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| 090 | **God as a Baby***Jesus could have come to this earth in any form He might choose, so why would He come as a baby? As we track the reaction of people when God showed up, we discover that they are all afraid and so how can God get close to His children once again? How can we come to love Him to the point of trusting Him? This is what He longs for. So,* *He comes and is born as a baby, because no one is afraid of a baby. For 33 years He makes His home with us, and we fall in love with Him and then He dies and is resurrected, and we realize we have come to love God and need not be afraid of Him ever again. Blessings as you celebrate His coming this Christmas* | 00:59:16 min25 Dec 2021 |
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| 097 | **The Government of God (Part 1)***Have you ever wondered about God’s government? The way our government works is the one with the most power carries the day. But God’s government is very different because God is love and gives free choice to us. People can choose to not follow Him. What then are the consequences? In this part we review the typical ways of thinking about government. In part 2, we will propose a way of understanding God’s government*  | 00:41:11 min12 Feb 2022 |
| 098 | **The Government of God (Part 2)***In Part 1, we looked at what the government of God could look like. Then in this part 2, we look at the Romance Model of the Government of God that seems to fit better than any other model considered. We invite you to join us as we consider what Jesus said about His Kingdom and a couple of observations of Paul* | 00:52:29 min19 Feb 2022 |
| 099 | **The Government of God (Part 3)***We conclude this series on the government of God as we look at the grand choruses in Revelation 4 and 5 to discover what had been finally revealed that caused them to break into songs of praise and adoration for Jesus, the Lamb that was slain and is now able to open the scroll and reveal the other side of suffering. May your hearts be moved as ours were as we once again come to see Him more clearly, love Him more dearly and follow Him more nearly* | 00:30:32 min26 Feb 2022 |
| 100 | **Our Conscience and the Holy Spirit***Have you ever been confused by the idea that if the Holy Spirit is guiding our conscience why do we at times arrive at very different opinions as to what is the right thing to do? It appears that someone is not really listening to the Holy Spirit. Then comes the enlightening idea that perhaps our conscience cannot be equated with the Holy Spirit. So, what is the role of the Holy Spirit? Come and join us as we discover the role of the Holy Spirit is the same as that of Jesus, which was to bring joy and abundant life. So, the idea that the Holy Spirit makes us feel guilty for the things we do is not correct. Discover where those feelings of guilt and shame originate and that the Spirit is intent on bringing the fruits of the Spirit into our lives. Amazing!* | 00:53:55min05 March 2022 |
| 101 | **The idioms of the Bible (Part 1)***There are some things in the Bible that just don’t make sense if taken literally. This episode helps us make sense of the Bible when we understand the idioms used and we realize what is being communicated. We will be talking about a few and will continue next week with some more. These will serve as examples that will help you when you discover other sayings in the Bible that seem a bit extreme or misplaced and realize you are probably looking at an idiom* | 00:50:56min09 April 2022 |
| 102 | **The idioms of the Bible (Part 2)***We conclude our series on Idioms and Symbols of the Bible. Reimagine what you understood John the Baptist meant when he introduced Jesus as the Lamb of God. This idiom has far-reaching implications. The Bible is an ancient document that was written in another language and needs careful thought to understand what is really being communicated. We hope you will be blessed and enabled to see a better picture of our amazing God* | 01:00:14 min16 April 2022 |
| 103 | **The Seven last words of Jesus***These seven last words of Jesus are probably not the most memorized words of Jesus and yet they give us tremendous insight into the very heart of God and reveal His amazing love for each of His children that exist on this earth. May your heart be encouraged as you listen* | 00:50:04 min23 April 2022 |
| 104 | **Jesus is the ONE***Look with us at the scriptural evidence that reveals that Jesus is not just a great one but is the greatest ONE. We brag about Jesus and how He stands head and shoulders above everyone in every way. What He tells us about God carries more weight than anyone else in the Bible. God Himself says listen to Him* | 01:00:17 min30 April 2022 |
| 105 | **Is God moral?***Have you ever considered that the way the Bible portrays God is very immoral? If you carefully read the stories, you find that God is attributed to doing things that, if anyone else did them, we would declare that person immoral. Yet, of course, we believe God is moral. So, the challenge is how do we understand these stories of the Bible? We look closely at some of these stories and endeavor to provide a way to understand them and yet show that God is indeed moral as Jesus reveals* | 01:18:26 min14 May 2022 |
