

SERMON NOTES - The 3 Parts of Man #6 - The 3 "Tenses" Of Salvation

These notes are designed to be read along with the associated audio / video message

We have been talking about the 3 parts of a man - body, soul and spirit and one of the points we've made is that when a person believes in Jesus, their spirit becomes made new (our soul needs to change and be renewed over time, and our bodies will be renewed at the resurrection).

You WERE saved - it is a done and finished work that you didn't earn - you simply received.

Eph 1:13 NKJV - "13 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,"

Jhn 5:24 NKJV - "24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgement, but has passed from death into life."

You ARE BEING saved - this is where we cooperate with His power and allow Him to change us

1Co 1:18 NKJV - "18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

You WILL BE saved - If we endure we will receive salvation in the future.

Mark 13:13 NKJV — "And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

Romans 5:9-10 NKJV — Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Romans 13:11 NKJV — And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

A reminder of what your "saved spirit" is like once you first believe

- IT IS LIKE HIM - 1Jo 4:17 - "... as He is, so are we in this world."
- IT IS ONE WITH HIM - 1Co 6:17 - "17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him."
- IT IS PERFECT FOREVER - Heb 10:14 NIV - "14 For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy."
- YOU HAVE HIS MIND - 1Co 2:16 - "16 For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ."
- COMPLETELY RIGHTEOUS - 2Co 5:21 - "21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."
- SEATED IN HEAVEN - Eph 2:6 - "[He] raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,"
- FULL OF POWER, MAKING US WANT, AND BE ABLE, TO DO HIS WILL - Phi 2:13 - "13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure."

The security we have in resting in this salvation is extraordinary

Heb 4:9 NKJV - "9 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God."

Not only am I held fast "in His hand", I am also "written on His hand", and I am even a part of His hand:

John 10:28 — "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

Isaiah 49:16 — See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me.

Ephesians 5:30 — For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

1Co 3:11-15 NKJV - "11 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."

But There Is Also An Ongoing Salvation And Transformation That Must Happen

Heb 3:13-15 - "13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be **hardened** through the **deceitfulness of sin**. For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, 15 while it is said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, **Do not harden your hearts** as in the rebellion.""

Phl 2:12-13 NKJV - "12 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."

2Pe 1:3-11 NKJV - "3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. 10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; 11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

It must affect our SOULS (mind, will and emotions) AND our BODIES

Rom 8:13 NKJV - "13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live."

Gal 5:16 NKJV - "16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."

1 Jn 2:4; 3:6; 3:9; 5:18 - there must be a change:

1Jo 2:4 NKJV - "4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

1Jo 5:18 NKJV - "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."

1Co 6:9-11 NKJV - "9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."

A useful SUMMARY passage that shows these truths together in context:

2Ti 2:11-13 NKJV - "11 This is a faithful saying:

For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him.

12 If we endure, We shall also reign with Him.

If we deny Him, He also will deny us.

13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself."

What happens when I sin / why should I do right?

1 - MY SPIRIT is unchanged as it is "sealed" but... it does grieve the Holy Spirit in me, even though God still sees me as pure and holy (Eph 4:30)

2 - MY SOUL is changed and affected - My heart is hardened and my mind is also affected

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Rom 8:6 - "6 For to be **carnally minded** is **death**, but to be **spiritually minded** is **life** and **peace**."

1Jo 3:21-22 - "21 Beloved, if our **heart** does not **condemn** us, we have **confidence** toward God. 22 And **whatever we ask we receive** from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight."

Jas 1:22 - " But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, **deceiving yourselves**."

1 Tim 4:2 — speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own **conscience seared** with a hot iron,

Heb 3:13-15 - "13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be **hardened** through the **deceitfulness of sin**. For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, 15 while it is said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, **Do not harden your hearts** as in the rebellion.""

3 - MY BODY -

There are many physical consequences. Sickness, and physical consequences can result as well as damaged relationships.

4 - THE DEVIL CAN GET A FOOTHOLD IF I SIN -

Eph 4:26-27 — "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor **give place to the devil**.(NIV says "foothold")

2 Cor 2:10, 11 — Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, 11 **lest Satan should take advantage of us**; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

1Jo 1:9 - "9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Jas 4:7 - "7 Therefore submit to God. **Resist the devil** and he will flee from you."

5 - BLESSING & HAPPINESS COME FROM RIGHTEOUSNESS -

Jas 1:25 - "But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does."

6 - FALLING AWAY IS A RISK EVENTUALLY

Heb 6:4-6 - "4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 if they **fall away**, to renew them again to **repentance**, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame."

Repentance Is a Key truth in all of this

Heb 3:15 - "15 while it is said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not **harden** your **hearts** as in the rebellion.""

Heb 4:12 - "12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

2Co 7:8-11 - "10 For godly sorrow produces **repentance** leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death."

Summary

Rom 8:2-4 NKJV - "2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit."

Small group discussion guidelines

Remember that the aim of the small group is to foster discussion and community, rather than for the leader or one individual to preach to everyone.

1 - Often an **Icebreaker question** is a great way to start discussion. You could ask a question like:

- What were the highs or lows of your week?
- What is your earliest memory?
- If you had to describe yourself as one animal, what would it be and why?
- What is your favourite type of holiday destination?

2 - Next, **read the passage**. You can ask various people in the group to help by each reading a portion of the passage.

3 - These are the **main questions** to ask to understand the passage:

- What is the main message of this talk / passage?
Allow discussion and even diverging from the main topic if it is helpful.
- What did you find particularly helpful or challenging?
- What did you not fully understand?
- What can we do PRACTICALLY in response to this teaching?

4 - Close by offering **prayer** for each person.

- Ask, "how can we pray for you / each other now?"
- Ask each person to pray or you, as leader, pray for each person's need

The blessing and opportunity in Small Groups is the possibility for...

- Each person to contribute and/or ask questions,
- People to pray for each other and to ask for prayer,
- People to learn to use and grow in their gifts,
- Community, friendship and intimacy in relationships.

God Bless you in this very important ministry.