

The Gospel according to Paul



Following the Plot of God's Story

The Human Problem

- Idolatry
 - Rom 1
- Obedience impossible
- Part of cosmic problem
 - Rom 8:19-23



How does Christ Save Us?

- Terms describing effect
 - Rescue (redemption)
 - Reconciliation
- Passover sacrifice
- Day of Atonement sacrifice (Rom 3)
 - Not Propitiation
- Lives as new Adam (Rom 5)
- Becomes a “curse” for us (Gal 3)



Who Is This Savior?

- The evidence
 - The Philippians hymn
 - The Colossians hymn
 - OT quotations re. God
 - Bi-/Tri-une formulae
 - Christ & Spirit
- Basic understanding



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- Basic understanding
 - Christ pre-existent agent of creation
 - Christ the focus of new creation
 - Christ shares in the one divine identity



The Destination

- New Creation
 - Physical resurrection
 - Reaching what Adam missed
 - Restoration of cosmos
 - Not replaced, but restored
 - Experienced now in part
 - Confident access to God
 - Moral restoration through the Spirit
 - Signs and wonders in the community