| 106 | **The Nature of Free Choice***In looking carefully at the first and Second Adam today, we discover the importance of the free choice that we enjoy. No choice that has a punishment attached is a free choice. Too often the way Christianity has described salvation is that it is a forced choice and leaves God in a very negative light, who destroys those who exercise their freedom and decide not to follow Him* | 01:06:37 min11 June 2022 |
| 107 | **Did Jesus Die the Second Death?***Join us as we take a closer look at what it meant for Jesus to die the second death and discover the power of the resurrection* | 00:56:58 min19 June 2022 |
| 108 | **The Sign of Jonah***Of the many options that Jesus had, He chooses the sign of Jonah to illustrate what He was about to experience in His death and resurrection. Come on this journey with us as we uncover what is behind this story that sheds light on Jesus and His experience. You will be fascinated as this takes on so much more meaning than it ever has before* | 00:57:08 min25 June 2022 |
| 109 | **The Truth we could not Believe***Have you ever wondered what texts Jesus used in His Bible Study with the two on the Road to Emmaus or the rest of the disciples? In this podcase we share what we think He showed them because they were blind to what was hiding in plain sight. It makes us wonder what we might still be missing. Come and join us as the adventure continues* | 01:06:24 min02 July 2022 |
| 110 | **Sacrificed or Slaughtered?***If all that was needed for God to save sinners was the death of Jesus, then why was He tortured before He died? This episode reveals the difference between the sacrifice and the slaughter of a victim. In doing so, we understand the reason Jesus suffered so much and what that means to not just us, but to the whole universe. God was dealing with a bigger issue. The controversy surrounding His character in sending Jesus to this earth to love and serve us and we in turn tortured and killed Him. God’s love allowed us to do the unthinkable so the universe would know forever that God is not selfish but loved to the very end* | 01:03:36 min09 July 2022 |
| 111 | **THE PLAN***Have you ever wondered what God’s plan for us would have been if sin had not entered this world? In this episode we take a careful look at what scripture says and discover that His PLAN was absolutely amazing. It was so good that it is hard for us to believe. Imagine, He planned all along to adopt us into the family of God, to become part of the royal family. That will still become a reality* *in spite of sin, and not because of sin. One day God will make His dwelling with us, and we will be His people and He will be our God* | 00:58:42 min23 July 2022 |
| 112A | **Who killed Ananias and Sapphira? (Part 1)***When we take a close look at the character of God, we realize there is much in the Bible that needs to be better understood. Today we look at a story in the New Testament that, when understood in the traditional way, gives a picture of a scary god, that will lash out with vengeance over a rather trivial indiscretion. Yet, there are many people in Biblical history that are far more wicked than Ananias and Sapphira. Nothing happens to them. They are allowed to live their lives with no repercussion. So how fair is that? What we discovered, is that perhaps the one who is the author of death causes more people to die than meets the eye. It would be impossible for the One who is the author of life to cause their death because that sim goes against His very being*  | 00:55:25 min12 Sept 2022 |
| 112B | **Who killed Ananias and Sapphira? (Part 2)***When we take a close look at the character of God, we realize there is much in the Bible that needs to be better understood. Today we look at a story in the New Testament that, when understood in the traditional way, gives a picture of a scary god, that will lash out with vengeance over a rather trivial indiscretion. Yet, there are many people in Biblical history that are far more wicked than Ananias and Sapphira. Nothing happens to them. They are allowed to live their lives with no repercussion. So how fair is that? What we discovered, is that perhaps the one who is the author of death causes more people to die than meets the eye. It would be impossible for the One who is the author of life to cause their death because that sim goes against His very being*  | 00:58:52 min13 Sept 2022 |
| 113 | **Who really is in Control?***What does it really mean when we say: “God is in control”? We take a closer look at a series of terms that help us understand if we are experiencing natural consequences or the reward or punishment of someone who is exercising their control over us. We look at inherent law, consequences, imposed law, punishment, power, authority, abuse, control, our will or choice, willpower and free choice or free will. We think this podcast will bring clarity to these terms and what is meant by them, as well as clarity to how God functions and how much He is able to control, given that He loves us and is especially fond of us*  | 01:03:31 min03 Sept 2022 |
| 114 | **Trial by Ordeal***Join us as we struggle to understand this story recorded in Numbers 5. How they determined if a woman had been unfaithful to her husband. It raises many questions on how we understand inspiration. Thankfully, this is not still in practice. The history is fascinating of the many varieties of trial by ordeal there have been down through the ages*  | 00:56:07 min17 Sept 2022 |
