

## Intro:

[The Wonderful Wizard of Oz](#), a 1900 American novel by L. Frank Baum

Reprinted as The Wizard of Oz

5 major motion picture releases – best know is 1933 starring Judy Garland

5 Major TV movies or series – including the Muppets Wizard of Oz

1 comic book series

2 video games

3 arcade games using the theme of Wizard of Oz

8 Musicals adapted for theater – including 1975 Tony Award winner of Best Musical “The Wiz”

8 decades ago - Like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz but **no place is really home**.

Dorothy knew she was not in Kansas anymore. It did not feel like home.

We are here only temporarily. We are all just pilgrims and travelers here on earth.

Decades ago we did not always lock our doors. We played outside without fear. We rode bikes all day long. Not today. It doesn't feel like home. It is like a dream.

We are not in the home God created for us – We are separated by our sin

## I. There is a perfect and permanent home waiting for us

A. Jesus wants us to live with him - Jewish marriage proposal

(John 14:1-3 NKJV) “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. “In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

B. Home is where you are loved

(1 John 4:19 NKJV) We love Him because He first loved us.

It's not where you spend the most time. Most of us spend more waking hours at work than at home. The only reason we call someplace home is because family and friends are there.

**TS-** Unlike our physical family we choose our next family. We need to receive Him because our sin has separated us from Him.

## II. We don't have the ability to pay the price so he paid it for us **Adopted**

A. We are sinners

1. Good deeds do not outweigh our bad

- Bank robber gives to charity.
- Mean to one person good to the next - mean to mother-in-law?

(Eph 1:3-6 NKJV) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be **holy and without blame before Him** in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.

2. He died on the cross for us

He is love therefore gave his son. Judge pays the fine and cleans the mess.

- He suffered in our place

(Rom 5:8 NKJV) But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### **III. He will not force us to live with Him**

(John 3:16-19 NKJV) “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. “For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. “And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

A. We must believe freely – Stick gun to Kathy’s head when I proposed. My story sticking to it. Why doesn’t God just show Himself? He **could force** or **scare you** but He showed Himself in Jesus.

B. It is also the free choice of those who don't  
(Mat 11:28-29 NKJV) “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**Invitation** – Still showing the movie. Dorothy after trying to find her own way home found it as easy as clicking her heels together 3 x’s.

2000 years ago they are still telling the story. He is the way home. Stop trying to find it on your own. It is as easy as accepting His love by His work on the cross.