

John 3:16

1. A Plan You Didn't Determine—"For God so loved the world that He..."

Genesis 1:26-31-

Then God said, "Let us make man[h] in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." 29 And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2. A Problem You Can't Deny—"would not perish..."

Genesis 6:5 "The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

Jeremiah 17:9—"The heart of man is deceitful and wicked, who can comprehend it."

Isaiah 59:2—"but your iniquities have made a separation
between you and your God,
and your sins have hidden his face from you
so that he does not hear."

Romans 3:23—"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God"

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Galatians 3:13-“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”

Ephesians 1:7-“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,”

Ephesians 2:13-“you who were once far off have now been brought near by the blood of Christ...”

4. A Present You Don't Deserve-“would not perish but have eternal life”