

Module 05 – 40 Responsibility - New vs. Old – Salvation 7

Session 40

Isa 42:9 Behold, the former things have come to pass, now I declare new things; before they spring forth I proclaim them to you.

- We are experiencing God in new ways and our minds are being deconstructed and renewed by our encounters with Him.

Eph 3:16-18 I desire for you to become intimately acquainted with the love of Christ on the deepest possible level; far beyond the reach of a mere academic, intellectual grasp. So that you may be filled with all the fullness of God! Awaken to the consciousness of his closeness! Separation is an illusion! Oneness was God's idea all along!

Experiencing God in face to face intimacy reveals His true nature which is love but will also expose many false doctrines and theologies as lies, distortions and misrepresentations of truth.

We are looking at salvation from a new or renewed perspective

- Last time we saw that Faith for salvation is not our faith but the faith of Jesus imparted through our relational encounters with Him
- When we hear the voice of God faith persuades us of the truth and we believe
- Belief informs our thinking and acting

Gal 2:20 and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith (in) of or from the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

- **To live by the faith of the son of God, means to live in the consciousness of the same sonship that Jesus enjoys blessed and empowered by grace**
- **Sons of God live their lives by God's faith walking in a relationship where knowing God personally unveils the truth of who we are**
- Our trust is a growing experience of knowing Jesus relationally. But it was Jesus' faith that "saved" us.
- It is God's faithfulness that keeps

Gal 5:6 but faith working through love

God is love and wants us to know love relationally that enables us to live our lives by His faith

Hebrews 12:2, "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, Jesus is the beginning and the end the Alpha and Omega

When we hear this good news, faith produces a "Yes!" to what God has already done.

Faith is a gift it is the eyes to see what God the Father has already done for us in Jesus

Our belief doesn't make something true it means that truth is available

The good news is that our faith is insufficient to accomplish salvation.

We don't have to depend on ourselves as the requirement is too high.

To be saved by the law, you had to perform it spotlessly, which was impossible.

To be saved by your own faith that would require perfect faith which is also impossible to generate ourselves

Generating faith is as impossible as birthing ourselves.

→ **We contributed nothing to our natural births – we contribute nothing to our spiritual birth.**

Rather than faith being the price tag for salvation, it becomes the initial by-product of hearing the news of our already accomplished salvation!

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.

Hearing God produces the faith to believe

John 17:3 This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

- Eternal life is not going to heaven when we die as heaven is open now
- Eternal life is the quality of life we have now by knowing God who is Father, Son and Spirit

John 5:24 Most certainly do I say unto you that this is the vital transition from dead religion into the very life of the ages - embrace the Son's word with the same persuasion as you would the Father's and you will not know any judgment - the Son gives voice to the Father! (He is the Father's word made flesh.)

If breathing had to be the reward of our diligent study of how the lungs function, and then our constant conscious application and concentration, then we would override the ability of our design to breathe naturally and freely.

We are created to live by faith in a love relationship

When God speaks to us it creates hope and expectation which persuades us of the truth before we have seen it physically

Without faith it is impossible to please God but our DIY works can't produce the faith
Rom 14:23 whatever is not from faith is sin. Sin is living by our lost identity

- Religion teaches that if we don't please God by our faith then He is angry with us and will punish us

Of course God is not pleased when we are acting independently because without relationship He can't bless us the way He wants to which is His desire as our Father

- Religion produces fear which is a consequence of not trusting God
- Not trusting is a consequence of not knowing God
- Not knowing is a consequence of walking in our own understanding
- We are trapped in the religious DIY good works self-effort mindset

Fear is a consequence of no relationship and this is what religion thrives on to motivate us to try harder to be good

If there is no fear of punishment what will stop people do their own thing?

- **People are unrestrained because they lack vision not because of fear**

Prov 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained (lost, perish)

If we lose sight of God we are lost adrift on our own path

Prov 14:12 There is a way which seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

The DIY way or path always ends badly

- **The motivation religion uses to keep us in line is fear of God's punishment or displeasure**

Prov 12:28 In the way of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death.