| 115 | **Jesus’ Miracles Replicate Creation***I am sure you have pondered the idea of creation verses evolution. In this podcast we look at it from a very different perspective. Jesus, in His miracles, miraculously repeats the miracles of creation as He ministers to people. As we discover this, we have the assurance that there is no need to question whether He could do it at the beginning of life on this planet*  | 00:37:27 min24 Sept 2022 |
| 116 | **The Non-violent Transcendent Creator** **Gen 1***Join us as we explore the very first chapter of Genesis and discover a picture of God that is non-violent. How very fitting that this is the only story of creation that has no violence in it. All the other stories of creation grow out of some kind of violence. It is a consistent picture of God. In this account of creation God is transcendent and merely speaks the world into existence. Next time we will discover the second description of creation where God is intimately involved with His creation*  | 00:42:16 min05 Nov 2022 |
| 117 | **The Intimate Immanent Creator** **Gen 2***The second account of creation is amazing, as God gets His hands dirty forming Adam and then also the animals from the ground. It just becomes so real as we discover things that were not good. The intimacy of God “kissing” Adam into life – breathing or inspiring him to come alive just like Jesus did as He breathed on the disciples and as God is doing for all mankind today and every day. What a beautiful summary of the account of creation. Join us on this journey as we see a very intimate picture of our Creator God* | 00:46:26 min12 Nov 2022 |
| 118 | **The Broken-hearted Creator** **Gen 3***As our series in Genesis continues, we look at chapter 3 where the story takes a sudden twist. Adam and Even transition from following God to following Satan and the tragic consequences that come as a result. How this sad turn of events must have broken God’s heart as his children, His creation, have been deceived and no longer understand and trust Him. He has a problem to which Jesus is the answer. What Good News He was when He arrived and revealed the true character of God once again* | 00:58:36 min19 Nov 2022 |
| 119 | **The Lonely-hearted Creator** **Gen 4***In Genesis 4, we discover a God that is lonely for His child, Able, who has just been murdered by his brother, Cain. My, how rapidly the venture with the devil away from God results in such a tragic event. It is hard for us to imagine what this was like for people who have yet to experience the death of another human being. yet, God puts a mark on Cain to protect him from further danger. God’s mercy rises above the tragic results of sin* | 00:55:46 min26 Nov 2022 |
| 120 | **The God Who Restrains Catastrophes** **Gen 5***In Genesis 5, are the genealogies of Adam and Cain. Be amazed with us with the many nuggets of insight we discover hidden in what is usually a very boring chapter. Methuselah lived longer than anyone else has ever lived with an age of 969 years. His name* *means ”When he dies, it will happen”. Sure enough, the year he died the flood came. The fact that he lived so incredibly long, suggests that God was restraining the catastrophic flood from happening as long as He could, hoping that more than just Noah and his family could be saved* | 00:48:04 min03 Dec 2022 |
| 121 | **When Violence Fills the Earth** **Gen 6a***We usually attribute the destruction of the flood to God as His attempt to deal with the violence that pervaded in the world at that time. However, having a closer look at the character of God, we discover that this is virtually impossible because it is so contrary to who He is. Join us as we consider who the real destroyer actually is* | 00:55:16 min17 Dec 2022 |
| 122 | **Time to Stop Blaming God for Evil** **Gen 6b***As we continue with the story of Noah, we discover that the principle of Prediction does not mean Causation, becomes critical to understanding this story and the Bible. Join us as we endeavor to make sense of the story of Noah and the flood in light of the life and teachings of Jesus* | 00:54:50 min18 March 2023 |
| 123 | **The 3 in 1 Flood Story** **Gen 7***As we move now from Noah to the story of the Flood, we discover that the author of Genesis, understood to be Moses, tells the story three times in this chapter, adding more detail with each telling. We note that this was a typical part of a verbal society. We also make note of the many references to 40 days in scripture and realize it is not to be understood as a literal number but a figure of speech. Given this destruction of the inhabitants of the earth, God in mercy, manages to save all who choose to be saved* | 00:43:34 min25 March 2023 |
| 124 | **God’s Covenant with Noah***As the flood waters recede and Noah and his family are able to leave the ark, he makes a sacrifice to God in an attempt to prevent God from destroying the earth again and God assures him that no matter how evil the people may become, He will never again destroy the ground or strike down every living creature. What an amazing covenant God makes with Noah and the rest of mankind* | 00:42:36 min08 April 2023 |
| 125 | **God’s Covenant with all Life****Gen 9 (Part 1)***In this podcast we review the many covenants that God has made with His people. We discuss the importance of blood as well as the rainbow that God used to assure His people that He would never again destroy the world with a flood* | 01:05:03 min06 May 2023 |
