

# OUR GREAT SALVATION

## INTRODUCTION

### Part One

#### The Meaning of the Word Salvation

The Hebrew root word is “yesha” (the basis for the name Joshua and Jesus) signifies freedom from what binds or restricts and thus effects deliverance.

The Greek word is “soteria” meaning to provide recovery, to rescue, to effect one’s welfare.

#### Definition

**Salvation is the work of God whereby He transforms a soul from the grips of condemnation (eternal wrath) to one of eternal life. The idea of true of salvation from beginning to end is God’s. He thought of it and provided all that was necessary to make it possible for a human being to be rescued from the wrath of God. That’s why Scripture says that salvation is of the Lord.**

Ps. 3:8-Salvation belongs to the Lord; Thy blessing be upon Thy people! Selah.

Ps. 62:1-2 - My soul waits in silence for God only; From Him is my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken.

Ps. 68:19 - Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears our burden, The God who is our salvation.

Isa. 12:2 - Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; For the Lord God is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation.

Isa. 61:10 - I will rejoice greatly in the Lord,... For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness,

Jonah. 2:9-But I will sacrifice to Thee With the voice of thanksgiving... Salvation is from the Lord.

#### Technical Definition

**Salvation is the gracious work of God whereby He delivers undeserving, gospel-believing sinners from sin and its results; brings them into a right, vital relationship with Himself; and bestows on them the riches of His grace.**

# The Order of Salvation

1. Election - God's choice of people to be saved
2. Gospel call - proclaiming the gospel message
3. Regeneration - being born again
4. Conversion - faith and repentance
5. Justification - right legal standing
6. Adoption - membership in God's family
7. Sanctification - right conduct of life
8. Perseverance - remaining a believer
9. Death - going to be with the Lord
10. Glorification - receiving a resurrection body

## DIVINE GOALS OF SALVATION

### Part Two

#### Questions to be Covered

What are some of the goals for salvation? Why should God want to save sinners?

### 1. To display the love of God.

**This was the greatest and most concrete demonstration of the love of God. There is no greater way for God to prove His love for mankind than when He sent His Son.**

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Rom. 5:8 - But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Messiah died for us.

1 John 4:9 - By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

### 2. To Display the grace and goodness of God

**Salvation gives God an opportunity to display His grace for all eternity. True**

**believers should presently display God's goodness by good deeds. We will also be the trophies of His amazing grace for all time.**

Eph. 2:4-7 - But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with the Messiah (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Messiah Jesus, in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Messiah Jesus.

Matt. 5:16 - Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Titus 2:7 - in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine...

Titus 2:14 - who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

Heb. 10:24 - and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,

### **3. To display the redemption of God**

**To reverse the curse that came about as a result of Adam & Eve's disobedience. This is done by creating a new race of people who are in the Messiah Jesus.**

Rom. 5:12,15-16 - Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned-- But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Messiah Jesus, abound to the many. And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification.

Col. 3:9-10 - Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him

### **4. To display the glory of God**

**The supreme reason God reaches down to mankind with His love and grace is, so that He might be glorified through out all eternity. He ultimately saves people for His own glory!**

Ephesians 1:3-14 - In this amazing passage, you have the work of the Triune Godhead in providing salvation. Each member has a specific function that He accomplishes. Verses 3-6 speaks of the Father. Verses 7-12 refers to the Son and verses 13-14 describes

the work of the Holy Spirit.

Eph. 1:3-6 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus the Messiah, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Messiah, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus the Messiah to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Eph. 1:7-12 - In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him... In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we who were the first to hope in Messiah should be to the praise of His glory.

Eph. 1:13-14 - In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation-- having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

**As we have seen, the primary goals of salvation revolves around God. It is true, there are many blessings that come to the individual person who is saved. But, salvation should first be seen from God's perspective.**

# THE NECESSITY OF SALVATION

## Part Three

### Questions to be Covered

Why does a person need to be saved? What is their condition that necessitates salvation?

**Before one can be saved, he must be made aware of his spiritual need before God. Only when they see their sin and themselves as God sees them, are they ready to respond to the gospel. The Word sums up our need.**

Rom. 3:9-18 - What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin; as it is written, There is none righteous, not even one; There is none who understands, There is none who seeks for God; All have turned aside, together they have become useless; There is none who does good, There is not even one. Their throat is an open grave, With their tongues they keep deceiving, The poison of asps is under their lips; Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness; Their feet are swift to shed blood, Destruction and misery are in their paths, And the path of peace have they not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes.

Rom. 5:6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time the Messiah died for the ungodly.

Rom. 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Messiah died for us.

Rom. 5:10 For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

**Man needs to be saved for various reasons. Here are some of the reasons that are clearly taught in Scripture. We are:**

**sinner by birth & practice  
in debt to God because of our sins  
helpless to correct our condition  
condemned by God  
spiritually dead  
slaves of sin  
lost**

# Sinners By Birth & Practice

**We are all born lost in sin because of Adam's dis-obedience. The entire human race was drastically affected when he disobeyed God. Adam was the representative for all mankind when he was in the garden. Since his fall we are born in his likeness.**

Rom. 5:12,18 - Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned-- So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.

Gen. 5:3 When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, he became the father of a son in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.

1 Cor. 15:22 - For as in Adam all die, so also in Messiah all shall be made alive. It is true that even fallen man still bears the image and likeness of God. However, it has been marred as a result of sin. When a person gets saved the image that was marred begins a renewal process back into the image of God

Col. 3:9-10 - Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him

**Not only are we sinful as a result of being in Adam, but we are sinful because of our personal sins that we all commit. There has only been one person who lived a totally perfect life, who never sinned while on earth and that was Jesus the Messiah.**

1 Pet. 2:21-22 - For you have been called for this purpose, since Messiah also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth;

Col. 3:5,7 - Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. And in them you also once walked, when you were living in them.

Rom. 3:23 - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Rom. 6:20 - For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

Titus 3:3 - For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

## **In Debt to God Because of Our Sins**

**Every sin that's committed creates a debt with God. That sin debt needs to be payed. There are only two ways in which the debt can be payed. Either we try to pay it ourselves, or we accept the payment that God made. There are no other choices.**

Col. 2:13-14 -And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

**God graciously made the payment for our sins through the death of Jesus the Messiah. All other forms or attempts of payment for sin is not acceptable to God.**

## **Helpless to correct our condition**

**There is absolutely nothing we can do about the desperate situation we are in. We are helpless and therefore dependent upon someone else to provide a way of deliverance. Spiritually speaking we are powerless to do what is necessary to obtain forgiveness.**

### **Helpless:**

**“Unable to tend to one's own needs, unable to act at will, lacking all help”  
Does that sound like we are in a hopeless situation? We are, except for the grace of God!**

Rom. 5:6 - For while we were still helpless, at the right time the Messiah died for the ungodly.

Rom. 5:8 - But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, the Messiah died for us.

Rom. 5:10 - For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

## **Condemned by God**

**All of mankind stands condemned before a holy and righteous God. This is**

**the result of being born a sinner as well as committing personal sin.**

**It involves the thought of being reckoned or accounted guilty before the one and only God who is holy. Before one is forgiven through the Messiah they are in a state of condemnation.**

James 2:10 - For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

John 3:18 - He that believes on him is not condemned: but he that believes not is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Rom. 8:1 - There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Messiah Jesus.

## **Spiritually dead**

**All of mankind is born spiritually dead. We are dead toward the things of God, but very much alive when it comes to the things that God opposes.**

Eph. 2:1-3 - And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

Col. 2:13 - And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

John 5:24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

**Spiritual death is the separation of a person from God. Our sins have separated us from Him. As such we are not able to respond to spiritual matters.**

1 Cor. 2:14 - But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

Rom. 8:6-7 - For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so;

## **We are born slaves of sin**

**Sin has an enslaving power to it. One sin leads to another sin. Sometimes a sin is required to cover another sin that was committed. David covered his adultery with murder. The longer sin goes on the harder it is to escape it.**

Rom. 6:17 - But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,

Rom. 8:2 - For the law of the Spirit of life in Messiah Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

## **We are born lost in sin**

**When one understands that they are lost, there are certain emotions that come to the surface. We have all heard a child screaming in a store because they thought their parents left them there. Unfortunately, we are oblivious to our lost condition.**

**To be lost means we cannot find our way to where we are going. In this case it is heaven. We cannot find our way there. Fortunately, Jesus is seeking the lost in order to bring them salvation. He is the initiator. Left to ourselves, we would not seek Him.**

Matt. 10:6 - but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Luke 19:10 - "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

**Our need for salvation is great. Even after we experience true salvation, it often takes years for us to realize how bad off we were and just how much we needed to be saved.**

# THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION

## Part Four

### Questions to be Covered

What is the message of the gospel? Who originally thought of the gospel message? How does the gospel become effective in a persons heart? Once a person receives the gospel, what's next?

**It's very important that we understand that the Triune God is the one who thought of the gospel and made all the provisions for the gospel. He did not initiate it as a result of some innate goodness within mankind, but rather he provided it as a means to bring glory to Himself.**

### The Gospel's Origin

Eph. 1:3-6,11 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus the Messiah, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Messiah, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.

In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus the Messiah to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. Also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will.

**Not only does the gospel originate from the Triune God from eternity past, He is the ultimate reason why anyone gets saved. We are able to respond to the gospel message with repentance and faith as a result of His doing.**

John 1:12-13 - But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Titus 3:5 - He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.

James 1:18 - In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we might be, as it were, the first fruits among His creatures.

1 Pet. 1:3 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus the Messiah from the dead.

**As we have seen, salvation is a work of God, but we have to respond to the gospel message by repenting and placing saving faith in Jesus as Messiah.**

**The complete gospel message includes three components:**

- 1. The gospel message itself**
- 2. Establishing people in the gospel**
- 3. Helping people to persevere in the gospel message**

## **1. The Gospel Message**

**The gospel is the good news of God whereby He invites sinners to enter into a personal relationship with Him through personal faith in the Messiah Jesus as Lord and Savior. It's believing that the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah was sufficient payment for all of our sins and that complete forgiveness is granted when we believe in Messiah Jesus.**

1 Cor. 15:3-4 - For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that the Messiah died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures

Is. 53:5-6 - But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.

Matt. 20:18-19 - "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and will deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify Him, and on the third day He will be raised up."

# **Elements of the Gospel**

**In the preaching of the gospel, three important elements must be included:**

- A. Explanation of the Facts Concerning Salvation.**
- B. Invitation to respond to Jesus the Messiah personally in Repentance and Faith.**
- C. A Promise of Forgiveness and Eternal Life**

## **A. Facts Concerning Salvation**

**Anyone who comes to the Messiah Jesus for salvation must have at least a basic understanding of who Jesus is and how He meets our needs for salvation.**

**An explanation of the facts concerning salvation must include at least the following:**

**All people have sinned -Rom. 3:23**

**The penalty of our sin is death - Rom. 6:23**

**Jesus died to pay the penalty for our sins -Rom. 5:8**

Rom. 3:23 - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Rom. 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Messiah Jesus our Lord.