The motivation of relationship is pure love alone

Gal 5:6 but faith works through love

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.

- Fear totally contradicts faith and love because it is not based in trust

If God thinks that fear of punishment is something to be "cast out" like a demon, then our Gospel and our good news better not rest on the foundation of fear

- **Fear-based faith (a paradox) is the ultimate deception.**

Religion encourages people to use fear on themselves to keep themselves in Christ.

- If I don't follow Christ then..... I'll go to hell
- If I don't pray then.... I will get attacked by the devil
- If I don't tithe then.... I will be cursed
- If I don't read the bible then.... I will be deceived

Fear. Fear. Fear. Fear. A system of control to keep us in 'good standing' with God within our own minds. It's not a life of faith, it's a life of fear.

We can trust the finished work of Jesus but not on our own works to make faith It's not about our work, our effort, our will-power, our blood, sweat and tears. It's all Jesus. It's 0% us and 100% Jesus.

- If my faith depends on fear of punishment, what will happen to my faith when perfect love (Jesus) comes to cast it out?
- The truth is, that for most of us, we have more faith in the sin of Adam and its effect, than we do the superiority of Christ's obedience and its effect!

Francois du Toit quote

As long as we say, yes but you've got to believe it, fear is generated!

The point is if people encounter the love of God unveiled in the revelation of what really happened when Jesus died humanity's death, and what it is that God believes, then faith happens!

- People don't need to be told to believe if they know that they are loved! God loves this world relentlessly and unconditionally!
- **God did not make a deal with us the Father made a covenant with Jesus to take all sin and bury it and to raise him from the dead separate from it.**
- God simply included us in what Christ did. Otherwise he would still be waiting for us to keep up our end of the bargain.

As well as reconciliation, forgiveness and redemption what else does our salvation already include because Jesus has already finished it all?

Adoption, Righteousness, Justification, Glorification

Eph 1:5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself

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

Rom 5:9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood,

Rom 5:17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

1 Cor 1:30 But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption,

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

Eph 4:24 and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

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

Prov 23:7 as a man thinks in his heart so is he

Rom 12:2 be transformed by the renewing of your minds

- When we know that everything is already done we can enjoy it rather than trying receive it by our efforts

- We need a fresh revelation by experience of the power of the gospel to save, heal, deliver, reconcile, redeem and restore us so we can be a testimony to the world that Jesus died to restore all things

Eph 1:5 He is the architect of our design; his heart dream realised our coming of age in Christ

Rom 3:24 Jesus Christ is proof of God's grace gift; he redeemed the glory of God in human life; mankind condemned is now mankind justified!

Rom 3:25 Jesus exhibits God's mercy. In his blood conciliation God's faith persuades humankind of his righteousness and the fact that he has brought closure to the historic record of their sins. (Not by demanding a sacrifice but providing the sacrifice of himself.) Jesus is the unveiling of the Father's heart towards us.

Rom 5:9 If God could love us that much when we were ungodly and guilty, how much more are we free to realise his love now that we are declared innocent by his blood? (God does not love us more now that we are reconciled to him; we are now free to realise how much he loved us all along!

Rom 5:17 If (spiritual) death saw the gap in one sin, and grabbed the opportunity to dominate mankind because of one person, how much more may we now seize the advantage to reign in righteousness in this life through that one act of Christ, who declared us innocent by his grace. Grace is out of all proportion in superiority to the transgression.

Cor 5:30 Of God's doing are we in Christ. He is both the genesis and genius of our wisdom; a wisdom that reveals how righteous, sanctified and redeemed we already are in him.

2 Cor 5:19 Our ministry declares that Jesus did not act independently of God. Christ is proof that God reconciled the total cosmos to himself. Deity and humanity embraced in Christ; the fallen state of mankind was deleted; their trespasses would no longer count against them! God has placed this message in us.

2 Cor 5:19 He now announces his friendship with every individual from within us! God was in Christ, when he reconciled the world to himself. The incarnation did not separate the Father from the Son and the Spirit. In him dwells the fullness of God in a human body

2 Cor 5:21 This is the divine exchange: he who knew no sin embraced our distortion; he appeared to be without form; this was the mystery of God's prophetic poetry.

