

TALK NO. 1

GOD'S LOVE



I. The situation in the world today

There is serious disorder in the world today.

- There is war
- There is poverty
- There is murder
- There is social injustice



On a personal level, there is loneliness, depression, fear, insecurity, mistrust, etc.



Everyone agrees that something major is needed to correct the situation in the world.

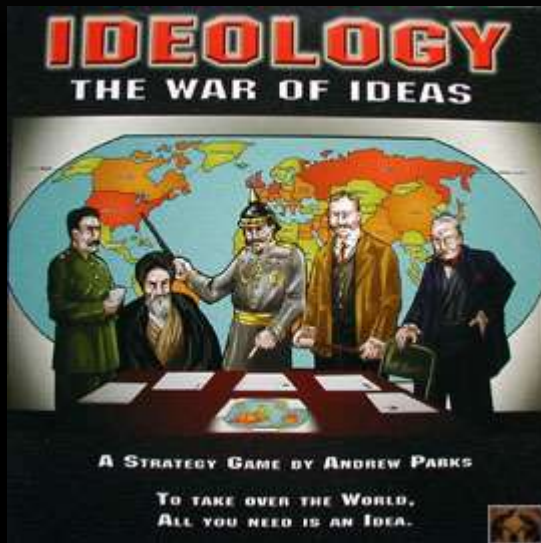
- a. Man has made various efforts to improve the world, but their efforts are not succeeding because these are not based on God's wisdom.



For example:

- In the field of medicine, through the ultrasound technique, we can discover the sex of a child before it is born. But some people use this technology to decide to kill the unborn child if found defective, or if it is not the desired sex
- In food production, we have learned better and more productive ways of increasing the yield of the land. But millions of people are still dying of malnutrition and starvation.

- Some even propose solutions through man made religions and other ideologies. Examples: Marxism, and New Age.



Man is not succeeding because all these efforts are based on man's wisdom.

What is really needed is God's wisdom and ways

Isaiah 55:8-9



⁸ "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD.

⁹ "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

II. What is the way of God?

Does God have a Plan for bringing us out of our confusion and disorder?

Genesis 1:31 - What God creates is good.



³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Genesis 1:27

God created man in His image.

27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.



Genesis 3:8-9

Man is meant for friendship with God.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"





However, things did not turn out according to God's plan. Original sin entered the picture. And from then on, man continued to turn against God and His ways.

But still, even if God punished man, God did not abandon him.

1. God punished Adam and Eve when they sinned, yet God extended to them a gesture of grace: He gave them clothing (Genesis 3:21) and even promised that the offspring of the woman will crush the head of the serpent (Genesis 3:15).



2. God punished Cain for murdering his brother Abel, yet He gave Cain a mark to protect him from being killed on sight (Genesis 4:15).

the world's love says "I love you IF"
but **God's** love says "I love you **EVEN IF**"



God is neither indifferent nor distant. God is someone who loves us and is interested in having a personal relationship with us. He is interested in the details of our daily lives.



**YOU CAN BE BROKEN.
YOU CAN GET UPSET.
BUT YOU MUST ALWAYS
REMEMBER THAT GOD NEVER
LEAVES YOU ALONE.**



Isaiah 48:17



*17 This is what the LORD says—
your Redeemer, the Holy
One of Israel:
“I am the LORD your God,
who teaches you what is best
for you,
who directs you in the
way you should go.*

Jeremiah 29:11

11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Trusting "The Greatest Creator's Plan"