Rom. 5:8 - But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Messiah died for us.

**Understanding those facts and even believing that they are true is not enough for a person to be saved. There must be an invitation for a personal response from the individual who will repent of their sins and personally trust the Messiah.**

## **B. Invitation to Respond**

**When the Bible speaks of people coming to salvation it does so in terms of a personal response to an invitation from the Messiah Himself.**

Matt. 11:28-30 - "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. "Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls. "For My yoke is easy, and My load is light."

John 1:11-12 - He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.

**These verses speak of a genuine personal invitation that seeks a personal response for each one who hears it. As the facts of the gospel are presented, a response is offered by the hearer. Either they receive the gospel message or they reject it.**

**Any genuine gospel presentation must include an invitation to make a conscious decision to forsake one's sins and come to Jesus the Messiah in faith. asking Him to forgive you of your sins.**

Acts 3:19 - Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

Acts 5:31 - He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Acts 17:30 - Therefore having over-looked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all everywhere should repent.

**If the need to repent of one's sins or the need to personally trust Jesus the Messiah for the forgiveness of sins is left out, an incomplete gospel has been proclaimed. And this is not sufficient to save anyone.**

## **C. Forgiveness and Eternal Life**

**Although there are many wonderful blessings that come to the one who is truly saved, the primary thing that is promised in the gospel message is forgiveness of sins and eternal life.**

Acts 3:19 - Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

**All who come to Jesus the Messiah in this manner can have the assurance that they will be accepted by Him and will not be turned away.**

John 6:37 - All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

## **2. Establishing People In the Gospel Message**

**When someone get saved, they need to be grounded in their faith**

**It's not enough for someone to simply make a profession of faith in the gospel message. They need to be established in the teachings of the Word of God. Spiritual growth, or sanctification needs to follow one's profession.**

1 Thess. 3:1-4 - Therefore when we could endure it no longer, we thought it best to be left behind at Athens alone; and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's fellow worker in the gospel of Messiah, to strengthen and encourage you as to your faith, so that no man may be disturbed by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we have been destined for this. For indeed when we were with you, we kept telling you in advance that we were going to suffer affliction; and so it came to pass, as you know.

1 Thess. 3:5-8 - For this reason, when I could endure it no longer, I also sent to find out about your faith, for fear that the tempter might have tempted you, and our labor should be in vain. But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always think kindly of us, longing to see us just as we also long to see you, for this reason, brethren, in all our distress and affliction we were comforted about you through your faith; for now we really live, if you stand firm in the Lord.

Eph. 4:11-15 - And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Messiah... As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Messiah

1 Pet. 2:2 - like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,

Col. 2:6-7 - As you therefore have received Messiah Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

### **3. Helping People To Persevere In the Gospel Message**

**When someone get saved, the need to continue in their faith**

**It's not enough for someone to simply make a profession of faith in the gospel message. They need to continue in their faith for the rest of their human life. If they abandon their faith it manifests that their faith was never genuine from the start.**

**There are two sides of perseverance. One is our side and the other is God's side. We are presently looking at perseverance from our side. We will look at perseverance from God's side in a future lesson.**

#### **What Is Our Side Of Perseverance?**

**It is simply our continuing to believe the gospel message through out our entire lifetime. Trials, afflictions, persecution, or any other type of difficulty will not cause us to abandon our faith in the Messiah Jesus.**

1 Cor. 15:1-2 - Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

Col. 1:21-23 - And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach-- if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not move away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven...

**With so much at stake (the salvation of a soul), it is imperative that we are clear and thorough in our presentation of the gospel. It is true, we are not the one who does the saving (God does that) but we are responsible to dispense the true gospel.**

**To sum up, there are some extremely serious consequences for not believing and obeying the gospel of God. All of you have heard what the gospel is, the question is, do you believe it?**

2 Thess. 1:4-8 - therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure. This is a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering. For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

# Key Words of Salvation

## Part Five

**There are several key words that are used in Scripture that sheds light on the Bible's teaching about salvation. Each word is like a facet on a diamond that gives another side of God's wonderful salvation.**

### Regeneration

#### Questions to be Covered

What does it mean to be born again? What are some of the changes that come about in the life of a person who has been regenerated? How is a person regenerated?

#### Definition

**Regeneration is the work of God whereby He imparts new life to the believer in Messiah Jesus.**

#### **1. Need for Regeneration - Why does man need to be regenerated?**

##### **A. Because we are all spiritually dead**

**We are all born spiritually dead as a result of sin. Because we are spiritually dead, we need life. Regeneration is the imparting of life to a spiritually dead individual.**

Eph. 2:1-3 - And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. Not only are we sinners because we are in Adam, but we have all personally sinned as well.

Because of that we are born into this world spiritually dead.

## **B. Because we are all alienated from God**

**We are all born alienated from God as a result of sin. Because of that, we separated from the life that comes from God. This refers to the supernatural life that comes by faith in Jesus the Messiah.**

Eph. 4:17-18 - This I say therefore, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart.

**Although most people think they have some sort of relationship with God, the truth is, all who are unsaved are alienated from Him and have no communion with Him at all.**

## **C. Because Jesus said we need it**

**While talking with a religious Jewish leader named Nicodemus, Jesus explained the absolute necessity to be born again. Jesus told Nicodemus without that happening, he would not see the kingdom of God.**

John 3:1-3 - Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; this man came to Him by night, and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

**Being born again, or being born from above, is necessary for receiving the life that our dead spirit needs. Until one has personally experienced that, they are still spiritually dead.**

## **2. Method of Regeneration - How is man regenerated?**

**By the Word of God, The Spirit of God, and an ambassador of God**

**Regeneration is brought about as people are brought in contact with the truth of the Word. The Holy Spirit energizes the truth and enables the spiritually dead individual to hear God's Word and respond to it.**

Acts 16:14 - And a certain woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.

**All three parts of the process of regeneration are seen in this verse. The Word of God, the Holy Spirit and the ambassador of God.**

### **A. The Word of God**

**It is impossible for a person to experience regeneration without the use of the Word of God. Because of that, it is vitally important that the Word of God be given out correctly and that the gospel be clearly proclaimed.**

Rom. 10:17 - So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of the Messiah.

1 Pet. 1:23 - for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and abiding word of God.

James 1:18 - In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we might be, as it were, the first fruits among His creatures

### **B. The Spirit of God**

**It is impossible for a person to experience regeneration without the ministry of the Holy Spirit. He takes the Word of God and applies it to the heart of man and generates life in the dead spirit.**

Titus 3:5-6 - He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus the Messiah our Savior.

### **C. An Ambassador of God**

**More often than not, God uses a person in the process of salvation. It might be someone who wrote a tract or a book. It might be as a result of listening to a sermon or a gospel radio program. It might be through someone's personal testimony, or as a result of a someone personally witnessing to you.**

Rom. 10:14-15 - How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, " How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!"

2 Cor. 5:20 - Therefore, we are ambassadors for the Messiah, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Messiah, be reconciled to God.

### **3. Results of Regeneration - What happens when a person is regenerated?**

**There are several blessings that accompany regeneration**

**The results of regeneration are even more staggering when you keep in mind that all of them come about as a divine work of God. He causes regeneration to take place in the spirit of a lost sinner.**

## **A. New Kind of Life**

**Regeneration brings to life the believer's dead spirit and delivers it from inherent corruption and makes it holy. As a result they are able to commune with and be responsive to God.**

Rom. 8:10 - And if Messiah is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

Col. 3:9-10 - Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him

1 Cor. 2:14-15 - But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no man.

**We now have a new mind, allowing us to know God. We now have a new heart, allowing us to love God. We now have a new will, allowing us to obey God.**

1 Cor. 2:16 - For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct Him? But we have the mind of the Messiah.

Col. 3:12 - And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;

Rom. 6:13 - and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

## **B. A New Relationship with God**

**Regeneration establishes a new and vital relationship with God and the believer. Through regeneration, true believers become members of God's family and citizens of His kingdom.**

John 1:12-13 - But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 17:3 - "And this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus the Messiah whom Thou hast sent.

Gal. 3:26 - For you are all sons of God through faith in Messiah Jesus.

Rom. 8:16-17 - The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Messiah, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

**Until a person is regenerated, their spirit is dead and cannot have any type of relationship with God. Regeneration totally changes the state of the believer in Messiah Jesus.**

# **Key Words of Salvation**

## **Part Six**

### **Conversion (Faith and Repentance) Or Returning to the Lord**

**The word conversion is sometimes misunderstood. For example; many Jewish people feel that if one speaks of conversion and if they were to participate in it, then they would no longer be Jewish. Although, some people do convert from one religion to another, that is not how the word is used in the Bible. If one is saved, they have converted, but that does not change their being Jewish or Gentile.**

#### **Questions to be Covered**

**What is conversion? What is the nature of true repentance?  
What is true saving faith?**

#### **Definition**

**Conversion is our willing response to the gospel call, in which we sincerely repent of sins and place our trust in Jesus the Messiah for salvation.**

**Conversion is a single entity which has two inseparable aspects: repentance and faith. Repentance is the unbeliever's turning away from sin, and faith is his or her turning to Messiah Jesus.**

**The word conversion means "turning." The turning from sin is called repentance, and the turning to Messiah is**

**called faith. Neither one can occur without the other, and they must occur together when true conversion takes place.**

Parts of Saving Faith -- What does saving faith include?

## **1. Knowledge**

**Although knowledge of who Jesus is and what He has accomplished is necessary, just having the knowledge does not guarantee that one is truly saved.**

Rom. 10:14 - How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

Rom. 1:21 - For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

James 2:19 - You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.

**Mere knowledge of the facts is not sufficient to bring about true salvation. There needs to be something more.**

## **2. Agreement**

**Although agreement of who Jesus is and what He has accomplished is necessary, just agreeing with the facts does not guarantee that one is truly saved.**

**Even if one takes it a step further and agrees that the facts about Jesus are true, that is still not enough to bring about true salvation in the life of an individual. Nicodemus and King Agrippa are examples of this.**

John 3:1-3 - Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; this man came to Him by night, and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that

You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Acts 26:27-28 - King Agrippa, do you believe the Prophets? I know that you do. And Agrippa replied to Paul, "In a short time you will persuade me to become a Christian."

