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Why We Need to Be Saved—The Problem

Selected Scriptures

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SermonAudio Blurb: To be a person who is in a right relationship toward his or her Creator is the most critical issue anyone faces. The common way this is described is whether a person is “saved” or not. Unfortunately this concept, though a central theme of the bible, is misunderstood by many, even within the church. What does it mean? What does it entail? Why is it so important? And how does one know if they are saved? These are the sort of questions this small series will seek to explain. This is a basic explanation of why we need salvation and what that means. In the first sermon we will see the problem we all face, sin.

I. Introduction.

- A. We are going to step away from the book of Acts and the book of Psalms for a few Sundays. Grayson and I want to help explain what makes a person a Christian. Or, how to be saved.
- B. The Christian faith rises and falls upon that issue.
- C. What we want to do behind all of this is to give each of you the information you need to share the gospel and how to be saved to others.
- D. What we hope you will do is use these sermons as a tool by marking in your bible in such a way that you can use it when speaking to someone about the gospel and salvation.
- E. We are going to break this down into four sermons dealing with four parts to the idea of being saved.
 - 1. First, the problem.
 - 2. Second, the solution.
 - 3. Third, the commands.
 - 4. Four, the benefits.
- F. From there we want to do approximately four more sermons that are in light of what we just taught. The plan is to look at some of the alternate messages out there who say this is how a person is saved.
 - 1. Roman Catholic Church.

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2. Islam.
 3. Mormonism.
 4. Jehovah Witnesses.
- G. Today we will see the problem with which all of mankind is confronted.
1. Some people talk about this being the bad news that tells us why we need to know and believe the good news, or the gospel.
 2. No one with half a brain would deny that there is something seriously wrong with this universe. From catastrophic natural events such as earthquakes, tsunamis and such, to the horror of war, to the great harm inflicted from disease, to the crippling effects of poverty and starvation. Governments, from the beginning of recorded history show incredible ability to afflict the people with every imagined sort of wrong.
 3. Add to this the sort of things done by us or to us as individuals. People have suffered molestation, sexual abuse, physical abuse, torture, maiming and murder. We have lied and been lied to. We have hated and been hated. And the list goes on and on. Some in this room carry deep scars from things you yourself did or had done to you.
 4. Why? And how is this resolved?
- H. Reject the Christian faith and I will say that you reject the only thing that makes sense of this mess.
- I. That is the problem as most people see it. But in reality bone cancer in children, typhoid fever and rape and murder and mayhem are all just consequences. They are not the real problem; rather, they are the fruit of a root problem.
1. When you have a person who is offended, bitter or angry over some evil done to them or harm suffered; you will find them asking something along the lines of, “Where was your God when I was being raped?” And this knocks many back in silence.
 2. You don’t have to shy away from the overt evil seen today.
 - a. You can nod with true sympathy and agree that it is wrong. In the time of their pain you can ache for them and with them. But you cannot leave it there.
 - b. You can then turn the corner in the conversation by asking a simple question: “Can you tell me your thoughts on why it is like this and

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your solution to it all?” And let them talk. Hear them. And then propose that they consider what the bible says.

- J. The problem is due to sin. It is that simple. And today I want to show you the root of sin, the depth of sin, the extent of sin and the result of sin. The root, depth, extent and result of sin.

II. We need to be saved because of the problem of sin.

- A. The root of sin.

- 1. Genesis 1:1.

- 2. Romans 5:12 with Genesis 3:1-7.

- 3. So this is the **root**, the first man chose rebellion over his Creator and God and sin, death and all other things evil and twisted became the norm.

- B. The depth of sin.

- 1. Here the question we ask is how deep does sin go?

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2. The bible is very clear on this issue—sin affects all aspects of a person. There is no part of you or I that is unmarred by sin.

3. Let's see this in a couple of passages.

a. Mark 7:20-23.

b. Jeremiah 17:9-10.

4. So we see in just a couple of passages that the bible declares that sin goes deep into the very core of what makes you human. Your heart is sinful and in rebellion to God. But what about the **extent** of this sin. Yes it is present in the depths of my heart, but to what **extent** does it affect me?

C. The extent of sin.

1. We can stay in Jeremiah 17 for this as well for it then states the extent of this heart problem.

2. Genesis 6:5.

a. External.

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b. Internal.

3. And all the rest of the bible simply takes this absolute statement and enlarges upon it and illustrates it. Never once does it make it go away or lessen it. This is the **extent** of sin.

D. The result of sin.

1. Romans 1:18-32.

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2. Romans 2:1-5.