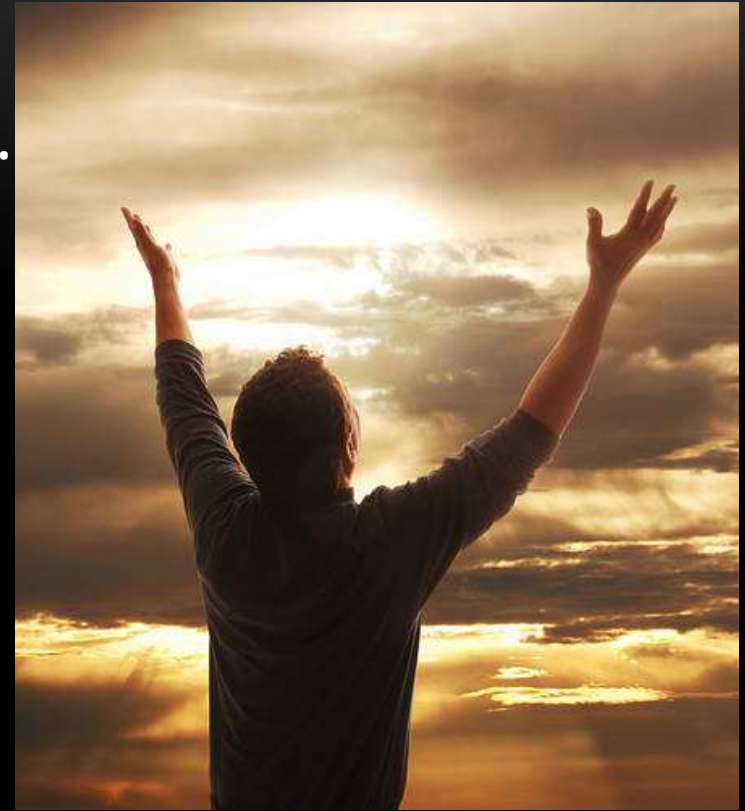
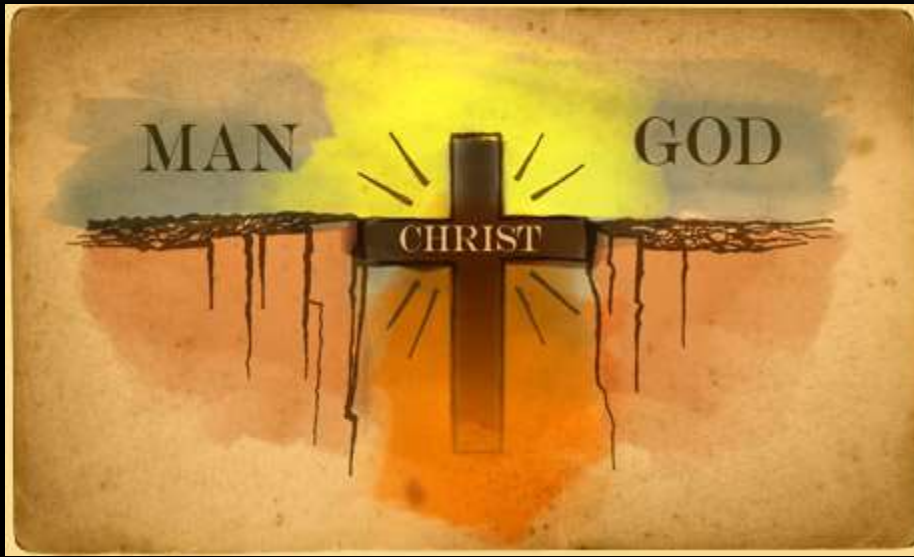


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FOCUS ON
GOD'S
PLAN..

..Not your problems..

In fact, God wants to bring us all back to Himself, to restore our fellowship and intimacy with him.



Ephesians 1:9-10.

⁹ He made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

III. How can God's plan happen?

Again, we need to turn to God's wisdom. We need God's point of view. What does God say about life's realities?

