

## Module 05 – 35 Responsibility - New vs. Old – Salvation 2

### Session 35

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.”

God has never changed but if we engage Him intimately He will continually reveal truth that will often challenge our beliefs

- We live with God dwelling within us where we can daily open our first love gate and experience face to face relationship and intimacy - Rev 3:20
- We live under an open heaven with an invitation to access the realms of heaven and be seated in positions of authority a sons - Rev 4:1
- Experiencing God who is Father, Son and Spirit intimately will expose false doctrines and theologies as lies, distortions and misrepresentations when compared to knowing the Truth who is Jesus personally
- We will see our Salvation from a new or renewed perspective

Last time we saw that salvation is not just a personal makeover but is part of the restoration of all things Act 3

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

Salvation has been reduced by religion to praying a prayer, raising a hand or responding to an altar call

- **Salvation is really about encountering the living God and experiencing the love, joy and peace of a restored face to face, breath to breath relationship, that reveals our true identity and responsibility as His sons**

The traditional evangelical view is that everyone is dead to God and separated from Him by their sin

When we pray a sinners prayer our spirit is born again, regenerated made alive then God comes and lives in us

I no longer believe that is true or that the bible supports this view

#### **What are we saved from?**

- Our real problem is unbelief as a man thinks in his heart so is he
- We are saved from the results of unbelief, we don't believe the truth of who we are as sons of God
- Salvation restores our original identity and mandate as sons of God

Mark 16:14 ...He reproached them for their unbelief and hardness of heart,

Col 1:21 And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind...

Mankind feeling separated and lost is because they don't know the truth of their salvation and inclusion in Christ

Fear and unbelief are the result of a loss of trust in the character and nature of God that came from independence

Unbelief is the result of following the DIY tree path and results in lost identity

Adam chose independence and lost relationship with the Father and began to think like an orphan

Francois Du Toit: The object of the gospel is to unveil the hidden treasure of Christ in the individual!

While hidden and veiled, a person's life is reduced to the mere cosmetic value of the earthen jar! But oh the bliss to discover Christ within!

No wonder Jesus said that in discovering that he is, is what the scriptures are all about, we discover that we are what he is all about, and rivers of living waters will gush out of our innermost being!

- **Unbelief produces false mind-sets and results in DIY religion**

Unbelief creates many wrong theological views that are in contradiction to God being love and to who God says He is and what He has actually already done

What the bible actually says has been misinterpreted and framed through theological beliefs systems that then reinterpret truth in the light of wrong perceptions of God

**Some examples of theological contradictions in relation to salvation are:**

- Jesus will NOT "be the Saviour of the world," but rather Saviour of only a few
- Jesus will NOT "save all sinners," but only a few
- Jesus will NOT "save all who are lost," but only a few that are lost
- Jesus will NOT "take away the sin of the world," but only of a few
- Jesus will NOT "have all men to be saved," but only a few men
- Limitations of the true power of salvation
- Jesus will NOT be the Lord who is "not willing that any should be lost," but He WILL be the Lord who will actively participate in eternally torturing those who are lost
- Jesus is NOT "the Saviour of all men," but is the Saviour "of only those that believe,"
- Jesus' Own words "I came NOT to judge the world, but to save the world" will never happen

**These statements result from knowing God theologically but not knowing Him relationally, intimately face to face as love**

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!

**Salvation is not about being saved from future consequences but from our present false realities**

Salvation is being unplugged from the matrix of the false DIY reality  
Salvation redeems us from our slavery to the DIY system  
Salvation reconciles and restores relationship and our identity image

**We can then answer all the following questions affirmatively**

- Is reconciliation universal does it apply to all?
- Is the power of the cross universal does it apply to all?
- Is salvation universal and available to all?

**Other questions we need know the answers to bring good news**

- When did our salvation occur?
- How do we know that we are saved?
- Can we lose our salvation?
- Does a prayer really save us?
- Is everyone saved?
- What is being born again?