### **3. Total dependence**

**What then is one to do? In addition to knowledge and agreement of the facts of the gospel, I must decide to depend upon Jesus to save me personally.**

**When total dependence in the gospel truth is exercised the individual enters into a new relationship with Jesus the Messiah.**

#### **Definition Of Saving Faith**

**Saving faith is trust in Jesus the Messiah as a living person for forgiveness of my sins and for eternal life with God. This definition emphasizes that saving faith is not just a belief in the facts but personal trust in Jesus to save me.**

**We start out with faith like a mustard seed, but that faith should grow and become stronger. Our faith is one of the most precious and valuable things a believer possesses.**

**Saving Faith As Taught In Scripture -- What does the Bible say about faith?**

1. It ranks as a very important subject

**As we will see, true saving faith is often referred to in Scripture.**

**As we read about it, we come away with an understanding of how important true faith really is.**

## **Bible's Teaching About Faith**

- 1. It's a gift from God**
- 2. It will be tested**
- 3. It's more valuable than gold**
- 4. Jesus prays for people's faith**
- 5. It will endure until the end**

### **It's a gift from God**

Eph. 2:8 - For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.

### **It will be tested**

1 Pet. 1:6-7 - In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus the Messiah.

### **It's more valuable than gold**

1 Pet. 1:6-7 - In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus the Messiah.

### **Jesus prays for our faith**

Luke 22:31-32 - "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

### **Faith will endure until the end**

Col. 1:21-23 - And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.

# REPENTANCE

## Definition

**Repentance is a heartfelt sorrow for sin, renouncing of it, and a sincere commitment to forsake it and walk in obedience to Messiah Jesus.**

**A sense of great evil of sin is essential to true repentance.**

**Repentance is a grace of God's Spirit whereby a sinner is inwardly and visibly reformed.**

**The great evil of every sin is this fact: every sin is committed against God.**

Gen. 39:9 - There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil, and sin against God? - Joseph

Ps. 51:4 - Against Thee, Thee only, I have sinned, And done what is evil in Thy sight, So that Thou art justified when Thou dost speak, And blameless when Thou dost judge. - David

## **Nature of Repentance - What does repentance include?**

### **SIGHT OF SIN**

**In order for true repentance to take place, sin must be seen for what it is. Any form of denial or justification of sin will lead to inadequate repentance.**

**All unsaved people are in the dark about sin. That is how we are born.**

Acts 26:16-18 - But arise, and stand on your feet; for this purpose I have appeared to you, to appoint you a minister and a witness not only to the things which you have seen, but also to the things in which I will appear to you; delivering you from the Jewish people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you, to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, in order that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me

## **The sight of sin was the key to the Prodigal sons repentance.**

Luke 15:17-19 - But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger! I will get up and go to my father and will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.'

## **The first creation of God was light. The first thing God does when He saves a sinner is to place him in the light.**

Eph. 5:8 - for you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light.

Col. 1:12 - giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

## **SORROW FOR SIN**

**When genuine repentance takes place, there will be a genuine sorrow for sin. This is not some superficial act, but rather a deep agony over sin will be present.**

Ps. 38:18 - For I confess my iniquity; I am full of anxiety because of my sin.

Ps. 51:17 - The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Joel 2:13 - And rend your heart and not your garments. Now return to the Lord your God, For He is gracious and compassionate, Slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness, And relenting of evil.

Luke 18:13 - But the tax-gatherer, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, God, be merciful to me, the sinner!

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

**Some characteristics of true confession are, it is: self-accusing, voluntary, leaves a heart-wounding impression and it particularizes sin.**

Judg. 10:10 - Then the sons of Israel cried out to the Lord, saying, We have sinned against Thee, for indeed, we have forsaken our God and served the Baals.

2 Sam. 24:17 - Then David spoke to the Lord when he saw the angel who was striking down

the people, and said, Behold, it is I who have sinned, and it is I who have done wrong; but these sheep, what have they done? Please let Thy hand be against me and against my father's house.  
Ps. 38:4 - For my iniquities are gone over my head; As a heavy burden they weigh too much for me.

## **SHAME FOR SIN**

**The Prodigal son didn't think himself worthy to be called a son anymore. Adam and Eve hid in the garden of Eden trying to escape having to face God.**

Jer. 6:15 - Were they ashamed because of the abomination they have done? They were not even ashamed at all; They did not even know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; At the time that I punish them, They shall be cast down, says the Lord.

Ezra 9:5-6 - But at the evening offering I arose from my humiliation, even with my garment and my robe torn, and I fell on my knees and stretched out my hands to the Lord my God; and I said, O my God, I am ashamed and embarrassed to lift up my face to Thee, my God for our iniquities have risen above our heads, and our guilt has grown even to the heavens.

Luke 15:19 - I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.

Gen. 3:8 - And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

## **HATRED FOR SIN**

**As true believers mature in their faith, they will come to hate the times they disobey God more and more.**

Ps. 97:10 - Hate evil, you who love the Lord, Who preserves the souls of His godly ones;  
He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Prov. 8:13 - The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way,  
And the perverted mouth, I hate.

Rom. 12:9 - Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

Ps. 119:104 - From Thy precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

**Faith and repentance are present at the time of initial salvation, however, they will continue to be present throughout the life of a true believer.**

# **Key Words of Salvation**

## **Part Seven**

### **Justification**

#### **Questions to be Covered**

What does justification mean? Why does a person need to be justified. How is a person justified and what changes occur? What are some of the results of Justification?

#### **Definition**

**Justification means that at the moment of salvation, God sovereignly declares the sinner righteous from then on. From that moment, right up to his death, the believing sinner is always right before God.**

**Justification is the act of God whereby He acquits the true believer of the divine verdict of condemnation and declares him to be righteous.**

**Justification is God declaring that on the merit of Jesus the Messiah and your faith alone that is placed in Him, God declares you to be right with Him for all eternity.**

**Justification is the legal act whereby man's status before God is changed for good.**

#### **Need for Justification**

Why does man need to be justified?

#### **BECAUSE WE HAVE ALL SINNED**

**As a result of our sin, we are not able to do that which God created us to do; glorify Him. Our sin makes it impossible for us to live**

**in such a way that honors and glorifies God. Because of that we are in need of justification.**

Rom. 3:23 - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

1 Cor. 10:31 - Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

(This is God's purpose for us, but we can't do this because of our sin)

## BECAUSE WE ARE WITHOUT ACCEPTABLE RIGHTEOUSNESS

**Mankind goes about substituting his own righteousness in place of the only righteousness that God accepts; His own. When a person believes in Messiah Jesus, God imputes His own righteousness to the forgiven individual.**

Is. 64:6 - For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

Phil. 3:9 - and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Messiah, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith.

## Method of Justification

How is man justified?

## BY FAITH, BY GRACE, BY BLOOD, BY IMPUTATION

**The method of justification is always by faith in Jesus the Messiah and is always by the grace of God. It's not by our good works as we have already shown, but by His death, burial and resurrection.**

Rom. 4:1-3,16 - What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about; but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." For this reason it is by faith, that it might be in accordance with grace, in order that the promise may be certain to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all.

## **By Faith**

**The only way for a guilty, condemned and lost sinner to experience justification is by faith. When an individual places saving faith in Jesus the Messiah they are justified, meaning that God now sees them as righteous.**

Rom. 1:17 - For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written,  
"But the righteous man shall live by faith."

Rom. 3:28 - For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

Rom. 4:5 - But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly,  
his faith is reckoned as righteousness,

Rom. 5:1 - Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through  
our Lord Jesus the Messiah.

Gal. 2:16 - nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law  
but through faith in Messiah Jesus, even we have believed in Messiah Jesus, that we may  
be justified by faith in Messiah, and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of  
the Law shall no flesh be justified.

## **By Grace**

**The only way for a guilty, condemned and lost sinner to experience justification is by God's grace. He bestows upon those who place saving faith in Jesus the Messiah an abundance of spiritual blessings which are undeserved.**

Rom. 3:24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Messiah Jesus.

Titus 3:7 that being justified by His grace we might be made heirs according to the hope  
of eternal life.

## **By Blood**

**The only way for a guilty, condemned and lost sinner to experience justification is by the shed blood of the Messiah Jesus. Justification is made possible through His atoning death on the cross.**

Rom. 5:9 - Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from  
the wrath of God through Him.

## **By Imputation**

**Imputation means that God now thinks of Jesus' righteousness as belonging to us. He regards Jesus' righteousness as ours because He reckons it to our account.**

Rom. 4:3 For what does the Scripture say? " And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness."

Rom. 4:5-6 - But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing upon the man to whom God reckons righteousness apart from works:

**There are three great imputations mentioned in Scripture:**

- 1. Adam's sin to the world.**
- 2. Sin upon Jesus the Messiah.**
- 3. Jesus' righteousness upon the believer.**

## **The Grounds of Justification**

**WHAT IS IT THAT MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR GOD TO JUSTIFY A SINNER AND STILL REMAIN HOLY**

**This is a very important point to consider since God could not lower His standards of holiness in order to justify a lost sinner. How did He accomplish this?**

**The ground of our justification is Messiah Jesus' satisfaction that He made to His Father by the means of His death. As a result of Jesus' death, God can pronounce a guilty sinner righteous. Because of this payment, God remains just in the whole operation of salvation.**

**It's similar to a creditor forgiving the debt of the debtor when the payment has been made. The one to whom the debt is owed is satisfied by the payment. The debt that is caused by our sin can be justly forgiven by God because of the payment by Christ.**

Rom. 3:24-26 - being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Messiah Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

1 John 4:9-10 - By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

## **Facts of Justification**

### **NO DEGREES, GUARANTEES SANCTIFICATION, GUARANTEES GLORIFICATION**

**Justification puts all believers on a level playing field. What is true for one believer in regards to justification is true for all believers.**

**All believers are justified alike. Justification does not apply to some more than to others. The weakest believer is as perfectly justified as the strongest. There are no degrees of justification. You either are, or you are not justified.**

**All believers who are truly justified will begin the process of sanctification. Whomever God justifies, He sanctifies. There is no such thing as a believer who makes a profession of faith that does not enter into the process of becoming more like the Messiah Jesus.**

1 Cor. 6:11 - And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus the Messiah, and in the Spirit of our God.

Rom. 8:29-30 - For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

**Justification can never be lost. Once a person truly experiences it, it can never be reversed. All who are justified will be glorified. Being glorified is the final aspect of our salvation. It takes place in heaven. All who are justified make it to heaven, guaranteed.**

Rom. 8:29-30 - For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

## **Justification and Works**

### **THE ROLE OF WORKS IN RELATION TO JUSTIFICATION**

**To be justified is to be saved. Doesn't the Bible say that Abraham was justified by works? If that is the case, and it is, what does that mean in light of the truth that one is not saved by works.**

James 2:21-23 - Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," and he was called the friend of God.

Rom. 4:2 - For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about; but not before God.

