YOU NEED TO KNOW

BECOMING A DISCIPLE THROUGH THE DOCTRINES OF GOD KNOWING WHAT YOU BELIEVE AND WHY YOU BELIEVE IT

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

ALL ABOUT YOUR SALVATION – PART 3

knowing what you believe and why you believe it

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Introduction to the Doctrine of So'teri'ology (Salvation)

1.) How is salvation experienced ?

2.) Where do you begin ?

John 1:12

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

ejxousi÷a **exousia, ex-oo-see´-ah**

(the supernatural) power, (the supernatural) ability, (the supernatural) influence, (the supernatural) privilege.

It is a fact that there is no verse in the Bible that says

that we' re to accept Christ, but the word receive Christ is everywhere in scripture from the Old and New Testament alike. We are called and invited by God to receive His gift. I am not going over the usage of the words receive / accept Christ because - - what good is any gift unless it is accepted or received or embraced.

The issue, The Doctrine of Soteriology, Salvation,

Is always presented in Scripture in the atmosphere, in the theater of urgency ! - - always!

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For He says: *"In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.* Behold, now is the **accepted time**; Behold, now is the **day of salvation**.

But we want to ask this question;

What of this salvation? If we cannot earn it, if we cannot improve

upon it, what then is my relationship to it?

Week 3

Am I once saved always saved?

Can I lose my salvation?

Do I need to keep myself saved?

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3.) How Great is God's Salvation ?

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3a.) Can it be lost ?

The Answer is "No" and Here's why.

For there to be the possibility of being able to lose your salvation, there would first have to be the possibility of whatever God has done, to be undone.

nowhere in Scripture do we see God undoing His promises

nor do we see Him disabling His ability to perform.

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 everlasting life.

John 1:10-12

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. **11** He came to His own, and His own **did not receive** Him. **12** But as many **as received Him**, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

John 10:27-29

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. **28** And **I give them eternal life**, and they shall **never** perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. **29** My Father, who has **given** them to Me, is greater than all; and **no one is able** to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

Here is a Happy Truth. A Great Reality -

(1) God is the one who **PLACES** us into the body of Christ, The church. (2) God is the one who **SEALS** us for the Day of Redemption, and (3) God is the one who **KEEPS** us unto the very end.

PLACES us // SEALS us // KEEPS us

(these truths are so real, such a reality - that there is a one collective explosion of light to secure it)

Romans 8:33-37

(Q-1) Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? (not possible) (A-1) It is God who justifies. 34 (Q-2) Who is he who condemns? (A-2) It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 (Q-3) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? (A-3) Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

This is Perhaps the Greatest Argument, That There is No "Separation

Anxiety" between The LORD and His people.

The Lightning Round: _____

John 6:37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me <mark>I will by no means cast out.</mark>
John 5:24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has <i>(possesses)</i> everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.
Romans 11: 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.
2Corinthains 1: 22 He who also has sealed us and has given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.
1John 5:13 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.
Philippians 1:6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

It's True - The Answer is "No" but - Do you have it ?

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3b.) Am I once saved, always saved ?

The Answer is "Yes" and Here's why.

Remember this foundational truth about Biblical salvation,

a person who is truly "regenerate" or "saved", 'born-again"" has become a child of God, The LORD - Who is mighty to save, He is not a fan of spiritual abortions in the family of God. Having said that, what does the Bible teach about "Once saved always saved?"

Are there "proofs", are there any "indicators" for me?

Ezekiel 36:26-27

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. **27** I will put My Spirit within you **AND CAUSE YOU** to walk in My statutes, and **YOU** WILL KEEP My judgments and **DO THEM**.

I will put My Spirit within you AND... "cause you" and "to keep" and "to do"

2 Corinthians 5:16-17 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

We think differently – we desire differently – we hope differently – we do differently – we act differently.

Fundamentally - We are now born of God and have become a New Creation.

Foundationally - We are now sealed, marked, identifiable by God the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were **sealed** (but for how long. How good of a zip-lock is it?) **for** (unto) **the day of redemption**.

Sealed sfragi÷zw sphragizo, sfrag-id´-zo; to be stamped as with a signet. a private mark indicating ownership, security and preservation.

If salvation can be "lost" then God' s "Sealing" is of no effect. (but, thankfully, the opposite is true)

We Are Sealed "Unto" or "For" the Day of Redemption.

