

# THE “WHO TOLD YOU?” SERIES

A STUDY IN DISCERNING THE VOICES OF OUR DAY

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## **WHO TOLD YOU THAT YOU ARE GOING TO HEAVEN? – PART 4**

discerning the voices of our day and knowing what to do about what you hear

**SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER: Development,  
Preparation, Maturity, Discipleship**

We arrive this morning at the last installment of a four part study regarding the issue of those **who** actually enter into heaven and **how** do they get there and what marks them out from those who thought they were going to heaven but do not.

**If we only knew what was at stake 24/7 we would  
see our world very differently**

**Biblical Salvation and The Accomplishments of the Death of  
Jesus Christ at The Cross  
Is Singly - The Most Important Issue Known to Mankind .**

**The Bible Says that is, that God was in Christ**  
reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to  
them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

- 1 **Substitutionary** – *Jesus Christ died in the place of the godly.*
- 2 **Redemptive** – *Jesus Christ paid the ransom for our purchase.*
- 3 **Reconciliatory** – *Jesus Christ removed the separation between us and God.*
- 4 **Propitiation** – *Jesus Christ offered the value of Himself against our depravity.*
- 5 **Judicial Punishment** – *Jesus Christ suffered the separation of God for us.*
- 6 **Terminus of the Law** – *Jesus Christ satisfied the demands of the Mosaic law.*
- 7 **Continuous** - *Jesus Christ is the believer's on-going access to God.*

### **Hebrews 7:24-25**

But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. **25**  
Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God  
through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

**The salvation of Jesus Christ that is within us has provided forgiveness, deliverance, acceptance, justification in glorification.**

## **His salvation has positioned us as**

Citizens of heaven. Members of His royal and holy priesthood. Children of the family of God. Joint heirs with Christ Jesus to a full inheritance but ball - - making us **all, through His adoption He has received us as His own sons and daughters.**

### **1.) What is the Gospel message?**

- 1a.) The Gospel is God's word to man**
- 1b.) The Gospel is God's work in man**
- 1c.) The Gospel is God's way for man**

### **2.) What is the first step towards salvation?**

- 2a.) It is Looking into the mirror**
- 2b.) It is Getting alone with yourself**
- 2c.) It is Deciding to be honest before God**

### **3.) What is the evidence of true conversion?**

- 3a.) There is an internal and external transformation**
- 3b.) There is an increased passion to obey God**
- 3c.) There is an ongoing revival of conviction**

#### **John 15:9-17**

"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. **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. **:11** "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. **12** This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **13** Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. **14** You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. **15** No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. **16** You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. **17** These things I command you, that you love one another.

## **"WHO TOLD YOU THAT YOU ARE GOING TO HEAVEN"**

### **4.) What is this salvation that's in me?**

**the positive and encouraging aspects of our salvation is secured**

**4a.) It is an absolute salvation**

**by “Absolute” I mean,  
unconditional, conclusive, final, complete, total.**

**Isaiah 53:6**

All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way;  
And the LORD has laid on **Him** the iniquity of us **all**.

**In a real sense, it’s an unconditional salvation.**

Let me explain. The salvation that God supplies in Jesus Christ is **absolute** and **final** because of the **sufficiency** of Jesus Christ’s **offering**.

**however, there are “certain demands” to this  
unconditional salvation.**

**The man, the woman hearing the gospel is (#1)**

required to look at himself honestly in-light of the Gospel’s claim –  
“that all have sinned before God”  
( so yes there is a condition on our part )

**The man, the woman hearing the gospel is (#2)**

Is brought to the moment of personal conviction of sin  
and awakened to a deep sense of peril.  
( so yes there is a condition on our part )

**The man, the woman hearing the gospel is (#3)**

Is moved to action - calling out to God by confession of sin.  
( so yes there is a condition on our part )

**But on the side of God - - Salvation is Unconditional**

Meaning that it is fully and completely and absolutely provided for by  
the LORD of Salvation. The Originator and the giver of His Salvation.

