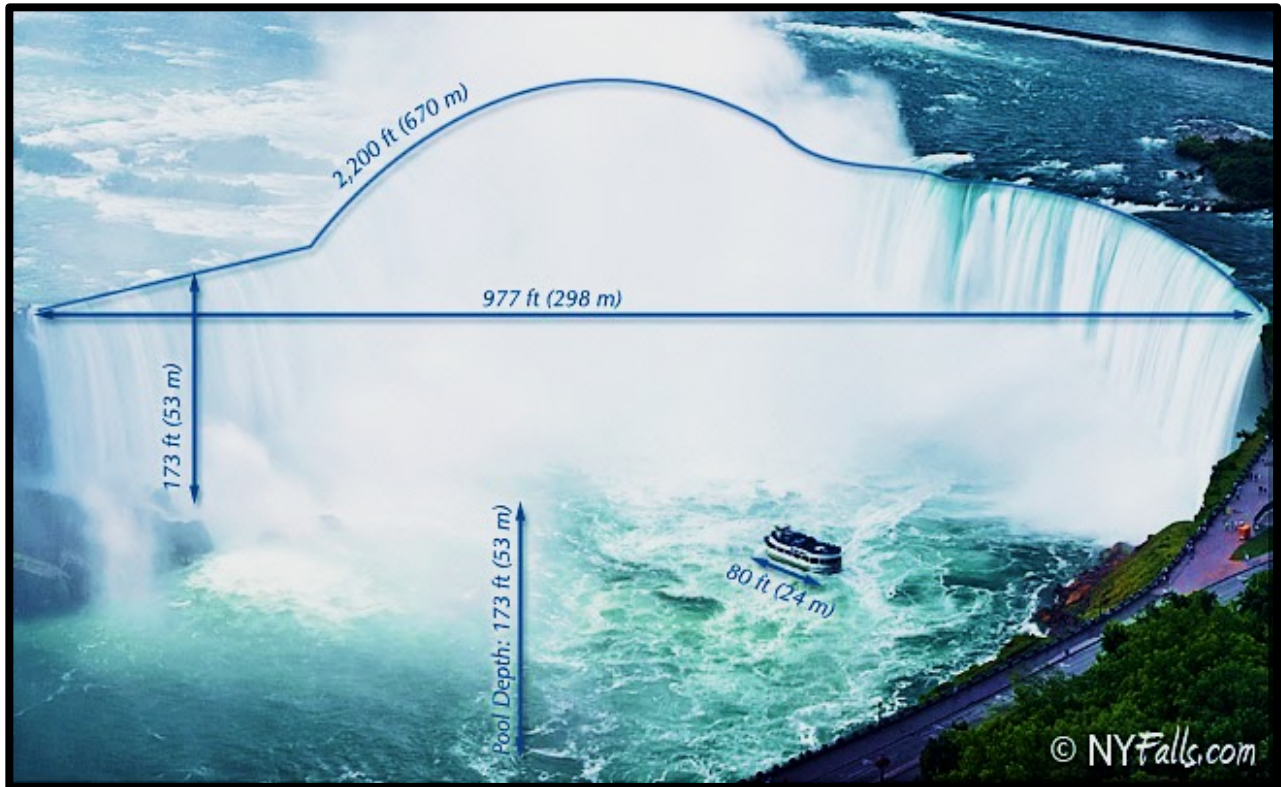


**NT 8— JESUS THE SAVIOR**



**GREAT WATERFALL**

**BIG IDEA 1: THE HUMAN PREDICAMENT: HOW TO GET TO GOD’S SIDE.**

**How to get from bios to Zoe. How to get eternal life.**

Nik Wallenda over Niagara Falls <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ka2vnJWQxyo> [start 1 minute]

Without God's intervention is humanity bound for heaven or not?

Theories of human acceptability in our age

Do your best – “God cannot reject those who do their best”--Harold Kushner

Balance of sins and good deeds

Church participation

Religion

Self-actualization -- be yourself. God made you to be whomever you turn out to be.

The Bible does not condemn sins but sin is a condition. This theory allows sinning to be of no consequence.

Others?

