

RECEIVE SALVATION

Receive the incredible gift God has provided for us: salvation from sin.

KEY POINTS

- ❖ "...Without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6).
- ❖ Romans 10:17 says that "...faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ" (Romans 10:17 NIV).
- ❖ In other words, God has a very important message for us, and that message is contained in the story about Jesus Christ, which, in a nutshell, is this: "... the Son of Man [*as He liked to call Himself*], has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).
- ❖ We need to hear the gospel; we need to believe it. And for those unfamiliar with this word, "gospel" simply means "good news." The good news is that Jesus came to seek and to save the lost.
- ❖ Now, "sin" is a word everyone has most likely heard at some point in their life. Sin is any action or inaction, word, desire, or intention that goes against the laws of God contained in His Word, and/or our own internal knowledge of what is right.
- ❖ Whenever we engage in something we know is wrong, we have sinned. The scripture points out that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).
- ❖ God is totally pure, holy, and righteous in all His ways, and He hates sin. Therefore, sin cannot survive in His presence. (*Recall the definition of "sin" given earlier.*)
- ❖ Sin is totally repugnant to God's character and His design for humanity. His own righteous law demands that He destroy it wherever it exists, and in whomever it exists. That's why Romans 6:23a tells us that "...the wages of sin is death."
- ❖ Yet, at the very same time, God loves humankind with an intense, unfathomable, eternal love that cannot be measured, described, or explained.
- ❖ The death of a sinner's soul is the final, horrible judgment of God against their sin. "...But the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23b).
- ❖ When we look at Calvary's cross, we see God's white-hot wrath against sin on full display. But we also see God's remedy for sin—the substitutionary death of His Son, Jesus Christ, the death He died to purchase eternal life for us. Jesus took *our* death and gave us *His* life!
- ❖ Jesus could easily have lived a perfect life, died quietly in His sleep, and still have been "the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29b). But He didn't do that. He went the way of the cross. Why?
- ❖ The righteous judge of the universe, the Almighty God, declared that every sinner must die. Then He Himself

KEY SCRIPTURES: Hebrews 2:3, **11:6**; Romans 1:16-17, 3:23, 6:23, 10:17; Luke 19:10; Ezekiel 18:4; Isaiah 52:14; 2 Corinthians 5:17, 20; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 5:9; Colossians 1:27

- stepped down from the throne of judgment and stepped into human flesh as the Son of God. He didn't send someone else to do this awful job; God came *Himself* to die for our sins!
- ❖ It is totally impossible for us to imagine the horrors of His crucifixion. Jesus was not only dealing with unspeakable physical pain, but also with the spiritual and psychological pain of being actively rejected by those He came to save. Worst of all, He came to know the despair of a soul totally separated from God.
- ❖ Why? Why would Jesus endure all of this pain?
- ❖ Because God wants to deter each and every one of us from a fate such as this.
- ❖ The writer to the Hebrews asks the question, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation..." (Heb. 2:3). The answer is we *cannot* and *will not* escape the wrath of God if we neglect His great salvation.
- ❖ Jesus willingly took our place, so that we could avoid death and enjoy eternal life through Him. There's no greater act of gratitude, of thanksgiving, we can offer to Him than to joyfully receive His amazing gift of salvation!
- ❖ God wants us to be reconciled to Him. He wants us to repent—to acknowledge we have sinned—and to turn away from our lifestyle of sin and self-will.
- ❖ When we repent, with complete faith that Jesus' sacrifice at Calvary totally paid our sin debt, new life begins! This new life is affirmed and confirmed through water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ.
- ❖ When we obey the Lord's instruction to repent and be baptized in His name, He fills us with the gift of the Holy Spirit, the promise He made through the apostle Peter on the day of Pentecost.
- ❖ As we grow in our new life of faith, God blesses us with the "fruit of the Spirit" (Gal. 5:22-23). And this fruit in the life of a true follower of Christ who has been "born again" will be ripe for the picking as they live in the reality that Christ is *in* them, and they are *in* Christ. Amen!

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Read the "key scriptures" for this message. What is a key theme in each and how are we to respond?
2. Take some time now to thank God for the amazing gift of His great salvation!

PRAYER TIME

Jesus, You paid it all, so that I might have new life—abundant life—in You. Thank You, Lord!

Start-up: How do you express appreciation (for a gift, for a person's hard work, etc.)? How do you feel when a person does not even say "thank you"?

WEEK OF SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022

NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) 🔄 (Think about)

! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) 📢 (Must share)

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In-person rehearsals for the Faith Sanctuary Family of Churches Celebration Mass Choir will take place from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 17, 24 and 31. For further information or to sign up, please contact Sis.

Heather McKenzie at 416-244-4898 or

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LIFE GROUPS

Please see the ushers to join a group.

We meet at different times during the week across the GTA.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

In-person Sunday School class will take place every Sunday, with the exception of 5th Sundays.

We look forward to continuing to discover what the Word of God says and means.

Contact: Rev. Chris Simpson

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

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"To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

Colossians 1:27 NKJV

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Sunday Bible Study @ 10:15 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.
(Rebroadcast @ 3:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and
Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.)

Monday Berean Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.
(Zoom, Facebook, YouTube)