

# The Gospel according to Paul



Following the Plot of God's Story

# The Human Problem

- Idolatry
  - Rom 1
- Obedience impossible
- Part of cosmic problem
  - Rom 8:19-23



# How does Christ Save Us?

- Terms describing effect
  - Rescue (redemption)
  - Reconciliation
- Passover sacrifice
- Day of Atonement sacrifice (Rom 3)
  - Not Propitiation
- Lives as new Adam (Rom 5)
- Becomes a “curse” for us (Gal 3)



# Who Is This Savior?

- The evidence
  - The Philippians hymn
  - The Colossians hymn
  - OT quotations re. God
  - Bi-/Tri-une formulae
  - Christ & Spirit
- Basic understanding



# Who Is This Savior?

- The evidence
- Basic understanding
  - Christ pre-existent agent of creation
  - Christ the focus of new creation
  - Christ shares in the one divine identity



# The Destination

- New Creation
  - Physical resurrection
  - Reaching what Adam missed
  - Restoration of cosmos
    - Not replaced, but restored
  - Experienced now in part
    - Confident access to God
    - Moral restoration through the Spirit
    - Signs and wonders in the community