There are three major views of salvation and they also determine what is believed about what happens to not yet believers after death  
Arguments have raged for hundreds of years over these issues  
Arminianism, Calvinism, Universalism and their many variations

**We will see some truth in each**

The Arminian view: God desires all people to be saved. He gave His Son Jesus to save everyone. But He can't save anyone except those who are willing to be saved. Everyone has a choice and that choice saves us

The Calvinist view is Jesus died for and only saves some people  
Even though His expressed will is for all people to be saved, He doesn't really want anyone to be saved except for the elect whom He chose before the foundation of the world, and whom He effectually calls to Himself.  
No one has a choice but God

Calvin was a strong influence on Protestant evangelicalism he proposed a limited version of the cross where Jesus only died for some not all  
I fully believe that there is no limitation to the victory of the cross it was for all people and for all the ages not just some

The Universalist view is that God wants all men to be saved.  
He sent Jesus to die for all men.  
God is sovereign therefore all will eventually be saved or all are already saved.  
Or the variation where God respects choice and therefore everyone is saved but only experience it by acceptance

## **Evangelicalism vs the true gospel**

Evangelical evangelism must first convince others that they are terrible people and that they deserve to be tormented by God in flames of fire forever.

They must be convinced that they are guilty so that they are willing to accept the so called good news and be saved

The good news is only theirs if they are sorry and stop doing bad things (repent) They have to believe in a Jesus they have never met, and accept a bible that they have never studied.

Finally they are threatened with the wrath of God in order to convince them of the love of God.

## **The Gospel actually is...**

- The good news about the God who chose **all** humanity before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blame before his gaze of love through the once for all work of Jesus the Son of God.

## **The good news should inspire us with confidence in God**

- who tells you that He loves us unconditionally
  - Who accepts us into His life before we find Him in ours,
  - Who will never forsake us, and who has been working in our lives before during and after our birth
- **The only thing wrong with us is that we think there is something wrong with us - unbelief**
- **In fact, I encourage each of you to look for God working in your life... you will notice His care long before you actually realised it.**

## **The good news of God's faithfulness will inspire faith in people's hearts toward Him.**

- Let God's goodness change their mind about him... and about them... because He says they are already perfectly right with him.
- No one is separated from God's perspective only from theirs

We can engage people with the good news not by trying to tell them how wrong they are and how separated they are from God but by helping them to see the truth that God is already at work in them

That they are in God and God is in them and He wants them to know Him

We can help people to connect with the light that is already inspiring them  
Connecting them with the passions that are inspired by their eternal destiny  
We can help them see that the symptoms of being lost are rooted in the real problem which is lack of true identity

Phil 2:12 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

This is translated in such a way that it emphasizes works of obedience and fear in association with salvation

Phil 2:12 Considering this amazing outcome of what our faith sees and celebrates I strongly urge you my darling friends to continue to have your ears tuned to that which inspires your conduct to give full expression to the detail of your own salvation in a most personal and practical way. See salvation in its earth shattering awesome and ultimate conclusion.

We are being saved by what Jesus already did is applied to our lives to renew our minds to the truth

We do not need to focus on a punishment or penalty system

We are saved from the results of the fallen mind-set the loss of our identity which is the real curse of following the DIY tree

- When did our salvation and actually take place?
- When were we saved from the affects spiritual death?
- When we prayed a prayer and asked Jesus to save us?
- Or when Jesus died was resurrected and reconciled the cosmos to himself?

1 Cor 15:20 But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are dead. 21 For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

- God saved us and made us all alive when Jesus was resurrected from the dead
- So at the resurrection the whole of mankind that was dead in Adam was made alive in Christ
- So everyone is now in Christ included in His resurrection life
- So everyone has already been saved from spiritual death
- Not everyone knows and experiences the reality of this yet so they live less than

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.

We accept what Jesus has already done our believing does not make it happen

Eph 1:13 Now you (Gentiles) also have discovered yourselves to be equally included in him having witnessed the unveiled logic of God. What exciting news! Your salvation is publicly announced. Consistent with the promise of God, the Holy Spirit gives guarantee to the fact of your faith, like the stamp of a signet ring that certifies a document

Rom 8:11 But if (if indeed now) the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

This is not a question to create doubt but a statement to encourage belief

- Does the Holy Spirit only dwell in us after our spirit is regenerated or made alive?
- Or does the Holy Spirit come to dwell in all mankind because all are now alive in Christ?

**The first option is following our choice so by works and the second is grace orientated by God's choice**

The Holy Spirit is the very breath of life and is the regenerating power that actually makes us alive

**As Jesus is resurrected the Holy Spirit that was in Him as a man now comes into all mankind making us all alive in Christ**

John 7:38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" 39 But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

John 20:21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Refreshing from the presence of the lord – breathe easily (again) recovery of breath

John 14:19 After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. 20 In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

- **On the day of resurrection along with all mankind they lived and without even praying the sinners prayer**

Acts 2:17 'And it shall be in the last days,' God says, 'That I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind;

Eph 4:6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

God is already in everyone working to be unveiled so all may know him

Eph 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

- **God made us all alive when Jesus was resurrected with His life**

Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we

are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Eph 2:4-5 This is how grace rescued us: sin left us dead towards God, like spiritual corpses; yet in that state of deadness and indifference, God co-quickened us together with Christ. Sin proved how dead we were (the law confirmed it!) Grace reveals how alive we now are (the gospel announces it!)

