

# ***Broken: A Broken Reflection***

## *Various Texts*

### ***Our Design***

- Humanity was made to reflect the image of our Creator (Gen. 1:26-27)
- Yet we are not naturally just, wise, patient, holy, or loving
  - Some of the most defining characteristics of God

### ***Our Fallen Nature***

- Because of Adam & Eve's rebellion, all their offspring are born with a rebellious nature
  - We are sinners, both in our nature & through our choices (Rom 3:23)
- And even when we try to do what is good, we fail (Isa. 64:6; Rom. 7:18-20)
- This is not theoretically, but a personal truth (1 John 1:8, 10)
- In our sinfulness, we think and act in ways that:
  - Hurt our relationship with God (Rom. 8:8)
  - Produce death (Rom. 6:23b)
  - Damage those around us

### ***The Healer of the Broken***

- Jesus wants to heal our broken, sinful, rebellious selves (Rom 6:23; 1 John 1:7-10)
- Again, this is not theoretical
  - It must be a real confession of real sin to see real healing
  - If we are theoretical sinners, then we have a theoretical savior. But, if we confess that we are real and true sinners, who struggle with real and true sins, then we must see Jesus for who He is: a real and true Savior able to deal with all of our great sin.
  - Confession: To agree with God about what is true (1 Tim. 1:15)
    - "If your sin is small then your Savior will be small also. But if your sin is Great, then your Savior must be great."-Charles Spurgeon
  - If we deny the disease in us, then we cannot be healed of it
- This honesty with ourselves and God leads to:
  - Surrender: Completely giving up our own will and subjecting our thoughts and actions to the will of God
  - Repentance: A change in behavior as a result of surrendering to God

### ***So What?***

- Do you understand that you are truly sinful?
- If not, ask God to show you who you really are apart from Him
- Do you know what a great Savior you have in Jesus?

**Meditation Verse:** *1 John 1:9*