- No afterlife; therefore, no heaven or hell
- Others? You fill in the blank: \_\_\_\_\_.

These are not biblical.

Lk 18.13 God, be merciful to me a sinner -- May the atoning sacrifice be for me! Justified

Lk 5.8-- Peter: Go away from me, lord, I am a sinful man.

Mt 21.37-40: You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Rom 3.23 -- All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Matt 5.48 – Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.

## **BIG IDEA 2: HUMAN DEVICES FOR SELF-SALVATION PROVE HOPELESSLY INADEQUATE**



Image: BOAT as the way across the chasm

One definition of sin: **Hamartia** [ἁμαρτία Greek word for sin]-- archer missing the bulls eye -- not just hitting something else, but being slightly off. [Bow and arrow with target illustrate.]

Good intentions hopelessly inadequate

Romans 7 when I would do good, evil is always present; so the good I would do I do not do, and the evil I would not do, I can't help doing.

The incident of the Rich Young Ruler -- who was his God? Just one thing you lack

LK 18.18-25

No righteousness because of good works

Sin is “baked” into our fallen nature by the Fall—Genesis 3.

Gal 3.10-11a -- For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse -- "cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law." [Dt 27.26] Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law.

SEE also R 3.20 No human being will be justified in his sight by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Rom 7.10 the very commandment that promised life to me proved to be death.

Luke 10: To inherit eternal life you must keep the Commands—including loving those you hate. Do that?

Matt 5.48 Be perfect...

### **BIG IDEA 3: GOD'S SAVING ACT IN CHRIST IS THE ONE AVENUE OF SALVATION OPEN TO MAN**

-- Jesus as Savior deals directly with man's predicament

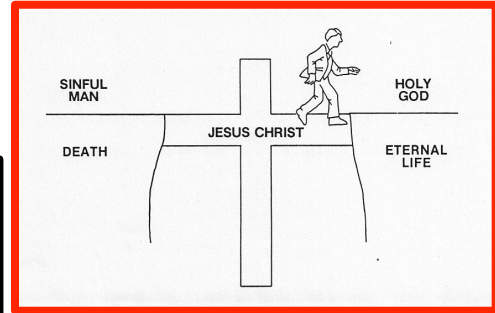
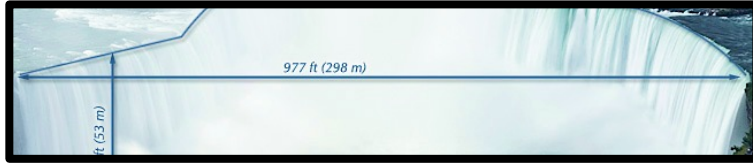


Image: Line across the Chasm

The ONE avenue -- compare with other kinds of atonement

Jn 14.6 I am the way, the truth and the Life, no one comes to the Father, but by me.

Ac 4.12 There is salvation in no one else.

### **BIG IDEA 4: JESUS SAVES HUMANITY FROM SIN AND ITS CONSEQUENCES**

- 1) God imposed
- 2) Self imposed

More complete definition of sin as set forth in study Genesis 3 Study: Disintegration

Sin is man deliberately disobeying God

Sin is man in revolt against God

This includes "missing the mark"—sins of omission can be as deliberate as those of commission.

In fact, SINS OF OMISSION ARE WHAT JESUS MOST STRONGLY CONDEMNS

Consequences of sin—Go back to OT 4 What's destroyed? Self, human community, nature and God.

Separates creature from Creator

Separation is God imposed -- Gen 3.22f

Separation is self-imposed -- Gen 3.8-10

God imposed: Romans 1 "wrath" of God revealed against all ungodliness

Rich man and Lazarus: Great gulf fixed. Luke 16

Sheep and Goats. Matthew 25.31-46

The wise and foolish virgins. Matthew 25. 1-12

The door to the sheepfold, Jn 10

Gave holiness -- just what we needed

Reconciled by his body of death to present you holy, blameless -- Col 1.22

R 5.19 so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous

Canceled the bond (RSV) NIV "Erasing the record" -- Col 2.14

Sinful man purified before God -- Heb 1.3 made purification for sins

Though we deserved God's punishment, Rom 5.6

Christ took our damnation vicariously

Gal 3.13: Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.