Some of you can receive this, while others of you struggle with it. But why do you struggle with it? Because there is a fear that (a) if a person believes that they are securely saved then perhaps that person we'll see themselves as having a license to sin. Or (b) he will not care about serving God or being useful to God. or (c) not endure or suffer with perseverance.

(1) It's not your business to try to manage another person's walk with God (2) any relationship with God that is based on manipulating God is not a Biblical relationship, but a lie. And (3) It is the Holy Spirit's ministry that makes the persons "salvation" a reality.

But rather - the truth is, anyone who is truly saved cannot even entertain

such thoughts, it would be abhorrent to him knowing that such thinking fails to recognize the Biblical grace of God which empowers us against sinning, not a free pass to sin.

"Those of us who are possessed by the Holy Spirit are at war with sin. We battle and resist and fight against the powers of lust and fear and doubt – but we win such battles more often then we lose. We are advancing ever onward. We cannot quit because it is no longer our desire to run away from God, but rather now, we run to God." - R.A. Torrey

Note Here the Light of This Truth.

1 John 1:6-10

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. :8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. :10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

1 John 3:4-6

Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. 5 And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. 6 Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

1 John 3:8-9

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whoever has been born of God **does not sin**, <u>for</u> <u>His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.</u>

Before We Leave This Consideration,

I have this question for you. Are you saved? Have you encountered Jesus Christ? And can you say that you have you met Jesus?

Understand this; that people do not lose their salvation if they have it. The issue is today – did they, did you ever have salvation to begin with?

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3c.) Do I have to keep myself saved ?

The answer is absolutely "Not"

because "YOU" didn't save "YOU" in the first place and so how can "YOU" maintain "YOUR"

salvation ?

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Romans 8:28-31

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. **29** For whom He **foreknew**, He also **predestined** to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. **30** Moreover whom He predestined, these He also **called**; whom He called, these He also **justified**; and whom He justified, these He also **glorified**. :**31** What then shall we say to these things? – If God is for us, who can be against us?

Sheep eat sheep food. Sheep are not goats. Goats are not sheep. Goats eat......

John 10:3b-5

The sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **4** And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. **5** Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers,

You Need To Know -

Just how eternally secure the Real Christian Really is?

He is only as secure, as Christ is able to save.

Jude 1:24

Now to Him who is **able** to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

Hebrews 7:25 NLT

Therefore He is **able**, once and forever, to save those who come to God through Him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf.

But what about those verses that suggest – I could lose my salvation? Like...

But What About The "if" Factor

John 15:5-6

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for **without Me you can do nothing**. **6 IF** anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

Our Salvation was (1) Promised (given) by the Father. (2) Purchased (bought) by Jesus Christ. (3) Protected (sealed) by the Holy Spirit.

Here's what you are to be doing. You are to (!) keep believing, (!) keep yielding to

God. (!) keep doing the right thing. (!) Keep fellowshipping with other Christians. (!) Keep studying the bible. (!)

Keep putting into practice what you' re learning. (!) Keep being with Jesus...

Jude 1:21 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Keep thre÷w **tereo**, tay-reh´-o;

to guard. to keep the eye upon. to hold-fast to.

Looking prosde÷comai **prosdechomai**, *pros-dekh´-om-ahee;* to admit in, to intercourse one with another, to await with confidence, to accept in, or to invite in.

It doesn't mean that you

"Keep yourself somehow lovable" "Prepare yourself to be worthy of His love" - "Be loving so that you can be loved." – No to these attempts.

So Here's The Deal.

(!) I am to see to it, that I am in fact saved. (!) I am to live my life for the glory of God and enjoy Him in every area of my life. (!) I am to yield myself to His plan and (!) let Him do with me, what He wants to do. (!) I am to be His servant because (!) He is my Master and (!) I delight to know Him and to do His will.

Do I have to keep myself saved ? - No, but...

It will matter in the Day of Judgment - just how you lived your "saved-Life"

The Bible Tells Us That There Will Be "Carnal" Christians in Heaven.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

(for the Christian only)

For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

2 Corinthians 5:9-10

(for the Christian only)

Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. **10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Philippians 2:12-13

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; **13** for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

>>>> The Cross, The Christ, The Call <<<<

End of Study

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