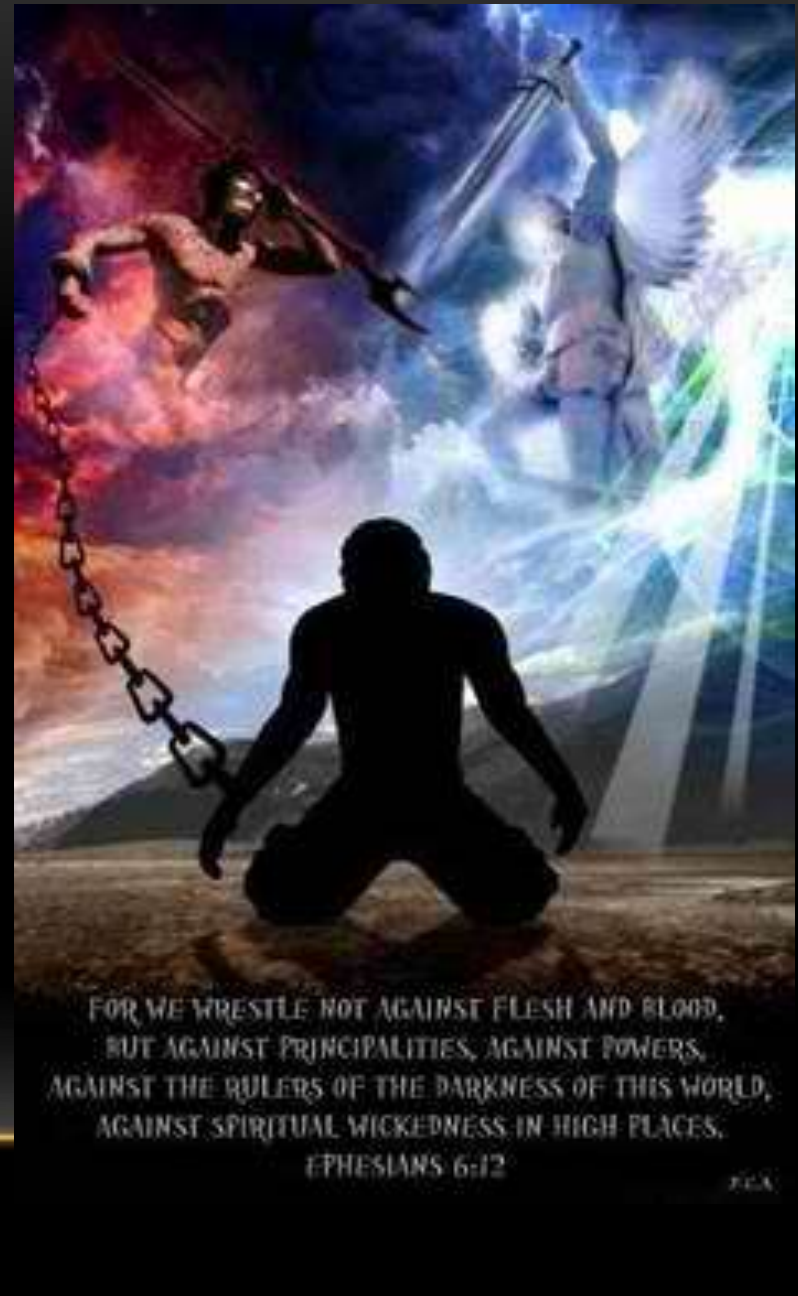


God's love and His plan for me

The Bible tells us about the reality of Satan.

Ephesians 6:12.

¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.



We are not just confronted with particular wrongs in society or in ourselves. Behind all these is something bigger. Satan is orchestrating these evils.

On our own, we cannot overcome the challenges in our Christian life.

God also says that our human efforts apart from Him will prove useless. John 15:5.





So what is the solution?

1. Christ is the answer!

- a. He is a spiritual being more powerful than Satan.**
- a. He is the vine from which we draw life, strength and power.**

In fact, Christ is the
fullness of God's love.
John 3:16.

Thus, in Jesus we
experience the love of
God.

And in Jesus, God's plan
for restoration can
begin to happen.



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IV. What do we need to do?

We need to simply accept Jesus as Lord and Savior.
Romans 10:9.



⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

1. What this means will become clearer as we move on in this CLP.



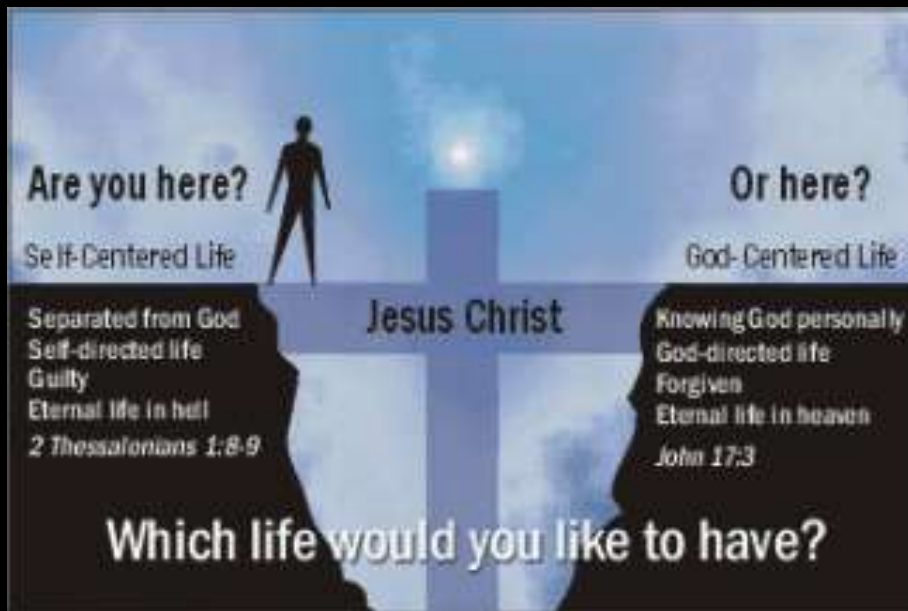
But for now, what is important to know is simply this:

- a. God loves us
- b. God sent Jesus His own Son
- c. In Jesus we are saved and restored to our relationship with God, with the fullness of life He intended

So God has done His part. It is now our move.

The choice is given to each of you.

- Will you continue to investigate how God's plan can work in your life? Will you continue to explore, along with us, how God's love can make a difference in your life?



- Or will you just walk away like the disciples who left Jesus?

I hope that just like
Simon Peter you will say:

**"Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words
of eternal life" (John
6:68).**



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The Challenge

God has loved you with an eternal love. The ultimate manifestation of this love was sending God's own Son to suffer and die for you. Will you open your heart to receive the fullness of His love?

Will you open your mind to explore the richness of God's plan for you through the rest of the Christian Life Program?