Eph 2:8-9 Your salvation is not a reward for good behaviour! It was a grace thing from start to finish; you had no hand in it. Even the gift to believe simply reflects his faith! (By grace you are! Saved by the gift of faith; grace reveals who we are and the faith of God persuades us of it! You did not invent faith; it was God's faith to begin with!

John 1:29: "The next day he [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

- **The sin of the whole world, not just a part of it.**
- **The word for world is *cosmos* not just the earth but all of creation**

John 6:33 For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

John 1:7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that through him all might believe.

- The word **all** (pas) means **all, each, every; each "part(s) of a totality"**

John 4:42 We no longer believe because of what you said, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this one (Jesus) really is the Saviour of the world They knew because they experienced Him for themselves not just because someone told them

- **Our good news needs to be experienced not just hopefully believed**

John 6:37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. 39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day

John 3:35 The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand

- The Father gave **everyone** into Jesus hands not just some

John 13:3 Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into His hands.

John 10:28 and I give age enduring life to them, and they will never perish (or be lost); and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

### ➔ **Can you lose your salvation? NO**

John 17:2 even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give age enduring life. 3 This is age enduring life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Luke 3:6: "All flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Luke 19:10: "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. – **Everyone**  
John 12:32 if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw (drag) all men to Myself  
Jesus is passionate about all of us, He chose the cross to reach everyone

Col. 1:15-17, 20 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Col. 1:20 He is before all things, and by Him all things hold together ... and through Him to reconcile **all** things to Himself by making peace through the blood of His cross things on earth or things in heaven.

- **Death or dimensions are no barrier to salvation and reconciliation**

2 Cor 5:18 Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

2 Cor 5:18 To now see everything as new is to simply see what God has always known in Christ; we are not debating human experience, opinion, or their contribution; this is 100% God's belief and his doing. In Jesus Christ, God exchanged equivalent value to redeem us to himself. This act of reconciliation is the mandate of our ministry

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. He now announces his friendship with every individual from within us!

1 Timothy 2:3-6: "This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires (wills) all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time."

Titus 2:11: "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for **all** people. "

1 Timothy 4:10: "We have our hope set on the living God, who is the Saviour of **all** people, especially of those who believe."

Especially not exclusively

**The meaning is clear and transparent! God IS the Saviour of everyone!**

- He is the Saviour of everyone, believers are experiencing this now and not yet  
believers can experience this at any time when they come to the realisation of the truth of what Jesus has already done



**These scriptures reveal the truth that Jesus is saviour of the whole cosmos therefore He came to save everyone**

- Reconciliation and salvation are universal for everyone even if they don't know it yet!
- Jesus while here was inclusive of those that others would not touch and He still is
- Tax collectors, sinners, lepers, women
- Jesus' disciples were the have nots and the less "thans" He chose them
- Only the self-righteous struggled with Jesus

We have this message and ministry of reconciliation

We are called to be witnesses of this message of reconciliation


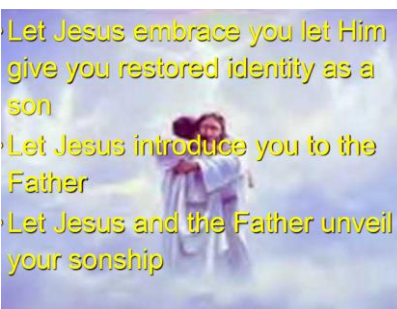
We have and are the testimony of such amazing good news the power of the gospel of God's love to save everyone – let's share it

We can be confident of God's love

We can be confident of the power of the cross to save us all

We can be confident that God will never change, He is always love

We can be confident that God's love and faithfulness is sufficient for all of us

	<p>Close your eyes and begin to think of Jesus</p> <p>Let the presence of Jesus begin to refresh you, empower you strengthen you, heal you</p> <p>Let Jesus breathe into you real salvation restoring truth</p> <p>Let Jesus the Truth reveal the truth about who you are</p>	<p>Let Jesus embrace you let Him give you restored identity as a son</p> <p>Let Jesus introduce you to the Father</p> <p>Let Jesus and the Father unveil your sonship</p> 
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<p>Let Father Son and Spirit open the realms of heaven to you reveal your thrones and positions of authority as sons</p> 	
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