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Reading: Hebrews ch 1 v 1-3

Mr Marshall began by giving a short account of how he came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour. He was brought up in a Christian home and taken to the local church from an early age. By the age of nine he was taken to every meeting that the church held. He was quite happy to sit, to listen and to learn. He enjoyed the company of the saints of God. This made an impression on his life. At the age of nine while reading a non-Christian book it came upon him to think about eternity. That night his mother led him to the Lord Jesus Christ and he accepted Him as his personal Saviour. In 1984 on Remembrance Sunday he entered into assembly fellowship. Salvation is so simple that it is available to all who seek it.

### **Do you believe there is a God?**

Richard Dawkins has written a book about the delusion of God, but is He a delusion?

The bible begins with God. God is a person, not an influence.

Creation begins with God.

Salvation begins with a God Who planned to save deep in His heart in eternity past.

Everything ends with God: in His own time, God will finish the earth and call an end to time

### **It is important to believe in God!**

The God of the Bible communicates with man

There are many religions throughout the world, but they are based on men seeking to reach God.

The God of the bible has a relationship with men. God had told men that they are sinful.

We are enemies to God, separated from God

Everything ends with God “perish but thou remainest”(Heb 1:11)

### **What is sin?**

Sin is deep in the heart of every man.

“All have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23)

Sin is evident in every life, aging is the direct result of sin. When Adam the first man sinned death came into the world. At the end of life “we all must needs die”. There is a way back to God.

### **Is God speaking to you?**

God has spoken in the past and present. The saddest condition is to believe there is no God.

In the Old Testament God spoke in the world. In these last days He speaks through one man, His only Son - The Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Do you believe that Lord Jesus Christ is Gods son?**

He took upon himself humanity. “manifest in flesh” (1 Tim 3:16).

He became a Substitute when He took our place on the cross and suffered as a man. The only reason He could be a substitute was because of His humanity.

The Lord suffered for righteousness and sin

“For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16)

## **A future inheritance.**

Worth far more than money - Eternal life

The riches of grace and glory are the inheritance of the saints of God.

What do you look forward to in the future?

There is an eternity in front of us.

“What is man that Thou art mindful of him” (Ps 8:4)

We see something of the power of God in creation.

“Upholding all thing by the word of His power “

God is holy and cannot look upon iniquity. Sin and God don't go together. God has set the standard

There is only one way to be in heaven - through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gods character is different from man. “God is light and in him is no darkness at all”. Light even in this world cannot be defiled.

God is love. Mans love is fickle and changing but Gods love is constant. He did no sin and knew no sin - even Pilot found no fault in Him.

God is in control of our life and in control of the whole world.

We cannot boast of tomorrow; we don't know what tomorrow will bring. One step takes us out of time and into eternity. God decides when to take people out of time.

Salvation is a Work of God: by himself he purged our sins. Which of you can take away sin?

It is a finished work - He purged our sins then sat on the right hand of the majesty on high. Christ's work is complete. All we have to do is accept Him. To accept that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners including each of us

You can't get to heaven by your own methods - You must put your trust in Him.

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (! Tim 1:15)

With Christ which is far better - You can be there too by the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ.