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WHAT IS SALVATION?

It is important that we understand the very meaning of salvation, so that when we hear the word, ‘salvation’, or when we believe and accept salvation, we will actually know what we are talking about.

Salvation is defined as:

(1) Deliverance from the power and effects of sin.

(2) Liberation from ignorance or illusion.

(3) Preservation from destruction or failure; also deliverance from danger or difficulty.

Other Related Words to Salvation are:

Rescue, Recovery, Ransom, Redemption,
Defense, Guard, Protection, Safeguarding,
Security, Conservation, Guardianship,
Safekeeping.

When we look at the meaning and the words related to salvation, it shows that salvation means more than just word; it actually mean an action has taken place, and the person to whom the action was directed is whole, complete needing nothing and secured.

This is the state of someone who have received salvation.

Let look into the salvation story:

THE SALVATION STORY -

The story of salvation is one and one only. There is no other story of salvation that can be said other than the one God in His mercies, sent His Son to die for man's sins.

All human comes from one parent, Adam and Eve; God created Adam and Eve as the first humans (Gen.1:27). He created them in His image and likeness, so that He can have a relationship with them.

Then God planted a garden and put the man to be in charge and to feed from the abundance of the garden; and He had a cordial relationship with the man He created.

God will form animals and birds, and bring them to the man (Adam) to see what he will call them. And whatever the man (Adam) called each living creature, that was its name. It is also recorded that, in the cool of the day, God would come into the garden to interact with the man. It was for this relationship, that God created the man. (Gen. 1:26; 2:8, 15,16,19)

THE FIRST RELATIONSHIP WAS BROKEN.

Then God gave the man He created an instruction saying, *“Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die”* (Gen. 2:16-17).

Man disobeyed the instruction of God and ate from the tree of which God commanded him not to eat, thereby breaking the bond of friendship which he had with God.

He was driven out of God's beautiful garden, to go and till the ground and eat out of his own sweat [This separation from God his

source, means spiritual death; man died spiritually because of this sin of disobedience]. (Gen. 3:11,23)..

Now through that one man's disobedience sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned - - Therefore through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation.

(Rom. 5:12,18)

We all became sinners through that offense.

THE OBEDIENT ONE

God found a man who was upright and in whose heart was the fear of God - that man was Abraham.

God came to him entered into agreement with him; tested him and found him true and obedient even to the offering of his son Isaac, on the altar.

God blessed him; made a promise to be a Father and a God to him and his descendant after him. God did not stop there, He also promised that through him - his seed, He will bless the whole world, because of his obedience. (**Gen.22:16-18**).

HE PROMISE FULFILLED

God who is faithful and true to His promise, the promise He made to Abraham saying, *“In your seed all the nations of the*

earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice” (Gen.22:18).

In the fullness of time God fulfilled this promise by sending His Son, Jesus Christ as the seed of Abraham, to the whole world, to save all mankind and reconcile man that have all gone astray, living without God their maker, back to Himself.

Galatians 4:4-5 says, *“But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons”.*

JESUS, THE SACRIFICIAL LAMB

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the seed of Abraham was sent, as the promised blessing and salvation, to the world.

The One to bear the sins of the whole world; sins from Adam to all man that is born on the face of the earth. God placed upon Jesus all the sins of the world and the right punishment that all men deserves.

John the Baptist bore witness and said, *“Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world”* (John 1:29).

Jesus bore the sins of man on His body, He

became sin and sin was crucified on the cross.
The blood Jesus shed once and for all was perfect, and enough for sins.

1 Peter 2:24 said,

“Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness”

while Galatians 1:4 says,

“Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father”

Then Colossians 1:14 says,

“In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins”.

He died, the third day, He arose for men's justification. Since all sins were paid for,, salvation, and to be in right standing with God, becomes a gift.

THE GIFT OF SALVATION

Does it mean every man now is save and their sins washed away? The answer is, 'No!'

The Scripture says,

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be

saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God” (John 3:16-18).

Man was created with a free will to choose. In His love and regards for the free will of the man He created, God will not force the salvation on man; He still requires the consent and obedience of man to save man.