Jn 1.29 -- behold the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world

Is 53. 4-6, 10-11

Bore our sins on a tree

1 Pt 2.24 -- by his wounds you have been healed

stood before God in man's place:

Heb 9.24 -- He has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself

## **BIG IDEA 5: JESUS SAVES HUMANITY FROM GUILT AND FROM A SENSE OF GUILT**

Propitiation -- Takes away God's wrath --

1 Jn 4.10 God loved us and sent his son to be the "atoning sacrifice" for our sins.

Rom 3.24ff-- They are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective by faith. He did this to show his righteousness ...

1 Jn 2.2 -- If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but for the sins of the whole world.

Expiation -- cleanses our conscience 1 John 1.9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Heb. 9.14 ... how much more will the blood of Christ, who ... offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Heb 10. 19ff THEREFORE, my friends, *since we have confidence* to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh) and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in *full assurance* of faith, with our hearts *sprinkled clean from an evil conscience* and our bodies washed with pure water....to provoke one another to love and good deeds...

Jesus SAVES HUMANITY FROM SEPARATION BETWEEN US AND GOD -- SELF-IMPOSED

The difference between Peter and Judas

## **BIG IDEA 6: JESUS SAVES MAN FROM THE THREAT AND POWER OF EVIL**

Jesus saves man from death

spiritual--the wasteland existence

temporal--that nagging sense that this is all there is—hell is this life.

Peggy Lee “Is That All There Is?”

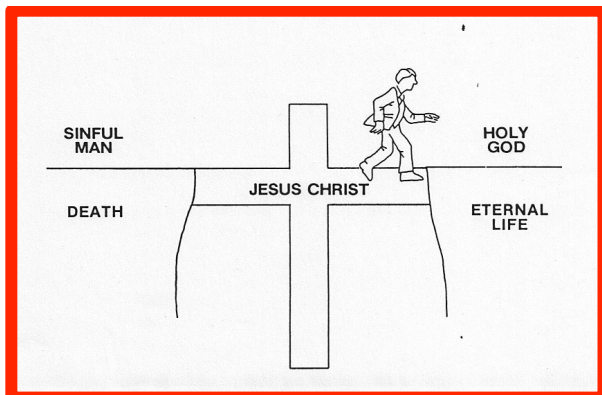
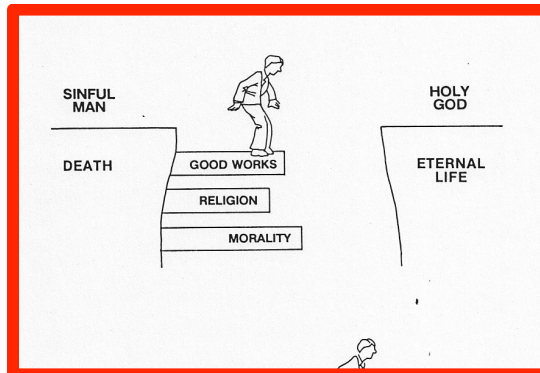
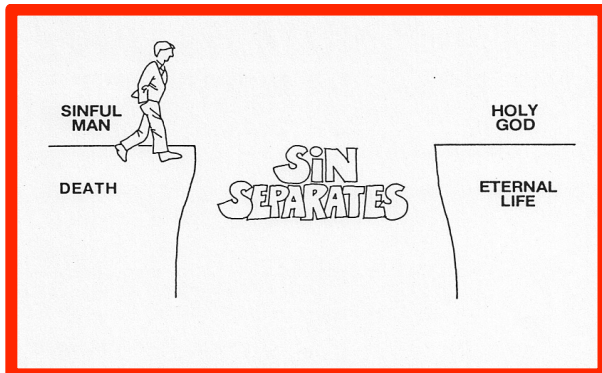
## BIG IDEA 7: THE OTHER SIDE OF DESPAIR, DEATH, DISINTEGRATION



### IMAGE: CHRIST'S CROSS SPANS CHASM TO THE OTHER SIDE:

1. The cross halts man's headlong descent to death and destruction and offers him a pathway to peace and fulfillment in this present phase of life. Eternal life begins at the point when a person walks across the cross. In this life disintegration begins to be reversed. Integration with **God's Project** begins.
2. The cross bridges the gap between this life and the next and provides humanity with a pathway to eternal life in the presence of God.  
This is the final outcome of **God's Project**—in the new heaven and the new earth. But that's a later lesson! ☺

***God's PROJECT IS To create a world where His will is done and all creatures live in joyous concert and fellowship fully with their Creator.***





Scripture preparation for this lesson.