**Abraham's works manifested that his faith was genuine. Good works demonstrate that one's faith is genuine before mankind. God does not need to see works, because He can see the heart. Man can only see faith when it is accompanied by works.**

**James is addressing justification (by works) before man. Paul is discussing justification (by faith) before God. God is able to do what man is not able to do, see the heart. Humans need to see good works. However, it must be remembered that works in and of themselves do not save, they must be accompanied by saving faith.**

### **Results of Justification**

**What happens when a person is justified?**

## **THERE ARE SEVERAL BLESSINGS THAT ACCOMPANY JUSTIFICATION**

**The results of justification are even more staggering when you keep in mind that all of them are undeserved, but come our way because of God's mercy, love and grace.**

### **No Condemnation**

**The justified believer is in a no condemnation status. As a result, we shall never face God's judicial wrath because of our sin. As a result, we have peace with God.**

Rom. 8:1 - There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Rom. 5:9 - Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

Rom. 5:1 - Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus the Messiah.

### **Declared Righteous**

**The justified believer is declared righteous in God's sight. This can only happen as a result of the Messiah Jesus' righteousness being imputed to one who believes. God see us as righteous as He sees Jesus.**

Rom. 5:19 - For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

2 Cor. 5:21 - He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

### **Assures Future Glorification**

**Justification guarantees the permanence of our salvation. It assures the redemption of our body and participation in Chris's glory.**

Rom. 8:30 - and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

1 Pet. 1:3-4 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus the Messiah, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

1 John 3:2-3 - Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

### **Able To Do Righteousness**

**As a result of justification we are now able to perform true deeds of righteousness that meet God's holy standards. These are able to be done by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.**

Rom. 14:17 - for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Phil. 1:11 - having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus the Messiah, to the glory and praise of God.

### **Expressions of Justification**

**THERE ARE SEVERAL VARIOUS EXPRESSIONS OF JUSTIFICATION USED IN SCRIPTURE**

**The various expressions of justification sheds light on the importance of this teaching in the Word of God.**

### **Justification By God - THE SOURCE**

**The source of justification is God the Father. It didn't happen as a result of our will, or nor was it our plan to make this happen. It was all of God.**

Rom. 3:24-26 - being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Messiah Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Rom. 8:33 - Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies.

## **Justification Is By Blood - THE GROUND**

**The ground of justification is the blood of the Messiah Jesus. It was made possible by His atoning death. When Jesus shed His blood it was in payment for our sins.**

Rom. 5:9 - Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

Heb. 9:22 - And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

## **Justification By Faith - THE MEANS OR INSTRUMENTALITY**

**The means of justification is faith in the Messiah Jesus. Faith is not something that we muster up, it too is a gift from God like all of salvation.**

Rom. 5:1 - Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Gal. 2:16 - nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Messiah Jesus, even we have believed in Messiah Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Messiah, and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified.

Gal. 3:11 Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, The righteous man shall live by faith.

**What is faith? Faith means to believe God, that what He says, He will do.**

**The value of faith lies in the object of faith.**

### **Justification By Works - THE EVIDENCE OR PROOF**

**The evidence of justification is good works. Although the Scriptures clearly teach that we are not saved by works, it does teach that true faith will manifest itself by works.**

James 2:21-26 - Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness, and he was called the friend of God. You see that a man is justified by works, and not by faith alone. And in the same way was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works, when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

**For Paul works equals the Mosaic Law, for James works equals Abraham offering up Isaac and Rahab hiding the spies. It refers to the demonstration of faith.**

### **Justification By (in) the Spirit - THE SPHERE**

**We are not justified in the flesh of men, but in the Spirit. The sphere has reference to the place where righteousness dwell.**

1 Cor. 6:11 - And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus the Messiah, and in the Spirit of our God.

### **Justification By Grace - THE PRINCIPLE**

**We are justified by the merits of Jesus the Messiah and not by anything we can do. It is by His free grace. He gives to us that which we do not deserve.**

Titus 3:5-7 - He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus the Messiah our Savior, that being justified by His grace we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

## **Justification By the Resurrection - THE SEAL**

**The resurrection is God's amen to Jesus the Messiah's "it is finished." Without the resurrection all that Jesus did would have been in vain. It is God's stamp of approval.**

Rom. 4:25 - He who was delivered up because of our transgressions, and was raised because of (or literally, on account of) our justification.

**No one will enter God's eternal heaven without being justified. He will not accept a righteousness that is inferior to His own. Because of the blessing of justification, God is able to accept all who have personally experienced it.**

# **Key Words of Salvation**

## **Part Eight**

### **Adoption**

#### **Questions to be Covered**

**What does adoption mean? Why does a person need to be adopted?  
How is a person adopted and what changes occur? What are  
some of the results of adoption?**

**In regeneration God gives us new spiritual life within. In  
justification God gives us right legal standing before Him.  
But in adoption God makes us members of His family.  
Adoption focuses much more on the personal relationship  
that salvation gives us with God.**

#### **Blessing of Adoption**

Rom. 8:14-17 - For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Messiah, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

#### **Definition**

**Adoption is an act of God whereby He makes us adult children  
who are members of His family.**

**Adoption give the believer the position as a son of God, a full  
fledged member of His family.**

**It is important to note that we do not enter God's family by means of adoption; we enter God's family by means of the new birth. Adoption brings us into the status of God being our father and we being His children.**

**Before adoption took place, we were not children of God, rather we were children of wrath, children of disobedience and worst of all, children of the Devil. To put it as plainly as it can be stated, God is not the father of anyone until they are born again by faith in Messiah Jesus.**

John 8:41-44 - "You are doing the deeds of your father." They said to Him... we have one Father, even God." Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me; for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me. "Why do you not understand what I am saying? It is because you cannot hear My word. "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth...

## **Need for Adoption**

**Why does man need to be adopted?**

**BECAUSE OF ALIENATION**

**Before adoption took place, we were not children of God, rather we were alienated from Him. We were estranged and separated from God because of our sin.**

Col. 1:21 - And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds.

Eph. 2:2-3 - in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging th desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

Eph. 2:12 - remember that you were at that time separate from Messiah, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Is. 59:1-2 - Behold, the Lord's hand is not so short That it cannot save; Neither is His ear so dull That it cannot hear. But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He does not hear.

## **Means of Adoption**

**How does adoption become a possibility?**

### **BECAUSE OF JESUS THE MESSIAH**

**Adoption becomes possible because of the pre-determined plan of God and all that He provided through Jesus the Messiah.**

Eph. 1:5 - He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus the Messiah to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will.

Gal. 4:4-5 - But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

**There is no possible way for a person to become a child of God apart from experiencing adoption. And there is no way to experience adoption apart from being born again. Until that takes place, the one true God is not their Father.**

## **Time of Adoption**

**When does adoption become a reality?**

### **WHEN FAITH IS PLACED IN MESSIAH**

**Adoption becomes a reality when saving faith is placed in Messiah Jesus. As a response to our faith, God adopts us into His family.**

Gal. 3:23-26 - But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Messiah, that we may be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Messiah Jesus.

## **Results of Adoption**

**What happens when a person is adopted?**

**OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GODHEAD IS GREATLY EFFECTED**

**Adoption brings about incredible blessings with the entire Godhead.  
Our relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is  
entirely changed.**

### **There is a new intimacy with the Father**

Mark 14:36 - And He (Jesus) was saying, "Abba! Father! All things are possible for Thee; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what Thou wilt."

Rom. 8:15 - For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

Gal. 4:6 - And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

### **There is an inheritance with the Son**

Rom. 8:15,17 - For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" ...and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Messiah, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

### **There is an illumination with the Holy Spirit**

Rom. 8:14,16 - For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

**Although we have been adopted and possess the blessings of that privilege, there is a future aspect of adoption that still waits for its ultimate fulfillment.**

Rom. 8:20-23 - For the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

Phil. 3:20-21 - For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus the Messiah; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

# **Key Words of Salvation**

## **Part Nine**

### **Sanctification**

#### **Questions to be Covered**

**What does sanctification mean? Do all true believers experience sanctification? How is a person sanctified and what changes occur? What are some of the results of sanctification?**

#### **Definition**

**Sanctification, is that sovereign act of God whereby He sets apart a person, a place, or an object for Himself in order that He might accomplish His purpose in the world by means of that person, place, or object.**

**Sanctification may be defined as that gracious and continuous operation of the Holy Spirit by which, He purifies the sinner, renews his whole nature in the image of God, and enables him to perform good works.**

**Sanctification means to be set apart and to be holy. The same root word is found in the English words saint, holy and holiness.**

**Sanctification is a process by which one's moral condition is brought into conformity with one's legal status before God.**

**Sanctification is the work of God in our life as a believer, whereby we are purified by means of the Word from the pollution of sin, while being conformed into the image of Jesus the Messiah.**

**This process continues through out our life as we seek to live in accordance with the will of God as found in His Word.**

**Sanctification matches up our lives on earth with what we are in heaven. In heaven, our position is that of complete holiness. As we progress in our life on earth as a believer, we should become holier as the days, months and years go by.**

### **3 Types of Sanctification**

**What are the different aspects of sanctification?**

**POSITIONAL, PRACTICAL AND ULTIMATE**

**All three types of sanctification relate to the true believer and different aspects of it will be present from the time of one's salvation and will last throughout all eternity.**

#### **Positional Sanctification**

**This is the believer's position or standing before God, based on the work of Jesus the Messiah. In positional sanctification the believer is accounted holy before God and is declared a saint.**

#### **It's Characteristics:**

- 1. It places us in a state of holiness before the eyes of God.**
- 2. It is an instantaneous work of God and does not increase or decrease.**
- 3. It is true of every believer, no matter where they are in their spiritual life.**
- 4. It makes every true believer a saint.**
- 5. It continues on forever**

1 Cor. 1:2 - to the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Messiah Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus the Messiah, their Lord and ours:

1 Cor. 6:11 - And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus the Messiah, and in the Spirit of our God.

Heb. 10:10 - By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus the Messiah once for all.

Heb. 13:12 - Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

Acts 26:18 - to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, in order that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.

## **Practical Sanctification**

**This aspect of sanctification (also called progressive) concerns the believer's daily life. During their lifetime as a believer, it will fluctuate; depending upon one's obedience or disobedience. Practical sanctification does not have a bearing on positional sanctification. However the opposite should be true.**

### **It's Characteristics:**

- 1. It takes place throughout the entire life of a true believer.**
- 2. It continues in an upward direction. Though there will be times of digression.**
- 3. It involves our separation from sin and our dedication to God.**
- 4. It is a process that varies among believers. Some believers grow at a quicker rate than others.**
- 5. By this process we become more holy in conduct. We are actually becoming more and more like Jesus the Messiah.**

2 Cor. 3:18 - But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Gal. 4:19 - My children, with whom I am again in labor until Messiah is formed in you.