God will not force salvation on any man even though it is a free gift. (But according to the Scripture, ‘*God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth*’)

(1Tim.2:4)

Every man who hears the message of, 'salvation through Christ', if he believes, ask for the gift and accept it by faith, will receive the gift and be in right standing with God. Not only that, he will be given the power (the seal of the Spirit of God) to become sons of God.

John 1:12 says,

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name”.

Also Ephesians 1:13-14 says,

“In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed,

you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory”.

This salvation is a gift to all, and Jesus being the promised Savior and Redeemer of man is ready to give to all who come to Him.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED SALVATION?

This salvation is free. No man can earn it, no works can meet the standard and no other name or way is accepted by God.

It takes only believe in what God said, He

had done – sending His Son as a sin offering.

Also by trusting in Jesus as the only mediator, Savior and redeemer.

Because, it is only through the sacrifice, Jesus did on the cross, that any man can be saved.

1John 5:10 says,

“He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son”

Whoever you are, whatever position you occupy in the church, or even if you don't go to church at all; whatever organization you

belong to; whatever sin or crime you have committed; whatever your past and present life was and is; if you have not willingly, whole heartedly asked the Lord Jesus to forgive you and to come into your life and be your Lord and Savior, you are not save.

But if you willingly ask the Lord with your whole heart to forgive you;

1 John 1:9 says,

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”

Also if you truthfully invite the Lord Jesus to come into your life and be your Lord and

Savior; you will be saved.

As such, it is written in Romans 10:8-10,

“But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

YOU CAN RECEIVE NOW

You can receive the gift of salvation now if you choose to believe this story.

Don't let this opportunity pass you by, you

don't know if another opportunity will be given to you. If you die without declaring it with your mouth over your life, you stand no chance, your condemnation is for eternity. **This is all it takes, and the choice is yours.**

Here is an opportunity to be saved right now. Open your mouth and pray this prayer over yourself and believe it:

“Dear Lord Jesus, I believe You are the Son of God, who came and died for my sins and arose for my justification. I am sorry for all my sins, they are plenty, I can't count them all, but right now I repent. Please forgive me, wash me and make me clean with Your precious blood.

Receive me as Your child and right now I accept You as my Lord and Savior. Thank You for offering Yourself as the sacrificial Lamb for my sins and guilt; thank You for bearing the punishment for sins I committed and cleansing me with Your blood. Thank You for this privilege. I believe with my whole heart that You have saved me. I am saved in the name of Jesus, Amen.”

NOW THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED SALVATION, PLEASE NOTE:

The relationship God sent His Son to die for is not religion.

Jesus did not come to the world to give man religion, or the following and the doing of

some rules and doctrines to be save, He simply came to die for the sins we have committed, so that we in turn, when we believe, will be washed by His blood and be in right standing with God so that the once lost relationship will be restored.

If you have believed, then you have received the salvation Jesus paid for; now your walk with God through Christ, is personal.

God now is your heavenly Father, and His Spirit (The Holy Spirit) lives in you as He had promised in

John 14:16-18. saying,

“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide

with you forever - the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you”.

Jesus also said His Spirit that will live in us will,

(1) Teach us all things (John 14:26);

(2) Lead and Guide us into all truth (John 16:13);

(3) We will talk to Him and He will talk back to us, because, He is the One that will take from Jesus and declare to us; and He will tell us things to come. (John 16:13-14).

Therefore, this relationship is, the one God

Himself will come in to you and abide (that is live) in you, so that you become the carrier of God where ever you go.

This is what God seeks, and your part is to believe and He will come in.

That is why Paul wrote,

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God” (Rom.8:14).

The relationship you have here is, a Father-son relationship that Jesus paid for with His blood, it is not religion. It is by believing what He did, that you became a child, so if you keep believing, you will remain a child.

This is what Apostle John wrote to all who have believed,

“If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son.

He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.

And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you

may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God” (1John 5:9-13).

This testifies that you who believe, you have eternal life which is Christ, living in you; so keep this dear to your heart and settle in your heart today that you are a child of God and that you are in right standing with God through what Jesus did; and that the Spirit of God Himself abides in you.

Then grow in Christ; knowing God involves learning His ways, henceforth learn God's way and live for Christ through the power of His Spirit that now lives in you.

For more information on how to walk with the Holy Spirit that now lives in you, read our, “The Holy Spirit - Believe and Receive Him”

God bless you, Amen.