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## **BUT GOD...**

**PSALMS 73:26** **But God** is the strength of my heart...

**ROMANS 5:8** **But God** demonstrates his own love for us...

**1CORINTHIANS 10:13** **But God** is faithful...

**EPHESIANS 2:1-4** **But God**, who is rich in mercy...

**1 CORINTHIANS 1:27** **But God** chose the foolish things of the world...

**ACT 13:30** **But God** raised him from the dead...

**GALATIANS 3:20** **But God** is one.

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<http://www.questculvercity.org/resources.html>

The Bible tells it like it is.

It contrasts sinful man with a holy God.

Today we will see that man is weak, sinful, faithless, merciless, foolish,  
**BUT GOD** is holy, strong, loving, faithful, merciful, wise.

**1) PSALMS 73:26** My flesh and my heart may fail, **but God** is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Sinful man trusts in his flesh – His abilities, strength, goodness, human effort apart from Christ.

**1) Your flesh will disappoint you**

You and I are not able.

Life is too difficult.

We are not strong, wise, good enough.

We love to think that we had something to do with it.

You will always come up short.

**2) Others will disappoint you**

Man will let you down every time – eventually.

Don't look to a parent, spouse, child, pastor, etc...

My promise: I will disappoint/fail you.

My promise: God will never disappoint/fail you.

**3) Things will disappoint you**

Don't set your heart on the uncertainty of riches.

Maybe you have a great job, business, income, etc...

It's all going to burn.

2005 accident – you could be disabled tomorrow.

It will all fail you eventually – BUT GOD will never fail you.

Are you going through something today? Let Him be your strength.

**2) ROMANS 5:8** You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. **But God** demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

If someone were almost perfect, saved lives, a humanitarian, philanthropist, world peace, fought hunger, clothed the homeless, took care of orphans, did charitable acts, gave money... rarely...

Really good... dare...

When I...hated Him, shook my fist,....

Not that we loved God first

Not that we were good

**3) 1CORINTHIANS 10:13** (NKJV) No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; **but God** is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

**Bible characters:**

Abraham lied

Jacob deceived

Moses murder

King Saul turned from the Lord

King David adultery and murder

King Solomon married foreign wives and was led away

The Kings of Israel and Judah

**James 5:17** Elijah was a man just like us.

We all get tempted. Getting tempted is not wrong. Giving in to it is.

There is a spiritual realm.

The enemy tries to catch you off guard.

He has tactics – it's only a small sin, no one will know, it's harmless.

**Ephesians 6:12,13** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

But God is faithful...

We have spiritual armor.

**4) EPHESIANS 2:1-4** (NKJV) As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. **But God**, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

He doesn't say man is basically good, getting better and better, okay, probably would have gone to heaven...

We were dead in sin  
We followed Satan  
We were objects of God's wrath

But God who is rich in mercy.

e.g. Cheryl – Mercy on a spider.

God's mercy goes beyond that.

His mercy...

Endures forever Psa 136 – 26X.

Is quick to forgive when we repent.

**5) 1 CORINTHIANS 1:27** **But God** chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

Sinful man thinks he is so smart

e.g. Physics teacher – Atomic Physics.

Consider the man:

Noah – Builds an ark.

Moses – The brazen serpent.

Joshua – Wins the battle of Jericho with a trumpet.

David – Slays Goliath.

Jesus – Born in a manger.

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**6) Act 13:30** When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. **But God** raised him from the dead.

Sinful man:

Became jealous.

Accused Him wrongly.

Beat Him.

Mocked Him

Put Him to death by the most despised means.

But God raised Him from the dead.

Today He is alive.

We serve a risen savior.

**7) GALATIANS 3:20** A mediator, however, does not represent just one party; **but God** is one.

Sinful man invented false and polytheistic religions.

Christianity has always taught there is ONLY one God.

The Trinity:

The Father is called God

The Son is called God

The Holy Spirit is called God

Yet there are not three Gods but one.

Athanasian Creed

And in this Trinity none is before, or after another; none is greater, or less than another. But the whole three Persons are coeternal, and coequal. So that in all things, as aforesaid; the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity, is to be worshipped.

Dr. Giesler – The Trinity is an essential doctrine.

It affects who God is.

You cannot deny it and be Christian.

**CONC:**

Sinful man....

But God.....

This shows us how much we need Him.

How helpless we are.

Let's choose to rely on Him completely.