Rom. 6:19 - I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

Rom. 8:29 - For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren;

1 Thess. 4:3 - For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality;

1 Thess. 4:7 - For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification.

## **Practical & Positional Sanctification It's Comparisons:**

### **Positional**

**1. It relates to our standing in Messiah.**

**2. It occurs at salvation.**

**3. It's God's instantaneous work.**

**4. It's complete.**

**5. It's the same for every believer.**

**6. It makes the believer a saint.**

### **Practical**

**1. It relates to our condition of life.**

**2. It occurs throughout life.**

**3. It's God's progressive work.**

**4. It's incomplete.**

**5. It varies with each believer.**

**6. It makes the believer saintly.**

## Ultimate Sanctification

**This aspect of sanctification concerns the believer's life in heaven as a totally glorified saint. At this time we will be brought into complete conformity with the human nature of our Lord Jesus the Messiah. For all eternity we will remain in this condition.**

Phil. 3:20-21 - For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus the Messiah; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

1 Thess. 5:23 - Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus the Messiah.

Jude 1:24 - Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,

1 John 3:2-3 - Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

## Mechanics of Sanctification

**How does the sanctification process work?**

**(This only refers to practical sanctification.)**

**GOD AND MAN COOPERATE IN THE PROCESS**

**The role that man plays is not independent from God. We could not obey Him if it were not for His power. But, we must also realize that the commands in Scripture were not addressed to God, but to us. When we obey them by His power sanctification takes place.**

**The role that we play in sanctification is both a passive one in which we depend upon God to sanctify us, and an active one in which we strive to obey God and take steps that will increase our sanctification.**

Rom. 8:13 - ... if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Rom. 6:13 - and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

Phil. 2:12-13 - So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

1 Thess. 4:3 - For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality;

1 John 3:3 - And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

**The Bible does not offer any short cuts by which we can grow in sanctification, it encourages us to repeatedly give ourselves to the proven method of Bible reading, meditation, prayer, witnessing, fellowship and worship.**

**The process of sanctification is greatly assisted by being around other believers. Believers who avoid or simply neglect being in the presence of fellow saints will find that their sanctification process will be greatly hindered.**

Eph. 4:16 - from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

1 Thess. 5:11 - Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

Gal. 6:1-2 - Brethren, even if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Messiah.

# **The Fruit of Sanctification**

**What does sanctification look like?**

**WE BEGIN TO LOOK & ACT MORE LIKE JESUS**

**Our Lord Jesus is the ultimate example of what we should look like as sanctification progresses. We will be conformed more and more into His image.**

**Sanctification has an effect upon every aspect of a human being. It has a positive impact upon our mind, emotions, and our will. The Word spells out some of the practical ways in which sanctification manifests itself.**

Gal. 5:22-23 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

If you claim to be a true believer, but the process of sanctification has not begun, you need to do some spiritual investigation. One cannot be saved and not be in the process of being conformed to our Savior.

# Key Words of Salvation

## Part Ten

### Perseverance

#### Questions to be Covered

**What does perseverance mean? Will a person who becomes a believer always remain one? Can a true believer lose their salvation once they have it? How can we know if we are truly saved?**

#### Definitions

**Perseverance means that all those who are truly born again will be kept by God's power and will persevere as believers until the end of their lives. As believers continue to persevere, it is proof that their faith is genuine.**

**Perseverance is the doctrine that God secures in grace the salvation of true believers, keeping them from sinning as a practice and apostasy.**

**Perseverance is the work of God which guarantees that the gift of salvation, once received, is forever and cannot be lost.**

**The basis for the security of salvation does not rest with man, but with God. Believers are secure because of the work of the Triune God.**

#### **1. ALL WHO ARE TRULY BORN AGAIN WILL PERSEVERE TO THE END**

##### **a. The Believer is secure because of the purpose of God.**

**The Father's eternal plan for the elect secures their salvation. His eternal purpose guarantees final perseverance, which is ultimate glorification in heaven.**

Rom. 8:28-30 - And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

John 6:39-40 - And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.

**b. The Believer is secure because of the power of the Father.**

**God the Father keeps the believer secure by His power. If it was left up to us, surely we would have lost our salvation by now.**

Phil. 1:6 - For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Messiah Jesus.

1 Pet. 1:3-5 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus the Messiah, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus the Messiah from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

**c. The Believer is secure because of the promise of the Son.**

**The Lord Jesus says that everyone who believes in Him will have eternal life. Those who have been given by the Father to the Son will not be lost.**

John 10:27-29 - My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

**d. The Believer is secure because of the prayer of the Son.**

**The Lord Jesus prays to His Father on behalf of true believers. We can be sure that all of His prayers are heard and answered.**

John 17:11 - "And I am no more in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy name, the name which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are.

John 17:15 - "I do not ask Thee to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one.

John 17:9 "I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom Thou hast given Me; for they are Thine;

John 11:42 - And I knew that Thou hearest Me always; but because of the people standing around I said it, that they may believe that Thou didst send Me.

### **e. The Believer is secure because of the presence of the Holy Spirit.**

**The fact that all true believers are sealed with the Holy Spirit at the moment of their salvation is a guarantee that one's salvation will last for all eternity.**

Eph. 1:13-14 - In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

John 14:16-17 - And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you.

### **Only Those Who Persevere To the End Are Truly Saved**

## **2. ONE'S FAITH MUST ENDURE TO THE END**

**We are not saved by enduring to the end (that would be a form of works), but rather, our endurance manifests that our faith is genuine true saving faith.**

John 8:31-32 - Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Col. 1:21-23 - And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach, if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.

Matt. 13:3-8 - And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, Behold, the sower went out to sow; and as he sowed, some seeds fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate them up. And others fell upon the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil. But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out. And others fell on the good soil, and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.

Matt. 13:20-21 - "And the one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word, and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.

1 Cor. 15:1-2 - Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

Heb. 3:14 - For we have become partakers of Messiah, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end.

1 John 2:19 - They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, in order that it might be shown that they all are not of us.

**What is it that identifies one as being a true believer? And what is it that identifies one as not being truly saved? It's their faith. Does it endure to the end?**

**A true believer who is persevering in faith will come to the place where they will begin enjoying the fruits of their perseverance. They will begin experiencing the assurance of their salvation.**

## **Blessings of Assurance**

**The Word of God clearly teaches that true believers should enter into the blessing of being assured of their salvation.**

1 John 5:13 - These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life.

**A word of warning is in order. A person should not think that they are truly saved without evidence of its reality in their lives. We must examine ourselves.**

2 Cor. 13:5 - Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus the Messiah is in you-- unless indeed you fail the test?

**What are some things that we should be looking for that would give evidence of true saving faith?**

### **1. WHAT CAN GIVE A BELIEVER GENUINE ASSURANCE?**

#### **a. The witness of the Holy Spirit. (Internal Evidence)**

**The Holy Spirit's ministry in our spirit has an assuring effect in our heart. One of His ministries is to bear witness of the reality of our being a true believer.**

Rom. 8:16 - The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Gal. 4:6 - And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba! Father!

## **b. Signs of new life. (External Evidences)**

**There are several things that will begin to manifest them-selves in the life of a believer. They will not be present in the same degree in all believers, but they will be present.**

### **1. A present trust in Messiah Jesus.**

**If the only faith that can be pointed to is something that was present years earlier in someone's life, their salvation is suspect. What kind of faith do they presently have? That is the question.**

Heb. 3:14 - For we have become partakers of Messiah, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end.

### **2. A heartfelt love for the one true God.**

**This does not refer to the God that we have conceived of in our own mind, unsaved people do that. This refers to loving the God of the Bible. Our love for God is manifested by our obedience to Him.**

1 John 2:5 - but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him.

1 John 5:2-3 - By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

### **3. A growing hatred of and a genuine repentance from personal sin.**

**The way a person responds to sin after their profession of faith is an indicator of the kind of faith they possess. How do you deal with your sin now, in contrast to before you were saved?**

**What does genuine repentance include?**

## **Sorrow for sin, Confession of sin, Shame for sin**

Prov. 8:13 - The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way, And the perverted mouth, I hate.

Ps. 119:104 - From Thy precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

Ps. 32:5 - I acknowledged my sin to Thee, And my iniquity I did not hide; I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord; And Thou didst forgive the guilt of my sin.

### **4. Genuine humility.**

**Humility is a characteristic that is contrary to human nature. What comes naturally is for us to be proud and self-centered. However, all who have been genuinely saved had to come to God with a humble heart.**

Ps. 51:17 - The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

James 4:6 - But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

James 4:10 - Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

### **5. Devotion to God's glory.**

**Prior to salvation, a person cannot do anything to glorify God. However, after salvation it not only becomes possible to Glorify Him, that is why He saved us.**

Ps. 105:3 - Glory in His holy name; Let the heart of those who seek the Lord be glad.

Ps. 115:1 - Not to us, O Lord, not to us, But to Thy name give glory Because of Thy lovingkindness, because of Thy truth.

1 Cor. 10:31 - Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

### **6. Separation from the world.**

**Prior to salvation, we are totally into the world system and it's ways. When we get saved, we begin to realize that the world system and all that it stands for is our enemy. We begin to live a life that is contrary to it's ways.**

1 Cor. 2:12 - Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God.

James 4:4 - You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

1 John 2:15-17 - Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever.

## **7. Spiritual growth.**

**The normal pattern for a true believer is that spiritual growth be taking place. That's not to say that there will not be times when we will not progress as we should. But, even in the dry times, we will be persevering.**

Luke 8:15 - And the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.

