

The Divine Plan

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Frame 1 → God:

He has **No Beginning and No Ending**:

- ⇒ NIV **Psalm 90:2** “Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.”

He is the **Source of Love**:

- ⇒ NIV **1 John 4:8-9, 11** “...God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ...since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

Frame 2 → God Created:

The **Heavens and the Earth**:

- ⇒ NIV **Genesis 1:1** “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Male and Female:

- ⇒ NIV **Genesis 1:27** “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”

All Things in **Six Days**:

- ⇒ NIV **Exodus 20:11** “For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them...”

All Things **Through the Son**:

- ⇒ NAS **Colossians 1:16** “...by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible... all things have been created by Him and for Him.”

Frame 3 → Adam & Eve Before the Fall:

The Work, the Warning, and the Woman:

- ⇒ NIV **Genesis 2:15, 17-18, 25** “The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ...you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when

you eat of it you will surely die. The LORD God said... I will make a helper suitable for him.... The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.”

Frame 4 → Sin and Death:

Adam and Eve, and Everyone Else:

- ⇒ NIV **Genesis 3:6** “When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.”
- ⇒ NAS **Isaiah 53:6** “All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way...”

Sin Results in Spiritual Death:

- ⇒ NIV **Ephesians 2:1** “...you were dead in your transgressions and sins...”

Sin Results in Physical Death:

- ⇒ NIV **Romans 5:12** “...just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men...”

Sin Results in Eternal Punishment:

- ⇒ NIV **2 Thessalonians 1:9** “They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord...”

Frame 5 → Jesus’ Sinless Life:

God Sent His Son:

- ⇒ NAB **Galatians 4:4-5** “...when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption.”

God's Son Put on Flesh and Blood:

- ⇒ ^{NIV} **Hebrews 2:14** "Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity..."

Jesus Fulfilled the Law:

- ⇒ ^{NIV} **Matthew 5:17** "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."

Frame 6 → Jesus' Substitutionary Death:

Jesus Suffered and Died for Our Sins:

- ⇒ ^{NAS} **2 Corinthians 5:21** He [God the Father] made Him [God the Son] who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."
- ⇒ ^{NAS} **1 Peter 3:18** "...Christ also died for sins once for all, the just [Jesus] for the unjust [everyone else], in order that He might bring us to God..."

Frame 7 → Saved but Still in the World:

The Holy Spirit Teaches Us:

- ⇒ ^{NIV} **John 14:26** "...the Counselor, the Holy Spirit... will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

The Holy Spirit Assures Us:

- ⇒ ^{NAS} **Romans 8:16** "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God..."

We Receive forgiveness through Baptism:

- ⇒ ^{NIV} **Acts 2:38-39** "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children..."

We Receive forgiveness through God's Word:

- ⇒ ^{ESV} **1 Peter 1:23** "...you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God..."

Dying with Faith in Jesus is the Way of Peace and Rest:

- ⇒ ^{NIV} **Isaiah 57:1-2** "The righteous perish, and no one ponders it in his heart; devout men are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death."

We Show our Love for God by Obeying the Bible:

- ⇒ ^{NAS} **John 14:15** "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."

We Show our Love for our Neighbor by Serving Our Neighbor According to His Needs:

- ⇒ ^{NAS} **Mark 12:31** "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
- ⇒ ^{NIV} **Matthew 25:40** "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

Frame 8 → The Life to Come:

A Return to a Perfect World:

- ⇒ ^{NIV} **Revelation 21:3-4** "...I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

A Return to the Tree of Life:

- ⇒ ^{NIV} **Revelation 22:1-2** "Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life..."

A Return to Joyful Service:

- ⇒ ^{NIV} **Revelation 22:3** "...The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him."