Col 1.22

He has reconciled in his body of flesh by his death in order to present you holy, blameless, & irreproachable -- provided that you continue *securely established and steadfast* in the faith.

Rom 5.19

For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Col 2.13-14

And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He **DISARMED THE RULERS AND AUTHORITIES AND MADE A PUBLIC EXAMPLE OF THEM, TRIUMPHING OVER THEM IN IT.**

Romans 5.6

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ... But God proves his love for us that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Hebrews 1.3

When he made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the majesty on high.

Rom 5.9-10

Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For, if while we were enemies, we were reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

Rom 3.23-25

Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, who God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith.

2 Cor 5. 17-21

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us, we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ***For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.***

Eph 2.1-22

You were dead in trespasses and sins. all have lived in the passions of the flesh...by nature children of wrath.

God out of his mercy, dead though we were in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – For by grace you have been saved through faith and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God ...  
...created in Christ Jesus for good works ...

You who were once afar off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall that is hostility between us.

He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinance, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two.

1 Pet 2.24-25

What personal awareness does “salvation” require? Mk 2.17, Lk 18.11=14

What is the power of “good intentions” to keep a person right with God (pure and sin-free)? Rom 7.15, 19-24.

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## **MARKERS FOR THE REST OF GOSPELS.**

Matt 26, Mk 14, Lk 22, Jn 18

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Matt 27, Mk 15, Lk 23, Jn 19

Matt 28, Mk 16, Lk 24, Jn 20

Jn 20, Lk 24

Lk 24

Gethsemane & Arrest

Trial by “Powers,” Peter’s Denial

Trials before Pilate, Herod

Crucifixion

Burial

Resurrection

Appearance to Mary & Thomas

Emmaus Road

# The Bible Project 2.03

Consider the following if you choose to prepare for next class:

**Jesus' Last Supper** Please read as much of the background in the Bible as you are able.

Old Testament Passover

Exodus 12: 1-27

Lev 23: 4-8

Deut 16: 1-8

New Testament -- Jesus Last Supper

Matthew 26: 14-30

Note:

- \* Judas' role
- \* What happens last after the meal
- \* The Bread Blessing
- \* The Cup Blessing
- \* The reference to covenant
- \* The time of day of the meal

Mark 14: 10-31

Note:

- \* Passover preparation by a specific number
- \* The Clandestine pre-arrangements
- \* The mention of the guestroom (Greek: *Kataluma*)
- \* The prediction of Peter's denial

Luke 22: 1-38

Note:

- \* The names of those sent to prepare
- \* Additional information in 22:15-18 with added cup
- \* The record of the dispute about the greatest
- \* Prediction of Peter's denial comes at the Table

John 13: 1-38

Note: Actually Last Supper discourse continues through John 17

- \* Footwashing -- what explains Peter's refusal? Who should have done the footwashing?
- \* Was Judas present for the footwashing?
- \* Who was **reclining** next to Jesus, mentioned explicitly in the text?
- \* Note Peter's signaling. To whom?
- \* What details does John add concerning the sharing of the piece of bread?
- \* How can the confusion among the disciples about what Jesus said to Judas be explained?
- \* Note again the inclusion of the prediction of Peter's denial in the conversation at the table.

PLEASE PLAN TO BRING USED PILLAR CANDLES THAT CAN BE LIT. NOT LEDs. ALSO BEAN BAG CHAIRS/ CUSHIONS OR PATIO FURNITURE MATTRESSES. SOFT THING FOR PARTICIPANTS TO RECLINE ON AROUND THE TABLES.