John 15:5-6 - I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch, and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

## **8. Obedience**

**When we were unsaved we walked in our own ways. We did not take into consideration the desires of God and His will for us. We were consumed with our own lust and fulfilled the desires of our flesh.**

1 John 2:4-6 - The one who says, I have come to know Him, and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

**We should not try to convince anyone of the fact of eternal security and assurance. That is the job of the Holy Spirit. However, if you are saved this is a blessing that God wants us to experience.**

# **Key Words of Salvation**

## **Part Eleven**

### **Glorification**

#### **Questions to be Covered**

**What does glorification mean? Is it guaranteed that a person who is a believer will be glorified one day? To what does glorification primarily refer?**

**All that the Lord Jesus did on the cross would not be complete unless ultimately we possess a resurrection body. Glorification completes the doctrine of salvation.**

**The concept of the resurrection of the body and its transformation is a universal one. This will ultimately happen to both believers and nonbelievers.**

Dan. 12:2 - And many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

**The Scriptures clearly teach that all will eventually receive a new type of body that is suited for eternity. However, the Bible does not speak of the process as glorification when it is referring to an unsaved person.**

#### **Definition**

**Glorification is the final step in the process of salvation. It's the culmination of the redemptive program of God. It is the consummation of our personal salvation.**

**Glorification is the final stage of the application of Messiah's work to us. It focuses on the the resurrection of the body of believers. When believers are glorified, it is then that they will be like Jesus.**

## **Important Fact**

**Glorification pertains to the resurrection of the body of the believer, not the spirit. The spirit does not die when a believer dies.**

### **1. The Nature of Glorification**

#### **WHAT KIND OF BODY WILL WE HAVE?**

**Paul sheds light on this question for us in his great explanation of the resurrection in I Cor. 15.**

1 Cor. 15:42-44 - So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

**As a seed is sown into the ground and grows into something far more wonderful than the seed itself, the same thing is true for our body. It will be raised far more wonderful than it was during our earthly life.**

**Our new glorified body will not wear out, will never grow old, nor will it ever be subject to disease, sickness or death ever again. In our glorified bodies, we will see humanity as God intended it to be.**

Phil. 3:20-21 - For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus the Messiah; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

**The primary feature of our new glorified body will be it's similarity to the glorified body that belongs to the Lord Jesus.**

1 John 3:2 - Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is.

## **2. The Certainty of Glorification**

### **ALL WHO ARE SAVED WILL BE GLORIFIED**

**All believers who have experienced justification will experience glorification.  
It is a guaranteed blessing that all true believers can count on.**

Rom. 8:28-30 - And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

**All who are justified will ultimately be glorified. There are no dropouts during the process of sanctification.**

## **3. The Practicality of Glorification**

### **THERE ARE WONDERFUL BENEFITS TO UNDERSTANDING GLORIFICATION**

**The more one understands the Bible's teaching on glorification, the more they will benefit from this truth.**

**There are several results that spring forth from understanding glorification, but two rise to the surface: hope and holiness.**

Rom. 8:18 - For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

1 Pet. 1:3-6 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus the Messiah, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus the Messiah from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials.

1 John 3:2-3 - Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

**Our longing for our glorification should be great. The more we understand it, the more we will long for it.**

Rom. 8:19-23 - For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

## Part Twelve

### Method Of Salvation

#### Definition of Method

**A means or manner of a procedure, especially a regular and systematic way of accomplishing something. Example, what method do you use for making a pie crust?**

**The method that God uses to save a person involves three essential ingredients. They have always been present no matter if we are talking Old Testament, New Testament or the present.**

#### **1. Salvation is always by blood**

**There is no salvation without blood. From God's perspective, any method of salvation that does not contain blood is a false means of salvation and will not save anyone.**

Heb. 9:22 - And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Eph. 1:7 - In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

1 Pet. 1:18-19 - knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of the Messiah.

Rev. 1:5 and from Jesus the Messiah, the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us, and released us from our sins by His blood.

Col. 1:19-20 - For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

## **Why is blood necessary?**

### **Because that's what God established as the means for forgiveness**

Leviticus 17:11 - For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.

### **We see the truth of the necessity of the blood illustrated throughout the Bible:**

#### **Adam and Eve, Passover, Jesus**

Genesis 3:7 - they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.  
(there's no blood with fig leaves)

Genesis 3:21 - And the Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.  
(there is blood with an animal skin)

Exodus 12:13 - And the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

1 Peter 1:18-19 - knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life... but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of the Messiah.

## **2. Salvation is always by grace**

**There is no salvation without grace. From God's perspective, any method of salvation that is not totally by grace is a false means of salvation and will not save anyone.**

Eph. 2:5, 8-9 - Even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Messiah (by grace you have been saved). For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

Rom. 3:24 - being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Messiah Jesus.

Eph. 1:7 - In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

**Any amount of works that would be added to salvation would no longer make it salvation by grace. Grace and works cannot be mixed.**

Rom. 11:6 - But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

Titus 3:5-7 - He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus the Messiah our Savior, that being justified by His grace we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

### **3. Salvation is always through a person**

**There is no salvation without a Person. From God's perspective, any method of salvation that does not include the Messiah Jesus is a false means of salvation and will not save anyone.**

**One must come to the Father through the Messiah Jesus. All attempts to get to the Father without going through the Son will fail.**

John 5:23 - In order that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

1 John 2:22-23 - Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Messiah? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.

John 14:6 - Jesus said to him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.

Acts 4:12 - And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved.

1 Thess. 5:9 - For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus the Messiah.

Heb. 5:9 - And having been made perfect, He (Jesus) became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation.

**The method that God uses to save a person has never changed. It has always been by blood, by grace and by the Messiah Jesus. All other methods, suggestions or ideas that are contrary to God's Word will fail to save anyone.**

## **Part Thirteen**

### **The Provision Of Salvation**

**Since we as sinners cannot deliver ourselves from our spiritual plight, God has graciously provided His Son to be our Savior. We cannot take this lightly. We need to know how God did this without compromising His holy standards.**

Matt. 1:21 - "And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins."

Acts 4:12 - "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name (Jesus) under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."

#### **A Series of Questions**

- 1. How can God who is holy and just forgive sinners in a way that does not cause Him to lower His righteous standards?**
- 2. God's holiness requires Him to condemn sinners. How, then, can He satisfy the demands of His holiness and the yearnings of His love?**
- 3. His love cannot override His justice and holiness, so how can God justify sinners in a just way?**

**Through God's plan of redemption, He is able to forgive the sins of those who repent, while at the same time, remain completely holy. He's able to do this because the demands for sin have been met and paid for. He paid for them Himself by sending His Son the Messiah Jesus.**

## **Our salvation was made possible by:**

**His love  
His wisdom  
His mercy  
a great sacrifice  
imputation  
the cross**

1 John 4:9-10 - By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Eph. 3:8-10 - To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Messiah, and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God, who created all things; in order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.

1 Cor. 1:21 - For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

Titus 3:5 - He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Rom. 8:32 - He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

2 Cor. 5:21 - He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Rom. 5:19 - For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

1 Cor. 1:18 - For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Cor. 1:22-23 - For indeed Jews ask for signs, and Greeks search for wisdom; but we preach Messiah crucified, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness,

1 Cor. 2:1-2 - And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus the Messiah, and Him crucified.

**This is what people must believe about Jesus if they are to be saved. Any presentation of the gospel that omits the work of Jesus on the cross is not a presentation of the true gospel. Anyone who places faith in an inaccurate gospel message will not experience true salvation. That's why we must present an accurate gospel message.**

**To sum things up**

**God's love and wisdom found a way. While He could not change His holy demands against sinners, He could satisfy these demands on our behalf. Motivated by sovereign mercy and gracious love, God the Father gave His Son to atone for our sins & God the Son gave His life to pay the debt of these sins.**

**On the basis of the finished work of Jesus the Messiah, God can freely and justly save everyone who exercises true saving faith in Jesus' atoning work that He accomplished on the cross. This is God's great provision of salvation that He graciously offers to you.**

## Part Fourteen

### Two Ways of Salvation

**There are only two ways of trying to obtain salvation. Either you work for it by yourself (by being the best person you can be), or you believe in what the Messiah Jesus did on your behalf. There are no other options. We will compare the two possibilities and see what God's Word says on the subject.**

**I'm going to tell you up front that only one of the two possibilities work. Also, you will easily be able to see which one the Bible teaches.**

#### GRACE

Eph. 2:8-9 - For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

Rom. 3:24 - being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Messiah Jesus;

Rom. 11:6 - But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

Eph. 1:7 - In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,

#### WORKS

Rom. 3:28 - For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

Rom. 4:4 - Now to the one who works, his wage is not reckoned as a favor, but as what is due.

Gal. 2:16 - nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Messiah Jesus, even we have believed in Messiah Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Messiah, and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified.

Gal. 2:21 - I do not nullify the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Messiah died needlessly.

Titus 3:5 - He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy...

## GRACE

- 1. God deals favorably with people in a way they do not deserve.**
- 2. This is the only way sinners can be saved from sin.**
- 3. This does not recognize human merit or works as causing or contributing to salvation.**
- 4. The human response of faith allows God to work graciously, as He promises.**
- 5. Salvation is wholly of God's work; He receives all the credit and praise.**
- 6. Being solely God's work, salvation by this method cannot fail.**
- 7. This is the only principle which is effective in saving sinners.**

## WORKS

- 1. God deals with people in a way they do deserve.**
- 2. This prohibits sinners from experiencing salvation.**
- 3. This recognizes human merit or works as causing or contributing to salvation.**
- 4. The human response of works compels God to fulfill his obligation.**
- 5. Salvation is a cooperative effort of God and man, thus both receive praise.**
- 6. Relying on man doing his part, salvation would never be certain.**
- 7. This principle can never save sinners.**

### **What's the final end of those who seek salvation by works or by keeping the Law?**

Rev. 20:11-15 - And I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. And death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

**Are we saying that there is no place for good works at all in the life of a true believer? No, goods works should be present in the life of all those who are saved. WHY?**

Titus 3:8 - This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God may be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men.

Titus 3:14 - And let our people also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, that they may not be unfruitful.

Titus 2:14 - who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

Titus 1:16 - They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient, and worthless for any good deed.

**We have established that salvation is not obtainable by good works, neither is it obtainable by keeping the Law of Moses.**

**What was the purpose of the Law of Moses?**

## **The Law of Moses and the Law of Christ**

### **PART ONE**

### **INTRODUCTION, GENERAL OBSERVATIONS & THE PURPOSE OF THE MOSAIC LAW**

### **INTRODUCTION**

\*A lot of confusion revolves around the Law of Moses. This is true for unsaved Jewish people, unsaved Gentiles, Jewish believers and Gentile believers. Most unsaved Jewish people believe that they must try to keep the Law in order to get right with God. Many Gentile believers want to express their faith in Jesus with an over emphasis upon Jewish customs and beliefs. Many Jewish believers over emphasize the role and place of their Jewish background to the point of de-emphasizing the need of getting to know Jesus the Messiah. Paul addressed this issue in Phil. 3:4-10.

Phil. 3:4-10 - although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

Paul's desire was to advance in his knowledge of Jesus his Savior, not gain a better understanding of his Jewish heritage.

\*There is confusion about the Law for unbelievers and certain denominations. In many cases whole denominations put themselves under the Law of Moses. They have their church meetings on Saturday, they try to keep the dietary laws without realizing that none of these Laws were ever given to them.

### **Here's what we will be studying:**

**\*What is the Law of Moses? Of what does it consist?**

**\*What is the purpose of the Law of Moses? Why was it given?**

**\*What is the character of the Law of Moses? Are there different parts to it, or is it one unified Law?**

**\*Is the Mosaic Law operative in our present day? If so, how much of it is, if not, does that mean we are without any Law?**

**\*Does the New Testament speak of a new Law that the believer is under as opposed to the Law of Moses?**

## **GENERAL OBSERVATIONS**

### **1. The Law of Moses was never given so people could try to keep it in order to be saved.**

**Hypothetically, the Law could give life if it was kept perfectly, but no one could keep it, except Jesus. The Law simply doesn't have the ability to save anybody.**

Gal. 2:16 - nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified.

