

Life-changing truth of salvation

Life-changing truth of God's salvation and grace for us.

Many born again Christians feel unworthy and not good enough for God.

In this teaching I will tell you why you feel like that, and what YOU can do to overcome it!

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Part 3

At part 3 of this teaching I will reveal what I do to feel safe in my own salvation. So stay with me to the end.

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1 Let us start with what the Bible is saying about salvation.

The Bible says in Acts 16:31: Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved, you and your house.

This is GOOD news for everybody.

(John 6:29) Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

(John 7:38) Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.

(Romans 10:11) As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.”

The word you should concentrate on is believe.

So salvation is not based on what you can do, but on belief/ faith.

The Good News is based on God's Grace and Love - not our own work

While we often feel that we need to earn God's love and grace through our own efforts and good works, this is not what the Bible say about salvation.

The Bible makes it clear that salvation is a free gift, not something we can achieve through our own merits.

It is God's grace and love, not our own work, that saves us.

The Apostle Paul writes, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Our salvation is not dependent on how good we are or how much we do for God.

It is solely based on God's unmerited favor and compassion towards us.

When we try to earn God's love, we miss the point.

God's love is unconditional and freely given.

No matter how much we strive, we can never be good enough to deserve it.

But that's the beauty of grace - God loves us despite our flaws and shortcomings.

All we need to do is humbly accept His gift of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

So let us stop trying to work our way to God like many religions do.

Instead, let us rest in the knowledge that we are saved by believing in Jesus Christ and God's grace and Agape Love alone.

This should fill our hearts with profound gratitude and motivate us to live lives that honor Him, not out of obligation, **but out of God's love and be thankful.**

But the Bible speaks about repent, where do repent come in?

"Repent" has been redefined over the last 2,000 years, because changing your mind and believing the Gospel is all that is necessary for salvation.

"Turning away from sin" is a work, and adds work to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

So the word repent + from sin is not a new covenant understanding.

First John 5:13 tells us, "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."

Stop right there!

God wants us to have the confidence of knowing for sure that we are saved.

Briefly, let's go over the key points of salvation:

- A. We have all sinned. We have all done things that are displeasing to God (Romans 3:23).
- B. Because of our sin, we deserve to be punished with eternal separation from God (Romans 6:23).
- C. Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21). Jesus died in our place, taking the punishment that we deserved. Jesus' resurrection proved that His death was sufficient to pay for our sins.
- D. God grants forgiveness and salvation to all those who place their faith in Jesus—trusting in His death as the payment for our sins (John 3:16; Romans 5:1; Romans 8:1).
- E. The Holy Spirit comes to live permanently within us at the moment of faith.
 - a. He assures us of everlasting life.
 - b. He teaches us God's Word and empowers us to live according to it.

Merriam-Webster dictionary has remedied this deficiency by transliterating the Greek μετάνοια into metanoia and borrowing it as an English word with a definition that matches the Greek:

"**a transformative change of heart; especially:** a spiritual conversion," augmented by an explanation of metanoia's Greek source: "from *metanoiein* **to change one's mind**, repent, from *meta-* + *noein* to think, from *nous* mind."^[46]

Repentance is an "unsuitable" translation.^[29] It is "totally inadequate" to carry the meaning of metanoia.^[30]

Repentance is not a work we do to earn salvation, but a change of one's mind and a transformative change of heart. Hebrews 6:1

Salvation is by faith

Salvation is gained by faith/ belief (Ephesians 2:8), by receiving Jesus as Savior (John 1:12), and by fully trusting Jesus alone (John 14:6; Acts 4:12), not by reciting a prayer.

It is a heart condition

The Philippian jailer

Acts 16:30-31

The Philippian jailer asked Paul and Silas, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

Paul and Silas responded, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved"

2 Baptism

We are showing our faith in Jesus through being baptized.

A woman named Lydia

Acts 16:14, 15a

14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshiped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

15 And when **she was baptized**, and her household

The keeper of the prison

Acts 16:28-33

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31 And they said, Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32 And they spoke unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; **and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.**

What is baptism?

Baptism is a proclamation to the world and the spiritual world that I am now dead with Jesus and that I am also raised from the death with Jesus to a new life.

Romans 6:5-7

5 If we have become one with Christ in His death, we will be one with Him in being raised from the dead to new life.

6 We know that our old life, our old sinful self, was nailed to the cross with Christ. And so the power of sin that held us was destroyed.

Sin is no longer our boss.

7 When a man is dead, he is free from the power of sin.

Getting your debt from a dead man

If you go to the graveyard and try to collect a debt from a dead man, you will fail. It does not matter what you say or do you will never again be able to collect that debt.

When the devil is whispering in your ears and accusing you about your past, point him to Jesus at the cross. Jesus took all your debt.

And since you are dead in Christ and now living a completely new life in Christ, the Devil has no right to you anymore.

You are free from debt and sin, and you are also free from all past, present and future sin and power of sin.

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

So when the dead flesh is trying to tempt you, tell it: I am dead, and I live a new life with Jesus.

Before I start on point 3, my last point I want to encourage you to drop any questions you may have in the comments below.

Next Saturday I will teach out of the questions I got already and the new ones.

3 Stop scrolling! God wants to change you.

He'll do this by changing and renewing your mind.

Are you ready for the renewing of your mind?

Let God transform your thoughts and lead you down the right path.

When we allow God to work in us, amazing things happen.

Let go of old ways and welcome the newness that God has in store for you.

Trust in His plan and let Him renew your mind today.

Ephesians 4:22-24

22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

So how do I renew the spirit of my mind?

And how do I put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness?

I read the Bible where I can find all statements about me IN Christ Jesus.

You know that when you receive Jesus into your life, Jesus came into your heart and mind.

But another thing many christians do not know is that they are also now IN Christ.

Ephesians 2:10

I am God's workmanship, created in Christ to do good works that He has prepared for me to do.

2 Corinthians 5:17

I am a new creation in Christ

Romans 6:11

In Christ, I am dead to sin—my relationship to it is broken—and alive to God—living in unbroken fellowship with Him.

Study what you are IN Christ and get established what you are in Him and His amazing Grace and Love.

When I started out with this, I was very insecure about salvation, but the more I studied about what I am IN Christ, det more peace of mind I got.

Summary

I can not work myself to salvation, it is all of God's Grace and Agape Love to me. I can receive Jesus because God has done everything ready for my salvation.

I got baptized in water, where I died to sin with Jesus and was raised from the dead with Jesus to live a new life together with Him.

I am renewing the spirit of my mind as the apostle of Paul is writing about, so I can live a victorious life with Jesus.

I am renewing the spirit of my mind every single day.