

# **Chaos, Cause, and Cure**

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## Introduction:

*Father thank you for creating us in your goodness. Thank you that when you created Adam and Eve there was no shame. When they sinned you provided a way of forgiveness. Thank you that we were not made for sin and rebellion. Thank you for Jesus and the word of God whereby we know your will. Thank you for the speaker tonight who will bring a message from your word. Thank you that tonight some might be born anew and made children of God. We long to sit before your feet to learn of you and to meet with you.*

## I. Introduction.

### A. Story of a man that wants to marry his bride.

1. The chaplain agreed to marry them if they have the license.
2. The man agreed with the chaplain to pay what the bride was worth.
3. The man paid 50 cents.
4. The chaplain lifted the veil if the bride and gave the man 35 cents change.

### B. Story of a man flying across the mountains whose engines failed.

1. The pilot asked if anyone could pray and one man said he could.
2. The pilot told him to pray because they were one.

## II. John 2:23-3:16.

### A. The Bible is God's message to man.

1. If God were standing here tonight he would speak from his word.
2. Many believed in Jesus when he did miracles but Jesus did not trust them.

### B. In John 2 Nicodemus came to Jesus confessing that Jesus must have been from God.

1. Jesus answered that men must be born again in order to see the kingdom of God.
2. I want to talk of three tings tonight.
  - a. The chaos.
  - b. The cause.
  - c. The cure.

C. The chaos is upon us from two global wars and pressing needs all around.

1. Revolution and revolt is everywhere.
2. The sale of arms is widespread.
3. Men are fearful and looking for peace everywhere.
4. Men are searching for solutions as our world is living in perpetual fear.
5. The New York Times remarked that man can do much but cannot save himself.
6. Einstein said that there is no defense against the weapon that can destroy entire civilizations.
7. Many believe we are at the end of human history.
8. Judgment is at hand.
9. Terror is on every side and many world leaders realize there is little hope of finding great solutions.
10. Japan is under great economic pressure, as is India and China.
11. The Middle East is seeing war between the sons of Isaac and Esau.
12. In every part of the world there are racial problems.
13. The answer to the world's problems can not be solved with ballistic missiles.
14. The young people of the world must get involved in solving our problems.
15. In 3,000 years only 287 have been warless.
16. Economic, social, every problem faces us.
17. We must find the cause of our problems in order to find the solution.
18. A doctor began his practice with an old man who told him of his many symptoms.
  - a. The doctor could not diagnose the old man's trouble.
  - b. Finally the doctor told him that what he'd had before he has again.

D. Our problem, the cause, is man himself.

1. Man pulls the trigger on his weapons.
2. Why can we travel to any corner of the globe lying, stealing, prejudice, intolerance, etc.
  - a. From the jungles to big cities we have the same social problems.

- b. International problems reflect the personal problems.
3. Some thought that education and social sciences could solve man's problems.
  4. Jesus said man's problems come from within, out of the heart come sins.
  5. A wealthy man boasted he could buy anything in Texas, but he confessed he was miserable.
  6. A film star said he is sick of life.
  7. We were created by God with a living soul as well as a body.
    - a. We will live forever.
    - b. The body goes to the grave but the soul lives forever.
    - c. Suicide cannot end it all.
    - d. The soul is the real you, the part that will live forever.
    - e. The soul has a disease.
    - f. Why were you created?
    - g. God created the world out of his own love in order to fellowship with man.
    - h. God never created man to ignore God and go his own way.
    - i. God gave us a freedom of choice and we can disobey God if we want to.
    - j. God desires our love from free hearts.
    - k. In the Garden of Eden God gave man a choice to obey or to disobey.
    - l. Man failed this test by disobeying God.
    - m. Man went his own way to live independently of God.
    - n. God brought spiritual death as a result of this rebellion.
    - o. We all reach the age of accountability and disobey God at some time proving ourselves to be sinners.
    - p. God must judge sin because God is holy and cannot overlook sin.
    - q. When a soul is separated from God it becomes miserable because the soul of man was never created to live independently of God.

1. Some seek alcohol.

2. Some seek money.
3. Some seek sex.
4. Unhappy selfish men war with each other.

r. Our souls were made in God's image and cannot find peace apart from relationship with God.

s. There is no soundness in the soul of man (Isaiah 1:6)

t. The heart of man is deceitful. (Jeremiah 17:9)

u. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)

v. All have sinned. (Romans 5:12)

w. Job said he was vile.

x. Peter told Jesus to depart from him for I am a sinful man.

8. We all have a sin nature.

a. Many of us would like to kick some habits in our lives.

b. We cannot.

c. Could we get an injection to make us love each other?

d. Many are turning to God today because the ideas we've been taught are failing.

e. We cannot cure our sin by any means.

E. God is our cure, the solution to the sin problem.

1. Only God can remove the sin barrier between us and him.

2. In spite of our rebellion God loves us and sent Jesus to die on the cross to die for our sins.

3. I stepped on an ant hill by accident once.

a. I was sorry for the destruction I caused.

b. I wanted to help them rebuild but I couldn't.

c. If I could become an ant I could have helped them.

d. Jesus became one of us in order to help us out of our problem.

e. His death removed the judgment of sin that we deserved.

4. The Bible says that in the day we sin we will die.

a. Jesus took that penalty on himself, taking the guilt of the murderer and thief, etc.

b. They laid Jesus in a tomb but on the third day he rose again.

c. Christ said that the human disease of sin is taken away when a man is born again by faith in the cross of Jesus.

d. There is no other way of forgiveness than that of the cross.

5. We all must do three things.

a. Repent of sin; stand up and confess that I am a sinner and renounce your sin.

1. A man told another that he must go to the pig pen to kneel down and ask forgiveness.

2. The man said that was too humiliating but later agreed.

3. The first man told him he need not go, just be willing to go.

4. We cannot change ourselves but we must be willing to give up control of our lives to God.

b. We must receive Christ.

1. Many people believe in Christ but that is not enough.

2. We must receive Christ.

3. If I go to the airport and look at the airplanes but refuse to board it I do not go anywhere.

4. If we believe in Christ and admire the church but never receive Christ we will not go to heaven.

c. We must be willing to obey Christ.

1. We must serve him, love him, and serve him.

2. I leave my bitterness and pride behind.

3. God gives us the power to love for him.

6. I accepted Christ after listening to a former football player's testimony.

7. God doesn't take away all our problems but he does take away all our sins.

8. As many as received Christ to them he gave the power to become children of God.

9. Only those drawn by the Spirit can come to God.

- a. If God is drawing you do not resist him.
- b. You may never get another chance.
- c. It takes humility and courage to confess Christ publicly.
- d. I've asked people all over the world to come forward to receive Christ.
- e. You may be a church member but have never received Christ.
- f. I'm going to ask many of you to get out of your seats to come forward and receive Christ by faith by confessing him before men.
- g. I'm not asking you to join some church for you can join any church you like.
- h. I'm asking you to renounce your sin and receive Christ by faith.
- i. You might never have another moment like this again.

10. I want to suggest four things.

- a. Read and study and memorize the word of God.
- b. Be ready to witness for Christ in your neighborhood and families.
- c. Christ is going to give you the power to live the Christian life.
- d. Pray after me: "God I am a sinner and I am sorry for my sin. I receive Christ and confess him as Lord. From this moment on I'm going to live for him."