If I am to love
and follow Jesus,
I must know
Him.

God's Master Plan Of Love Is Elegantly Simple.
God Will Give You As Much Love As You Are Willing
To Pass On To Other People.



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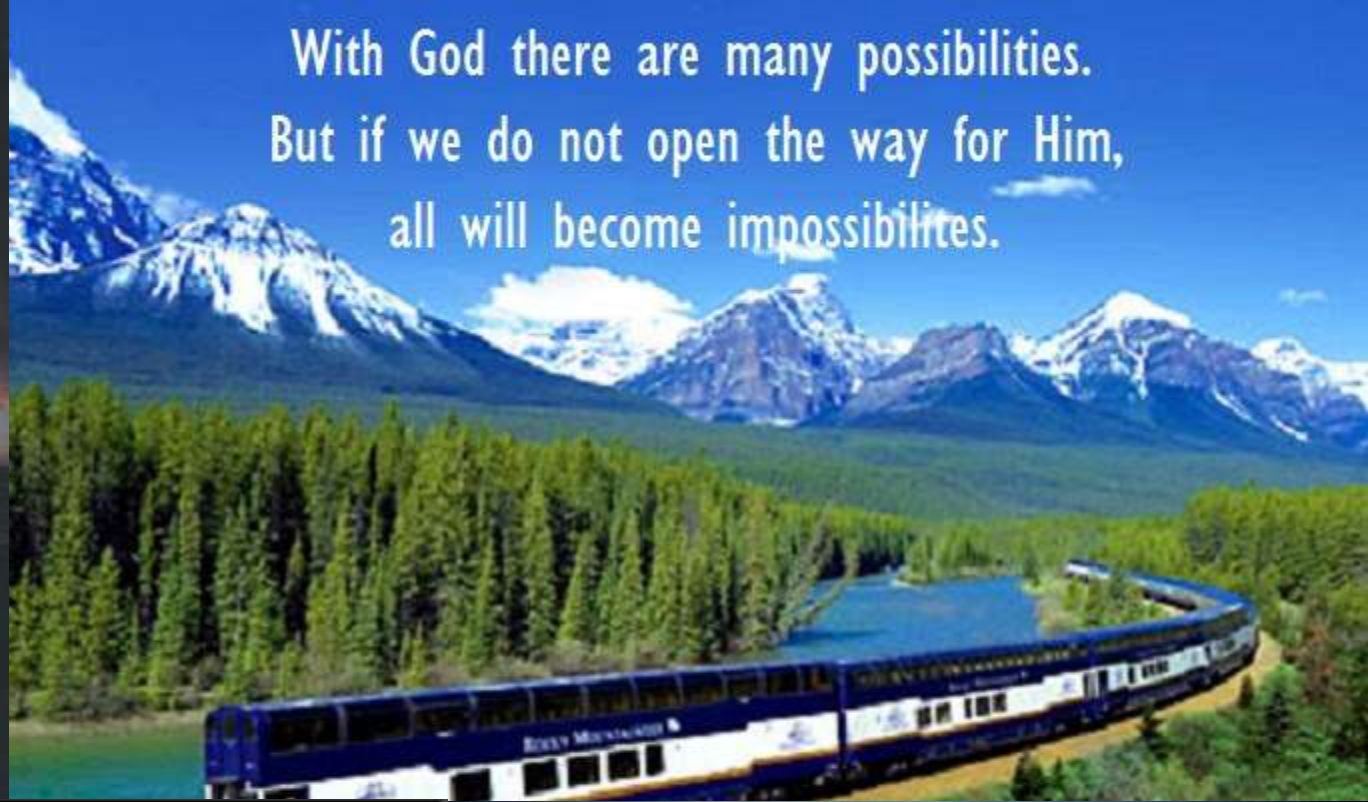
None of your scars can
make me love you less.
-God

MAX OUT ON GOD'S LOVE
There is nothing I can do to earn
God's love or make him love me more. He
already loves me from the top of my head to
the tip of my toes, and it doesn't get any better
than that. There is no limit to how good my
life can become when I open my heart and
mind to the power of his love.

**GOD KNOWS
WHAT'S BEST
FOR YOU.**

ISAIAH 55:9

With God there are many possibilities.
But if we do not open the way for Him,
all will become impossibilities.



God said,

**"You don't have to worry about love.
As long as I'm existing, you will be loved."**

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GOD LOVES YOU. PERSONALLY. POWERFULLY. PASSIONATELY.
OTHERS HAVE PROMISED AND FAILED, BUT GOD HAS PROMISED
AND SUCCEEDED. HE LOVES YOU WITH UNFAILING LOVE.

AND HIS LOVE - IF YOU WILL LET IT - CAN FILL YOU AND
LEAVE YOU WITH A LOVE WORTH GIVING.