Gal. 2:21 - I do not nullify the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.

Gal. 3:10-11 - For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, to perform them. Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, The righteous man shall live by faith.

James 2:10 - For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

## **2. The Law of Moses was given to the people of Israel. It was not given to the Church, nor to other Gentile nations.**

Rom. 9:3-4 - For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh, who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the promises,

Deut. 4:7-8 - For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as is the Lord our God whenever we call on Him? Or what great nation is there that has statutes and judgments as righteous as this whole law which I am setting before you today?

Ps. 147:19-20 - He declares His words to Jacob, His statutes and His ordinances to Israel. He has not dealt thus with any nation; And as for His ordinances, they have not known them. Praise the Lord!

**It is important to remember this: binding the Mosaic Law upon the Church has caused a multitude of confusion and false teaching within the Body of the Messiah.**

## **3. What is the nature of the Law of Moses?**

**Biblically speaking, the Law was one of the Covenants that God entered into with the people of Israel.**

Ex. 34:27-28 - Then the Lord said to Moses, Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel. So he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he did not eat bread or drink water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

**The Bible teaches that the Law was one of the Covenants that God entered into with the people of Israel. Some covenants are unconditional, some are conditional. The Mosaic Covenant is conditional. It is also the only covenant that is not called eternal; it was to continue only until the coming of the seed, (Gal. 3:19,16). There is a very close relationship between the Abrahamic and the Mosaic**

**Covenants. the Mosaic Covenant was added alongside the Abrahamic Covenant in order to define the obedience that was required in order to obtain the blessings promised by the Abrahamic Covenant.**

## **I. What is the Law of Moses? Of what does it consist?**

**The Mosaic Law is more than the 10 commandments. It contains 613 commandments.**

## **II. What is the purpose of the Law of Moses? Why was it given?**

**The Mosaic Law was given for several reasons. It has many good and valid purposes.**

### **PURPOSES OF THE LAW OF MOSES:**

#### **1. To reveal the holiness of God**

**In the Law of Moses we see what God accepts and doesn't accept as far as behavior is concerned. When one reads the Law, they discover that God is a very Holy God. God desires that all people know that He is holy and opposed to all sin and evil. The Law clearly sets forth His standards of right and wrong. It doesn't matter if people have a different opinion as to what is right or wrong. If God has spoken on a certain subject and reveals His feelings about it, that's what's important. We are obligated to conform our behavior to His standards. It's not the other way around.**

**Lev. 19:1-2 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.**

**1 Pet. 1:15-16 - but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, You shall be holy, for I am holy.**

#### **2. To reveal and expose the sinfulness of man and sin**

**The Law is like a mirror. It will reveal dirt on someone's face when they look into it, but it doesn't have the ability to cleanse it. As we read the Law, we see our sin and how dreadful it is in the sight of God. But, we are left without a means of cleansing except for the fact of what God did through His Son the Messiah.**

Rom. 3:19-20 - Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, that every mouth may be closed, and all the world may become accountable to God; because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.

Rom. 7:7 - What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, "You shall not covet."

### **3. To reveal the standards of holiness required of those who desire fellowship with God**

**The Law sets down the standards and principles for those who desire to walk in fellowship with God. Israel was a nation uniquely called by God. In order for them to walk in fellowship with God they needed to walk in a way that was pleasing to Him. The Law lays down many of the standards that would aid them in this.**

Ps. 24:3-4 - Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who may stand in His holy place?  
He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood, And has not sworn deceitfully.

### **4. To make provision for the covering of sin and to make possible restoration back to fellowship**

**In Leviticus chapters 1-7 there are five offerings described. One of the things the Law did was to prove to Israel that they sinned and fell short of God's standards. But, God provided a way for their sins to be covered. The offerings did not take away sin, but they manifested that the person offering them looked forward by faith to a time when one would come and take away their sin. In the meantime the offerings helped them keep sin in check.**

### **5. To make a distinction between Israel and all other nations**

**Haman was exactly right in his conclusions about Israel's laws. They were different. This was really one of the specific reasons for many of their commandments. Their dietary laws, their clothing laws, their laws about worship, just to name a few, were given to keep them distinct and separate from the other nations. This was God's desire for Israel. One of the places that Israel ran**

**into trouble was when they became relaxed in this and they became like the other nations that were around them.**

Esth. 3:8 - Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from those of all other people, and they do not observe the king's laws, so it is not in the king's interest to let them remain.

## **6. To help a person understand they need to be saved**

**It was through Saul's reading of the Law that he discovered his problem with coveting. Before this information, Saul of Tarsus didn't see this major flaw in himself. God can still use His Law in this way. When unsaved people read the Word of God, they will come across verses that will manifest their sinfulness.**

Rom. 7:7-9 - What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, " You shall not covet. But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin is dead. And I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive, and I died.

## **7. The Law was to be a unifying principle for the nation of Israel**

**The Law was designed to bring the people of Israel together under the same umbrella of standards, rules and regulations. When Israel was presented with this, they agreed to do them.**

**This is not unlike what the Word of God should be for the believer. That which is in the Bible is our standard for belief and behavior. It separates us from the world, but, unites us with all other true believers.**

Ex. 19:7-8 So Moses came and called the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which the Lord had commanded him. And all the people answered together and said, All that the Lord has spoken we will do! And Moses brought back the words of the people to the Lord.

## **8. The Law was given to make provision and give direction for Israel to worship God**

**In the Law we find all that Israel needed to know to worship God. The Holy Feast Days were laid out for them in Leviticus 23. Directions for the tabernacle, the priesthood, and the sacrifices were clearly given. Israel was not allowed to worship God as they thought best. It was made known to them by God as to how they were to worship Him and much of that information is contained in the Law.**

## **9. The Law was designed to lead one to Jesus as Messiah**

**Paul explains that the Law was a "tutor." In ancient cultures a tutor was usually a slave who was responsible for watching over a child. He would take them to and from school and check their behavior. They would seek to teach the child right from wrong. In Paul's analogy, the Law did that. It taught the Jewish people about themselves. When the Law is properly used, it will lead a person to the Messiah Jesus.**

Gal. 3:24-25 - Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Messiah, that we may be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

## **PART TWO**

### **CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LAW AND THE CURRENT FUNCTIONS OF THE LAW**

#### **III. What is the character of the Law? Are there different parts to it, or is it one unified Law?**

**How does Scripture view the Law of Moses? The Bible portrays the Law as a single unified code of standards. There are not several parts to it. It is one Law. There are several kinds of Laws that may be categorized, however that does not do away with the fact of the unity of the Law.**

#### **CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LAW OF MOSES**

**1. The Scriptures view the Mosaic Law as a single unit. All 613 commandments are a single unit that makes up the Law of Moses.**

James 2:10 - For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

Gal. 3:10 - For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, to perform them.

## **2. The Law is one unit. A common practice is to divide the Law into three sections: moral, civil and ceremonial commandments.**

**Those who divide up the Law like this feel that a believer is no longer obligated to the civil or the ceremonial aspects of the Law, but they believe that the believer is obligated to keep the moral commandments in the Law of Moses.**

**This is a convenient way to divide them up for the purpose of studying the different kinds of commandments, but the Word of God never separates them this way. One cannot keep one part of the Law and not the rest.**

## **IV. Is the Mosaic Law operative in our day? If so, how much of it must be obeyed? If it is not operative, does that mean we are presently without any Law? What is the current status of the Law?**

### **PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS**

**Doesn't the fact that 9 of the 10 commandments being carried over into the NT prove that at least part of the Law is still in effect? We know that the civil and ceremonial aspects of the Law cannot be followed, but what about the moral aspect?**

**If part of the Mosaic Law (the Moral Law) is to be kept by NT believers, how do we reconcile the Bible's teaching that the Mosaic Law was only given to Israel and not to the other nations, nor to the Church?**

**Since the Law of Moses has been rendered inoperative, does that mean that there is no use for the Law at all? No, the Law still**

**has the power to reveal the holy character of God and the sinfulness of man. There continues to be value in teaching the Law and the Ten Commandments since they are in the Bible and as such are profitable, II Tim. 3:16**

**1. The clear teaching of the NT is that all the Law of Moses has been rendered inoperative as a result of the death of Jesus.**

Rom. 6:14-15 - For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law, but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!

Rom. 10:4 - For Messiah is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

**2. NT believers have died in Messiah, therefore making the Law ineffective. Laws of any kind have no binding effect upon someone who is dead. They mean nothing. This is Paul's primary point in the beginning of Romans 7.**

Rom. 7:1-7 - Or do you not know, brethren (for I am speaking to those who know the law), that the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives? For the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband... Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of the Messiah, that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, that we might bear fruit for God. For while we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were aroused by the Law, were at work in the members of our body to bear fruit for death. But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter. What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, "You shall not covet."

**It's interesting that Paul uses a commandment that's from the "Moral Law" (You shall not covet.) to prove his point that we are no longer under the Law. If we were still under the "Moral Law" it seems that he would not have used a commandment from the "Moral Law" to prove that we are no longer under the Law.**

## BIBLICAL FACTS ABOUT THE MOSAIC LAW

### **1. The Mosaic Law was never meant to be permanent, but only temporary.**

Gal. 3:19 - Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed should come to whom the promise had been made.

### **But, someone might ask, “What about Matthew 5:17-19?”**

Matt. 5:17-19 - "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished. "Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches others, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

**The Mosaic Law did not end with His life, but with His death. As long as Jesus was still alive, He was under the Law of Moses. His statement in Matt. 5:17-19 was made while He was still alive. When Jesus said, “It is finished,” the Mosaic Law became inoperative. When Jesus died, all the Law was accomplished and therefore no longer needed. To repeat, since the Law of Moses has been rendered inoperative, does that mean that there is no use for the Law at all? No, the Law still has the power to reveal the holy character of God and the sinfulness of man. There continues to be value in teaching the Law and the Ten Commandments since they are in the Bible and as such are profitable, II Tim. 3:16**

### **2. Jesus being a priest after the order of Melchizedek, required a new Law. He could not function under the Law of Moses as a priest.**

Heb. 7:11-18 - Now if perfection was through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the people received the Law), what further need was there for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be designated according to the order of Aaron? For when the priesthood is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also. For the one concerning whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no one has officiated at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended

from Judah, a tribe with reference to which Moses spoke nothing concerning priests. And this is clearer still, if another priest arises according to the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become such not on the basis of a law of physical requirement, but according to the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of Him, Thou art a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek. For, on the one hand, there is a setting aside of a former commandment because of its weakness and uselessness.

**Jesus, being a priest after the order of Melchizedek, could not function under the Law of Moses, because He was not from the tribe of Levi. Therefore, a new Law was required. As such, there was no longer a need for the Law of Moses to remain in effect.**

### **3. The Mosaic Law was the middle wall of partition spoken of by Paul that is now broken down.**

Eph. 2:14-15 - For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace.

