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God is perfectly holy (Isaiah 6:3); therefore, He cannot commit or even approve of evil (James 1:13). As God, Jesus reflects every element of the divine character (Colossians 2:9). He is perfectly holy and without sin (2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15). Even His enemies couldn't prove any accusation against Him (John 8:46). The Bible tells us that God requires holiness of us as well. 1 Peter 1:16 says, "Be ye holy; for I am holy."

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The truth is that we fail to meet God's requirement of holiness. In fact, we cannot obey Him because we have neither the desire nor the ability. We are by nature rebellious towards God (Ephesians 2:1-3). The Bible calls our rebellion sin, and our sin places us under the wrath of God (John 3:36).

According to the Bible, everyone is guilty of sin: "for there is no man that sinneth not," (1 Kings 8:46). "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23). Man's sinfulness does not mean that all men always act as wickedly as they can. Many are involved in various religious and humanitarian activities, but even at our best, we are incapable of pleasing God. The Scriptures say, "all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6). We all fail (Romans 3:10-12).

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Only Jesus can provide the forgiveness and transformation that we need (Acts 4:12; 2 Corinthians 5:17). Because of His love and mercy and grace, God satisfied His justice by sending Jesus to be the Savior. He paid the penalty for sinners (1 Peter 3:18). Jesus' death satisfied God's requirement, thereby providing forgiveness and salvation to all those who place their faith in Christ (Romans 3:26; John 3:16). It must be stressed that only Jesus can provide this salvation. He is the only acceptable object of saving faith. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). He did not claim to be one of several equally legitimate paths to God. He claimed to be the only way.

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When Christ came to earth and died on the cross, He rose again. Jesus' resurrection from the dead was the Father's affirmation of the deity and authority of the Son (Rom. 1:4; Acts 17:30-31). Romans 10:9 says, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Obviously this belief and confession would be

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