2 Cor 5:21 He was disguised in our distorted image and marred with our iniquities; he took our sorrows, our pain and our shame to his grave and birthed his righteousness in us. He took our sins and we became his innocence.

Eph 4:24 Be renewed in your innermost mind. (Ponder the truth about you, as it is displayed in Christ; begin with the fact of your co-seatedness.) This will cause you to be completely re-programmed in the way you think about yourself!

1 John 1:9 When we communicate what God says about our sins, we discover what he believes concerning our redeemed oneness and innocence! We are cleansed from every distortion we believed about ourselves! Likeness is redeemed!

Titus 3:7 His grace vindicates our innocence. We have also become heirs to the life that we have always longed for, the life of the ages.

•God's gift has restored our relationship with him and given us back our lives. —The Message

Rom 3:30 Jesus reveals that we pre-existed in God; he defines us. He justified us and also glorified us. He redeemed our innocence and restored the glory we lost in Adam.

- This is the truth that everything about our salvation is already completed in Christ and we are in Christ already

Justified *dikaioó* approved, especially in a legal, authoritative sense; I make righteous, defend the cause of, plead for the righteousness (innocence) of, acquit, justify; hence: I regard as righteous.

Declared or made righteous in the sight of God.

Glorified *doxazó* glorify; properly, to ascribe weight by recognising real substance (value).

Made righteous *dikaiosuné* properly, judicial approval (the verdict of approval); right relationship

- All these amazing things are included in our salvation but are we experiencing them?
- God did all these things for us they are part of our identity they belong to our restored imaged
- Do we know them by experience?

The truth of all that Jesus has already done for the whole of creation in the salvation he accomplished has been hidden from us

We have been robbed of our freedom in Christ and put into bondage by religious theology and false doctrines that put the focus on our works

- **Many people have become disillusioned and disappointed by religion**
- **If we feel angry or let down by those who taught us religion we need to forgive and release them**

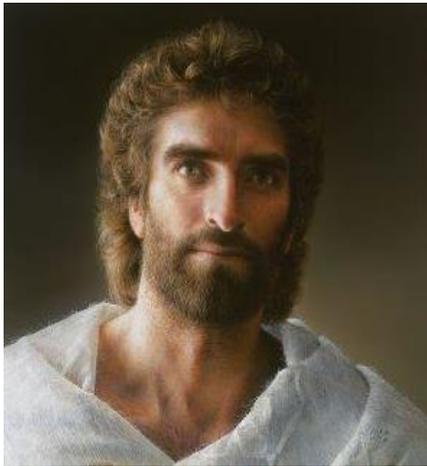
Unfulfilled dreams, visions, promises, false and real expectations brings spiritual incapacity inoculated against future hope by past disappointments.

Most people are unwilling to face the truth of their own hearts because they live in the religious bondage and fear of GOD trapped in an unreality that keeps them debilitated.

This must be dealt with or they will continue to be visionless fearful to go forward because they are afraid to face the past and be honest about their disillusionment with GOD. (the distant angry deity who requires our appeasement with our works)

God:

I am going to create a culture of honour where there will be an amnesty and all those true suppressed and hidden emotions, thoughts and disappointments can be aired. All the pastors, teachers, prophets, apostles and the theologians and translators of the old order need to be forgiven and released and then the old can be left behind so we can embrace all the new things God has prepared for us to enjoy



- › Close your eyes and begin to think of Jesus and picture Him
- › Let Jesus reveal the truth so you can be persuaded by what He believes about you
- › Let the presence of Jesus begin to refresh you, empower you strengthen you, heal you

- › Let Jesus reveal any suppressed and hidden emotions, thoughts and disappointments about GOD
- › Choose to forgive and release any pastors, teachers, prophets, apostles, theologians or translators of the bible that come to mind

- › Let Father, Son and Spirit open the realms of heaven to you reveal your thrones and positions of authority as sons
- › As you encounter let the faith to walk in identity and victory rise up in you