**The Law of Moses, which has caused enmity between Jewish people and Gentiles has been rendered inoperative. In Christ, Jewish people and Gentiles are one and because of Jesus, there is now peace between both groups. The hostility between Jewish people and Gentiles has been destroyed. This was accomplished by making the Law inoperative.**

**Harold Hoehner- “Since the whole Mosaic Law has been rendered inoperative for Jewish and Gentile believers in Christ, it is a false dichotomy to distinguish between the moral and ceremonial laws making only the ceremonial laws inoperative. Christ is the end of the whole law for believers, Rom. 10:4, and we are no longer under that pedagogue, Gal. 3:25. In fact, we have died to the law, Rom. 7:1-6. Does this mean that there are no laws in the Mosaic law that the believer today is obligated to obey? Only those that have been reiterated in the NT. We are under the new covenant and the old covenant has been done away. We are now under the Law of Christ.”**

**To summarize, the entire Law of Moses has been rendered inoperative. The Law is still in Scripture and can be used as a teaching tool to show God's standards as well as man's sinfulness.**

**It can be used to teach many spiritual truths. However it has completely ceased to function as an authority over a believer in Christ.**

**Since the Law of Moses has been rendered inoperative, does that mean we are without any Law? Can we simply do as we please as believers? If the Law of Moses is no longer in effect, what Law is in effect?**

**V. Does the New Testament speak of a new Law that the believer is under as opposed to the Mosaic Law? Yes! It is called the Law of Christ.**

Gal. 6:2 - Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ.

Rom. 8:2-4 - For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

**BIBLICAL FACTS ABOUT THE LAW OF CHRIST**

**1. The Mosaic Law and the Law of Christ contain many similar commands**

**One reason there is so much confusion in the minds of many about the relationship of the Law of Moses and the Law of Christ as found in the New Testament is because many commandments are similar to each other.**

**Nine of the ten commandments are carried over into the Law of Christ from the Law of Moses. However, they were not carried over as a continuation of the Law of Moses, but as the new Law of Christ. That's because the Law of Moses has been rendered inoperative.**

## **2. Our focus should be on the commandments that are found in the Law of Christ**

**The Law of Christ contains all the individual commands of Jesus and the Apostles that are applicable to Christians. They are found in the New Testament. Just as the Law of Moses was only given to a specific group, the Jewish people, the Law of Christ has been given to a specific group of people, true believers in Jesus.**

John 14:15 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

John 15:10 - If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.

1 John 2:3-4 - And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

1 John 3:24 - And the one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And we know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

1 John 5:3 - For this is the Love of God that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

1 Cor. 9:19-23 - For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more. And to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law, though not being myself under the Law, that I might win those who are under the Law; to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, that I might win those who are without law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some. And I do all things for the sake of the gospel, that I may become a fellow partaker of it.

**Here is an example of the confusion that arises by trying to make the Law of Moses apply to the present day Church. Deut. 22:5**

Deut. 22:5 - A woman shall not wear man's clothing, nor shall a man put on a woman's clothing; for whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord your God.

**First, if we are going to try to use Deut. 22:5 to forbid the wearing of pants by women, what else does chapter 22 have to say? In other words, you can't just pull out one verse and neglect the others.**

Deut. 22:5 - A woman shall not wear man's clothing, nor shall a man put on a woman's clothing; for whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord your God.

Deut. 22:11 "You shall not wear a material mixed of wool and linen together.

**Second, what kind of clothes were being worn when this command was written? They both wore robes. No one wore pants back then. The point is, wear clothes that are made specifically for your gender.**

**What does the Law of Christ have to say about clothing? What command do we find that will give us some instruction? After all that is what we as believers are under.**

1 Tim. 2:9-10 - Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments; but rather by means of good works, as befits women making a claim to godliness.

1 Pet. 3:3-4 - And let not your adornment be merely external-- braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.

**What if a true believer freely chooses to keep parts of the Mosaic Law? Is that ok?**

**He is free to do so, but he must keep several things in mind.**

**There is no salvation by keeping the Law**

**There is no sanctification produced by keeping the Law**

**One must not insist that other believers keep the same Laws**

**In conclusion, the Law is a wonderful thing that God gave to Israel.**

**Many helpful lessons can still be learned from it, even though it has been rendered inoperative. This is true for all believers. It should be read, studied, preached from, used during evangelism and used as a means to see the holiness of our great God. However, we must realize that any attempt to keep the Law of Moses to try to obtain salvation will not work. We must also keep in mind that the Law cannot produce sanctification in the life of a believer.**

**The Law today for believers is the Law of Christ. By His grace and for His glory, we must strive to obey it, then we will be doing what He desires.**

## **Part Fifteen**

### **The Three Tenses of Salvation**

#### **Definition**

**Salvation is the work of God whereby He transforms a soul from the grips of condemnation (eternal wrath) to one of eternal life. The idea of true salvation from beginning to end is God's. He thought of it and provided all that was necessary to make it possible for a human being to be rescued from the wrath of God. That's why Scripture says that salvation is of the Lord.**

**Salvation is the gracious work of God whereby He delivers gospel believing sinners from sin and its results; and brings them into a right, vital relationship with Himself; and bestows on them the riches of His grace.**

#### **The Past Tense of Salvation - IT'S ALREADY DONE**

**Theologically this is called justification.**

**It refers to that part of the work of salvation which is already accomplished in and for the one who has believed in Messiah Jesus.**

**Justification is the act of God whereby He declares the believer to be righteous and places him in a no condemnation status.**

**Justification is a one time act. We do not grow in our justification. It took place the moment we believed in Messiah Jesus.**

**It primarily refers to our position that we now have as believers in Messiah Jesus.**

**Justification deals with our being saved from the guilt and penalty of our sin.**

Eph. 1:7 - In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

Rom. 8:1 - There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Messiah Jesus.

2 Tim. 1:8-9 - Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, or of me His prisoner; but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Messiah Jesus from all eternity.

**Our inner human nature (our soul and spirit) was delivered from inherent corruption and was renewed with the divine impartation of spiritual life. This has already taken place.**

## **The Present Tense of Salvation - IT'S BEING DONE**

**Theologically this is called sanctification.**

**It refers to that which is now being accomplished in and for the one who has believed in Messiah Jesus.**

**Sanctification is the activity of God whereby He sets His people apart unto Himself for His use.**

**Because of sanctification we can now experience occasions of deliverance from the power of sin, the temptations of Satan and the allurements of the world.**

**It refers to that which is now being accomplished in and for the one who has believed in Messiah Jesus.**

**Presently we are being saved from the power and dominion of sin. This is made possible as we cooperate with the Holy Spirit and obey God's Word.**

Ps. 119:9 - How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Thy word.

Ps. 119:11 - Thy word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against Thee.

Gal. 5:16 - But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

James 1:21 - Therefore putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.

**In contrast to justification which is a one time event, sanctification is a process which should be growing as the years of being saved passes. We should increase in our conformity to the Lord Jesus**

**All true believers who are justified will enter into the process of sanctification. There is no such thing as a true believer who is justified that does not experience some sanctification.**

## **The Future Tense of Salvation - IT WILL BE DONE**

**Theologically this is called glorification. We'll be saved from the very presence of sin.**

**It refers to that which will be accomplished to complete the work of God in and for the one who has believed in Messiah Jesus.**

**Glorification is the activity of God whereby He completes our salvation. This will be done in heaven.**

Rom. 8:23 - And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

Phil. 3:20-21 - For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus the Messiah; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

1 John 3:1-2 - See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is.

**Salvation will be totally complete when we are in heaven. That's when glorification will become a reality. Until then we live in a corrupt fallen world, in an unredeemed body that is still subject to the consequences of the fall. However, we must remember that we have been justified and we are being sanctified.**

**Peter calls our future glorification a living hope and an inheritance which is reserved in heaven for us. By focusing in on it, it will enable us to rejoice, even in the midst of trials and tribulations. We should all be longing for this day when we will be with the Lord Jesus for all eternity.**

1 Pet. 1:3-4,6 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus the Messiah, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus the Messiah from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you. In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials.

**All true believers have been justified and are in the process of being sanctified. The believer's assurance is that they will also be glorified. Once justification has taken place, glorification is guaranteed.**

Rom. 8:29-30 - For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

## Part Sixteen

### False Hopes of Salvation

**If you ask the average person about heaven, they believe that they're going there. However, Jesus made it very clear that few would be on the road that leads to heaven and many will be on the road that leads to destruction.**

Matt. 7:13-14 - Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.

Matt. 7:21-23 - Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles? And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.

**Apparently there are a great number of people that are deceived into thinking that they are ok spiritually. They have a false hope concerning where they will spend eternity. What are some of the things people mistakenly put their hope in?**

**What are some false activities or circumstances that people trust in to get them to heaven?**

#### **1. Keeping the Law of Moses. Trying to keep the ten commandments.**

Gal. 2:16 - nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Messiah Jesus, even we have believed in Messiah Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Messiah, and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified.

#### **2. Having a life that is characterized by good works or mitzvahs.**

Eph. 2:8-9 - For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

## **Are good deeds a bad thing for a person to do? Or, should we be doing good deeds for others?**

Titus 2:7 - in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified,

Titus 2:14 - who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

Titus 3:8 - This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God may be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men.

Titus 3:14 - And let our people also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, that they may not be unfruitful.

**As you can see, there is absolutely nothing wrong with doing good deeds for others. However, we must not think that they have anything to do with us getting to heaven.**

**We do good deeds because we are going to heaven, we don't do them to get us there.**

### **3. Having a Church, Temple or Synagogue membership.**

### **4. Having a good education.**

1 Tim. 6:20 - O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called knowledge.

2 Tim. 3:7 - always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

**There is nothing wrong with getting a good education, but that is not the way to get to heaven. The best knowledge to work towards is a knowledge of Messiah Jesus.**

2 Pet. 3:18 - but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Messiah. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

## **5. Trying to live by the Golden Rule.**

Matt. 7:12 - Therefore, however you want people to treat you, so treat them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

**The major problem we have with trying to keep the Golden Rule is, it's simply not possible for us to live up to it. Why is that?**

Is. 64:6 - For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

## **6. Involving oneself in religious activities.**

**One needs to be certain that their hope of ending up in heaven is built upon the truth of the Word of God. Anything less should cause one to question the eternal destiny of their soul.**

**Examples of religious activities that don't get anyone to heaven:**

**taking communion - Lord's Supper  
Church or Temple membership  
being Bar or Bat Mitzvaed  
being baptized  
membership in a religious organization  
tithing, giving to charity  
being confirmed**

Matt. 7:22-23 - Many will say to Me on that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawless-ness.