

# THE STORY OF SALVATION HISTORY

IN THE BEGINNING THERE WAS

GOD

A COMMUNITY OF PURE LOVE - FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT

GOD DESIRED TO SHARE THAT LOVE

HE CREATED ADAM AND EVE OUT OF PURE LOVE

THEY LIVED IN HARMONY WITH GOD AND WITH EACH OTHER

THEY WERE TEMPTED BY SATAN (A FALLEN ANGEL WHO DISOBEYED GOD)

THEY HAD A CHOICE

OBEY GOD OR SATAN

THEY CHOSE TO OBEY SATAN

SIN ENTERED THE WORLD

SIN BROKE THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH OTHER

HARMONY WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER WAS DESTROYED

CONCUPISCENCE

THE INCLINATION TO SIN NOW AFFECTED ALL THEIR DESCENDANTS

AND MADE THEM AN EASY TARGET FOR SATAN

BUT OUT OF GOD'S INFINITE LOVE AND MERCY

HE SAID "I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU ORPHANS"

HE PROMISED TO SEND THEM A SAVIOUR

HIS OWN BELOVED SON

JESUS CAME TO PAY THE DEBT TO RECONCILE HUMANITY WITH GOD

HE TOOK ON A HUMAN NATURE AND ENTERED THE WORLD AS A BABY

HE SPENT HIS LIFE TEACHING GOD'S LOVE FOR MANKIND

**OUT OF LOVE HE SUFFERED AND DIED FOR US SO WE CAN**

**LIVE AGAIN IN HARMONY WITH HIM**

**GOD HAS GIVEN US ANOTHER CHANCE**

**HE HAS A PLAN OF SALVATION FOR US**

GOD BY HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION

**ESTABLISHED HIS CHURCH**

AND GAVE TO ST. PETER THE KEYS TO HIS KINGDOM

TO BE CARRIED ON BY HIS APOSTLES AND THEIR SUCCESSORS

THE POPE, BISHOPS, PRIESTS

**HE LEFT US HIS RULE OF LIFE**

**HIS COMMANDMENTS, HIS SACRAMENTS, HIS WORD**

**AND**

**HIS HOLY SPIRIT**

TO GUIDE US TO LIVE IN HARMONY WITH HIM AND EACH OTHER

**BUT WE TOO HAVE A CHOICE**

GOD OR SATAN (USUALLY THE TEMPTATION OF WORLDLY THINGS)

HE GAVE US THE DIGNITY OF FREE WILL

GOD WILL NOT FORCE US TO LOVE

HE INVITES AND SHOWERS US WITH HIS LOVE

**WE WILL BE JUDGED JUST AS ADAM AND EVE WERE JUDGED**

**WE WILL BE JUDGED ON OUR LOVE FOR GOD AND EACH OTHER**

EACH OF US HAS A VITAL ROLE TO PLAY

WE ARE NOT JUST SPECTATORS IN THIS WORLD

WE ARE GOD'S FAMILY, BROTHERS AND SISTERS SHARING GOD'S LOVE

**WE WERE MADE BY GOD FOR ETERNAL HAPPINESS WITH HIM**

**LET US NOT LOSE OUT ON OUR INHERITANCE**