| 126 | **God’s Covenant with all Life****Gen 9 (Part 2)***This episode looks carefully at Noah’s sons and a rather perplexing incident that happens between Noah and his sons that results in a curse being placed on a descendant of one of those sons. As a result, a disturbing fable developed from this story that for centuries was given as justification for the enslavement of people of color. This was used by many to justify the mistreatment of people for a very long time. Eventually there was a change and slavery were abolished* | 00:40:10 min20 May 2023 |
| 127 | **Why Only 70 Descendants of Noah?***In this episode we take a closer look at the descendants of Noah and discover that, although he had many descendants, only 70 are mentioned. We discover the interesting use of the number 7- throughout Scripture and are reminded that this is a history of Abraham and his ancestry as God reveals the beginning of the Hebrew people* | 00:38:48 min17 June 2023 |
| 128 | **The Tower of Babel****Gen 11***In looking at the Tower of Bable story, we are reminded that even though the Bible says that God did the confusing of the languages, we realize that all supernatural events were attributed to God because of a lack of understanding of the devil. Jesus opened our eyes to that reality and so we can attribute this event to the devil who is the one that brings confusion. It is interesting to see how the ancestors are mentioned for the purpose of highlighting Abraham who was the friend of God and the father of the Hebrew nation. His life and that of his descendants, will be the focus of the remaining book of Genesis* | 00:51:54 min24 June 2023 |
| 129 | **The Call of Abram****Gen 12***We now begin the story of Abram. His family’s story compromises the remainder of the book of Genesis. What we have covered up to now, has set the stage for the family of Abrham and the Hebrew people. Already we find God making him a promise and not changing that, even when he is unable to trust in God’s protection and lies about his relationship with Sarai. Yet, God remains faithful* | 00:40:56 min15 July 2023 |
| 130 | **Water to Wine****The First Sign***John’s gospel focuses upon seven signs that Jesus performed that would enable people who had never seen Jesus to believe He was the Messiah. The first of those signs was the turning of water to wine at a wedding in Cana. It was something that would save the couple and their family from tremendous embarrassment but also legitimize Mary’s story about His miraculous birth and help her regain credibility in the community* | 00:38:04 min22 July 2023 |
| 131 | **Jesus heals a Man’s son who was dying****The Second Sign***We review the four series of four that we find in John’s Gospel. Then we take a closer look at the second miracle as Jesus heals a man’s son who was dying. As a result, the man moves from believing in Jesus’s power to believing in His word to eventually he and his whole family coming to believe in Jesus. It is a journey of faith that we all must take* | 00:45:09 min29 July 2023 |
| 132 | **The Invalid is Healed****The Third Sign (Part 1)***The third sign that reveals Jesus as the Messiah, is in John 5. Here* *Jesus ”violates” the Sabbath and heals a man that has been an invalid for 38 years! What an amazing story of deliverance as Jesus does for this man what he cannot do for himself. Just as He does for us all as our Savior - doing for us that we cannot do for ourselves* | 00:49:21 min12 Aug 2023 |
| 133 | **The Invalid is Healed****The Third Sign (Part 2)***The third sign that reveals Jesus as the Messiah, is in John 5. Here* *Jesus ”violates” the Sabbath and heals a man that has been an invalid for 38 years! What an amazing story of deliverance as Jesus does for this man what he cannot do for himself. Just as He does for us all as our Savior - doing for us that we cannot do for ourselves* | 00:26:13 min19 Aug 2023 |
| 134 | **Feeding a Great Crowd****The Fourth Sign** *The fourth sign in the Gospel of John, is the feeding of a great crowd of people who had shown up and interrupted Jesus” time alone with the disciples when they wanted to process the news about John the Baptist’s death. Jesus is concerned about these people and their need for food while they are still in the distance. The abundance that Jesus provides is consistent with the abundance of wine for a wedding and grace for all who desire it* | 00:47:51 min26 Aug 2023 |
| 135 | **Jesus Walks on Water****The Fifth Sign** *John shares this fifth miracle of Jesus walking on the water and Peter asked to join Him to be sure it was really Him. How reassuring of Jesus to respond to their fear and uncertainty of seeing this form walking on the water in the midst of the storm that is threatening their lives with the words don’t be afraid. These are the words we need to be reminded of as we encounter the storms of life. Don’t be afraid* | 00:55:18 min16 Sept 2023 |
| 136 | **JESUS HEALS A MAN BORN BLIND****The Sixth Sign (Part 1)***In this sixth sign, Jesus heals a man that had been born blind. Follow closely and you will discover that most translations would lead you to believe that God made him blind so that Jesus could heal him and bring good into his life. Is that what God does? Listen, enjoy and find out* | 00:55:08 min30 Sept 2023 |
| 137 | **JESUS HEALS A MAN BORN BLIND****The Sixth Sign (Part 2)***In the second part of this story, we discover a God that is eager to open our eyes and discover the joy of being in a relationship with Him rather than being shackled by the rules surrounding the Sabbath* | 00:28:10 min28 Oct 2023 |