**Hebrews 7:25**

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God  
through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

**The Salvation within You Is an Invincible Salvation.**

( that means nothing can separate you from it. it is not lacking in any  
power needed. It is possessive. It is enthusiastic. It is enduring)

### **1 Peter 1:3-5**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

### **The Salvation within You is an Acceptable Salvation.**

**There is no one - nor any thing that could have taken the place of Jesus Christ at the Cross. So perfect, so pure and so effective was Jesus' life and death that His Salvation alone is Acceptable to God on our behalf.**

### **The Salvation within You Is An Intimate Salvation.**

**Uniquely Christian is the doctrine of Possessive Deity. Meaning that God has come (1) transcending space and time, (2) from the spirit to the physical, (3) Creator to the created.**

**God never purchased salvation for you to have you be insecure, worried and unsure of so great salvation.**

### **John 3:16**

For God so loved the world that He gave (gifted, bestowed, presented) His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

### **1 John 2:2**

And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

## **These Fears Come From Several Angles.**

**One is an unbiblical view of Christ's salvation.**

**Two is from harboring condemnation.**

### **Three is the unbelief that robs you of joy. 1 John 3:20**

For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

### **1 John 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.

### **Luke 19:9-10**

And Jesus said to him (Zaccheus), "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; 10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

**Listen to Jesus Here.  
There is no uncertainty or ambiguity in His words !**

**The Bible Says...  
“Today you will be with me in paradise”  
do you hear any doubt or hesitation in that declaration of Jesus?**

**What Is This Salvation That's In Me ?**

**4b.) It is a guaranteed salvation**

**When I was younger I was taught that the best form**  
of a guarantee was by an agreement between two responsible  
parties. It was symbolized in those days with a hand shake.

**Today – a guarantee can only be as good as the one who stands**  
behind it. Every guarantee assumes that seller or provider or the  
supplier is someone who has the power to back it up.

**You Cannot Get a Better Guarantee Than This**

**Romans 8:28-30**

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.

**But Wait – There's More**

**Romans 5:1-2**

Therefore, **having been justified by faith**, we **have** peace with God through  
our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we **have** access **by faith into this**  
**grace** in which we **stand**, and **rejoice in hope** of the glory of God.

**Some Proofs That Give Us Comfort Regarding Our Own Salvation.**

**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.

**John 20:21-22**

So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to 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.

### The Bible Says...

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;

## Manifestations of Those Proofs That Give Us This Comfort

### Proof #1 Confession of Sin.

#### 1 John 5:1

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.

### Have you publically confessed your need for Jesus Christ?

### Proof #2 Marked Change.

#### 2 Corinthians 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 by the Spirit of the Lord.

#### 1 John 2:29

If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who **practices righteousness** is born of Him.

### Proof #3 Christ-like Compassion.

#### The Bible Says...

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

#### 1 John 4:17

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

#### Hebrews 6:11

And we **desire** (epithumeo) that each one of you show the same (spoude) **diligence** to the full assurance of hope until the end,

**ep-ee-thoo-meh'-o** to set the heart upon something or someone. to long for.  
to covet, desire, yearn hard after).

**spoo-day** to speed up, a swift dispatch, eagerness, earnestness. to hurry along without delay or distraction.

## The Bible Says...

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,

### Proof #4 Engagement in the Battle.

**1 John 5:4**

For whoever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world - even our faith

### Proof #5 Diligence about your Witness.

**1 John 3:9**

Whoever has been born of God **does not sin**, for His seed remains in him; and he **cannot sin**, because he has been born of God.

**1 John 5:18**

We know that whoever is born of God **does not sin**; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.

### In the “Present Active Tense”

Meaning that, you were in that sin yesterday, you're in it today, and you find yourself in it tomorrow is not of God. To be living in sin or a lifestyle of sin. It is the way of your way your lifestyle.

## What Is This Salvation That's In Me ?

### 4c.) It is an urgent salvation

By Urgent I mean “Important Kind of Urgent as well as Relevant.”

**“And If You Call Out to God Now  
You'll receive this special offer.”**

**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.

**By Urgent I mean**

**Jeremiah 33:3**

“Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’

# It is of such urgency that...

## Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

## The Bible says that Jesus came

Jesus spoke to disciples, saying,  
"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. - **GO !**

## A Very Ugly Warning from Jesus Himself;

### Luke 14:16-23

Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, **17** and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, "Come, for all things are now ready.' **18** But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, "I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' **19** And another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' **20** Still another said, "I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' **21** So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' **22** And the servant said, "Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' **23** Then the master said to the servant, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

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

## Jesus Said...

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, 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.

## The Bible Says...

That by wisdom the world knew not God.

## Psalm 51:12

**Restore** to me the **joy** of your **salvation**, and make me willing to obey you.

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