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Week 1-Class 1: What is Salvation?

Class objective: To define the biblical meaning of Salvation. We will discuss the origin of sin and its consequences, and the source and means by which we obtain salvation.

Key Scripture: Romans 10:9-13

Introduction: Most of us can remember the moment when we accepted Christ as our personal Lord and Savior. The bible teaches us that each person will come to a moment, where they will either accept or deny Christ. What does salvation mean? Where does it come from? And what do we need to do in order to receive salvation?

In this class we will briefly discuss the biblical meaning of Salvation, and the means through which we obtain this salvation.

The First Calling. The scripture teaches that we are first called to be made into the image of His son, Jesus Christ. This mirrors the beginning of Creation when God declared in Genesis 1:26, "**Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..**" (See also Matthew 11:28-30; Romans 8:29)

Question: If God created man in His image during Creation, why is He now saying again, in the New Testament, that we must be conformed to His image? What happened between the time of Creation and now that has changed or corrupted our image?

To answer that question, we must go back to the book of Genesis. **Read Genesis 2:7-9;15-17;3:1-24.** God created man in His image and gave him his spirit to make him a living soul. God gave man dominion and authority in the earth, to watch over the earth and to care for it. Man was given unlimited access to the presence of God and fellowshiped with God daily. God gave man specific instructions on how to live and maintain right relationship with Him.

Genesis 2:16-17

“And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat; but of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

Question: What do we learn from this statement from God to Adam?

We learn that each human created is given free choice. God placed this tree in the Garden of Eden, and then told Adam (man) he could not eat of this tree. Why place the tree there? Why not simply get rid of the tree? God was teaching man a great lesson. That each day they would have to face choices that would either have good or bad consequences. Their choice to obey God’s word would bring life and continued blessings. But, if they chose to disobey God, then they would face curses and death. (Separation from God)

Man’s Fall into Sin

Genesis 3: 1-24

Question: What was another result of their sin?

- Adam and his wife sin and eat of the forbidden fruit. As a result, their eyes were opened, and they saw their sinfulness and tried to cover their nakedness with leaves.
- **Fear of God.** When they heard God’s voice in the garden, they hid from Him. This suggested a guilty conscience because of their sinful actions.
- **Man comes under God’s Judgment because of their sin.** We see that as a result of their sin, man and his wife came under the judgment of God. They also came under the curse of sin and death and were separated from the presence of God.

God Extends Grace. In verse 21, we read **“Unto Adam and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins and clothed them.”**

Question: What is the significance of this verse? First of all, we see God’s concern for Adam and his wife. This was not an act of anger by God, but an expression of love. Secondly, we see a foreshadowing of a future event.

The killing of innocent animals speaks to the blood sacrifice for atonement for sin. We will see this again during the days of Moses, when God

institutes the system of sacrifices and offerings. (Read Hebrews 9 & 10). It points to the promised Messiah and how He would bring salvation and redemption to the nation of Israel, and the world. (Gen. 12: 1-3-The seed of Abraham shall bless the nations of the earth)

Romans 3: 21-24; Romans 5:12-21; John 1:29; Ephesians 2:1-10

We see through these scriptures a picture of God's plan of salvation and redemption for mankind.

- We see how man fell into sin. This caused his separated from God, and he fell under the curse of sin and death as a result of his choice to disobey God.
- We see God's judgment of sin, and his punishment for disobeying Him.
- We see in the face of judgment God extends grace and covers Adam and his wife with the bloody skins of innocent animals.
- We see the predetermined plan of God for the salvation and redemption of man fulfilled in the life and death of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ becomes the sacrificial Lamb whose blood covers and atones for the sins of man.
- And see that only through faith in the son of God can men be forgiven of their sins, delivered from sin and death, and given eternal life. This is the biblical meaning of Salvation.