

What's the Matter?

1. Is God always loving?

- A. God IS love, nothing separates us from love

2. Does the 2nd death show God's love?

- A. Yes, God's love is still manifested
- B. They would rather die

3. What happens at Christ's return?

- A. The saved go to Him:
 - 1. 1Thess 4:16-17 – dead rise, meet Lord in air
 - 2. John 14:3 – where I am, you may be also
- B. The lost do not want to be near Him:
 - 1. Rev 6:15-17 – fall/hide us from Him
 - 2. Luke 23:30 – fall/cover us!

4. Why hide?

- A. Gen 3:7-10 – fig leaves, hid, afraid of nakedness
- B. Gen 3:11-12 – Have you eaten? The woman.
- C. 1Tim 2:14 – Adam not deceived
- D. Rom 8:7 – carnal enmity, not subject to law
- E. Eph 2:3 – by nature children of wrath

5. We need to be saved. From what?

- A. Penalty/Power/Presence
- B. Pleasure – we like sin

6. Problem: WHAT we are, not WHERE we are

- A. All your problems involve YOU

- B. If taken to heaven as we are naturally:

- 1. Hide, torture for us, rather die

- C. God loves us, but we hate Him

- 1. 1John 2:15-16 – lust of flesh, eyes, pride of life
- 2. James 4:4 – friendship w/ world, enmity with God

- D. We love sin

- 1. If you got to heaven, would you like it?

7. Solution: Transformation, not transportation

- A. We need to be converted

- 1. Changed from what we are to what we should be

- B. Carnal mind enmity, not subject to law of love

- 1. Mind needs to be changed
- 2. Rom 12:2 – be transformed, renew mind

8. Beyond human power

- A. Jer 13:23 – leopard change spots?

- 1. Outward change is not enough

- B. Titus 3:5 – not works of righteousness, mercy

- C. Eph 2:8-9 – saved by grace, not works

9. What does it look like? Do whatever you want?

- A. Eph 2:10 – created for good works

- B. Titus 2:11-12 – saving grace, teaching us...

10. Why did Jesus come?

- A. Titus 2:14 – redeem, purify

- B. 1John 3:5 – take away sins, in Him no sin

11. We need Jesus