

What does God want us to have and experience?

LIFE

"eternal" – live forever... somewhere

Now (earth): relationship with Christ

- Enjoy His love, forgiveness
- His guidance to experience 'real' life

Forever (heaven): in His perfect peace

What keeps us from experiencing this?

WORLD (sin)

Broken: murders, beatings, stealing, lying, cursing, hate, prejudice

Individually: all self-centered

- No matter how good... all fall short in our love for God and others

Problem: God calls sin

How does God feel about this?

GOD

Loving: God loves you

Holy/Just: His perfect justice demands
punishment for sin

- Since Heaven is perfect, God's entrance requirement is "perfection"
- No one perfect...
- Problem - all sinners destined to "perish"

How did God solve our problem?

SON (Jesus)

God: in the flesh

Perfect: never sinned

Cross: willingly suffered in our place

Alive: rose from the dead to offer us
eternal life

How do we begin to experience this?

BELIEVES (faith)

More than *knowing* about Jesus

More than '*cry for help*' in desperation

Commitment: committing to a personal relationship with Jesus (not rules/religion)

- entrusting your life/soul to Jesus
- a change of mind that leads to a change of heart and action

Review

What does God desire?	Life
What keeps us from it?	Sin
How does God feel?	Loves
How did He solve this?	Jesus
How do we begin?	Believe

[Respond]

- A – Admit (sinner)
- B – Believe (in Jesus)
- C – Commit (to follow Jesus)

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