

# J.I.M. (Jesus in Me)

## A simple outline of the gospel presentation

### A. God's position

- God **loves** man and wants to have fellowship with him. The best-known, most quoted scripture in the Bible assures us that He loved us so much that He sent His only Son to die for our sins (John 3:16). If we accept that, He will restore that which we lost through Adam.
- God's is **perfect** and cannot violate His character. His character and holiness will not allow Him to lower His standards. This leaves us with a dilemma that is impossible to solve—unholy people standing before a Holy God.

### B. Man's condition

- All people have **sinned** and fallen short of God's standard (Romans 3:23).
- Some people do live better lives than others. If we were all swimmers who want to swim to Hawaii, some won't get far at all while others may go for many miles. The truth is none will make it to Hawaii. All will fall way short of the goal. This is similar to trying to provide for our own salvation. It is pride working at its peak that allows us to think we can get there by our own plan or action.

### C. God's provision

- Jesus Christ, being **God**, paid the penalty for our sins by **dying on the Cross** as our substitute. He made it possible for us to have a **personal relationship** with Him by offering Himself, the perfect sacrifice, in exchange for our sins.  
*He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21).*
- He made it possible for man to have a personal relationship with God through His shed blood

### D. Man's decision

- We have established who God is and what He is able to provide. We have shown what man needs and what he cannot provide. We have looked into the provision God has made available for us, and now we face that decision. We must ask the question: "What are you going to do with the information that you have?"
- All anyone must do is place his or her **trust in Christ** and accept His death as necessary and sufficient payment for sin. This satisfies God's requirement of perfection and establishes His desired eternal relationship with man.
- A.W. Tozer said, "*The trouble is that the whole 'accept Christ' attitude is likely to be wrong. It shows Christ applying to us rather than us to him. It makes Him stand hat in hand awaiting our verdict instead of our kneeling with troubled hearts awaiting His verdict on us. It may even permit us to accept Christ by an impulse of mind or emotions, painlessly, at no loss to our ego and no inconvenience to our usual way of life.*"
- By **believing** on the Lord, mankind experiences forgiveness of sin. A life-changing decision is needed to change a life.