2)

- (2) Adam and Eve committed sin— Subsequently, Adam and Eve listened to the voice of the evil one (the ancient serpent). They were tempted and did what the Lord God had forbidden them. The evil one was in actual fact the fallen angel. In this way, all men became sinners just like our fore fathers, Adam and Eve, falling short of God's glory. Even a little child has bad thoughts and can tell lies without anyone teaching him to do so. (Genesis 3:1-7)
- (3) Sin caused man's separation from God As a result of sin, Man has become separated from God. The bible tells us that, apart from God there is darkness. Thus when man became separate from God, he lost the original meaning of life and began to experience a sense of darkness and loss. Man's heart experiences a sense of loss and emptiness, like an extinguished candle that is without any light. (John 8:12)
- (4) Man cannot gain salvation by own efforts The apostle Paul stated: "I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out…" Man is unable to deliver himself. Man's own efforts to save himself good deeds, religion, philosophy, etc, have all fallen short. (Romans 7:18-19)
- (5) Only Savior in the world Lord Jesus, the One alone who has never sinned, who had died on the cross for all man, is calling all people to receive God's pardon for sins, so that all can be saved.

 (John 1:29; Hebrews 9:22)

Conclusion: God so loves all people that He sent His only Son Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world. Apart from Christ Jesus, salvation is found in no other way. Instead, from every race, every place and every Nation, all who trust in Jesus can freely receive this salvation.

Prayer/Invitation: Pray that today's truths will be written on our hearts in Lord Jesus' name.