III. Conclusion.

- A. Today we considered in brief what the bible teaches about humanity. Though brief, it is seen to be a thread that runs through the scripture from the beginning to the end.
- B. To not grasp sin and our broken relationship with our Creator is to step onto a road that leads to so many errors.
- C. I submit to you that a robust understanding of sin, or the fall of mankind, gives the best explanation for why things are the way they are.
 1. But it cannot give us hope. If these things are true, if each of us in a sinner, going our own way, rejecting both passively and actively, our Maker, then what is needed to be right with God?
 2. And this is what we will see next week in the person and work of Jesus Christ.
 3. We will lay Jesus Christ upon the backdrop of what we learned today and see how He is truly the Way of rescue and deliverance from our sin. And that He is the only way.

Benediction

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing the good news of Jesus Christ, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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Jn 17:3; 20:31; I Cor, 2:13; 13n 5:13
 4) Through Prayer: Eph 1:17-23; 3:14-19

Knowing God includes fear & obedience
 I Ki, 8:43 of II Chr, 6:33; Is 11:2; Ps. 119:79;
 Prov, 1:7; 9:10; Deu, 10:12-13

It includes a changed life
 ISam, 2:12; Jer, 22:12-13;
 I Jn, 2:3

Requirement to know God
 Jn 14:21; I Jn, 2:3

<p><u>The Trinity</u></p> <p><u>God as one</u> Deu, 6:4</p> <p><u>God as alone</u> Deu, 32:36-39 I Chr, 17:20 Ps, 86:10 Is, 43:10,11 Is, 44:6 Is, 45:5-6,18 Is, 46:9</p> <p><u>God speaks in plural Number</u> Gen, 1:26; 3:22; 11:7; Is, 6:8; 42:21-23</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100</p>	<p><u>The Trinity</u></p> <p><u>God as one</u> Mt, 19:17 Mk, 12:29 Ro, 3:30 I Cor, 8:4 Jame 2:19</p> <p><u>God as 3 persons</u></p> <p><u>Father</u>: Mt 11:25; I Cor, 8:6; Jn 6:27</p> <p><u>His</u>: ACT 5:3-4; I Cor, 3:16; II Tim 3:16</p> <p><u>II Pet, 1:1</u></p> <p><u>Christ</u>: Mt, 11:23; Jn, 11:14; 20:24; Ro, 9:5; Phil, 2:5-8</p>	<p><u>3 Persons of Godhead Associated</u> Mt, 3:16-17; 28:19; I Cor, 12:4-6; II Cor, 13:14; Eph, 5:18-20; II Pet, 1:2; Jude 20-21; II The, 2:13-14</p> <p><u>3 Persons considered One</u> Jn, 10:30; 14:19; Ro, 8:9-10; II Cor, 3:17; I Cor, 3:16; Jn 14:16,18; Act, 5:3-4; Mt, 28:19</p>
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from our work and from the pain of our hands arising from the ground which Yahweh has cursed.”

30 Then Lamech lived 595 years after he became the father of Noah, and he became the father of other sons and daughters.

31 So all the days of Lamech were 777 years, and he died.

32 And Noah was 500 years old, and Noah became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

The Nephilim and the Daughters of Men

6 Now it happened, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were good in appearance; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.

7 Then Yahweh said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever because he indeed is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be 120 years.”

8 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

9 Then Yahweh saw that the evil of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

10 And Yahweh regretted that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

11 And Yahweh said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I regret that I have made them.”

12 But Noah found favor in the eyes of Yahweh.

The Generations of Noah

13 These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among those in his generations; Noah walked with God.

14 And Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

15 Now the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

16 And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had

Extent of 5v11
Jer. 17:10

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Extent of
sin Ecc 9:3

- 10 "I, Yahweh, search the heart;
I test the inmost being,
Even to give to each man according to his ways,
According to the fruit of his deeds.
- 11 "As a partridge that hatches eggs which it has not laid,
So is he who makes a fortune, but unjustly;
In the midst of his days it will forsake him,
And in the end he will be a wicked fool."
- 12 A glorious throne on high from the beginning
Is the place of our sanctuary.
- 13 O Yahweh, the hope of Israel,
All who forsake You will be put to shame.
Those who turn away on earth will be written down
Because they have forsaken the fountain of living water, even Yahweh.
- 14 Heal me, O Yahweh, and I will be healed;
Save me and I will be saved,
For You are my praise.
- 15 Behold, they keep saying to me,
"Where is the word of Yahweh?
Let it come now!"
- 16 But as for me, I have not hurried away from
being a shepherd after You,
Nor have I longed for the sickening day;
You Yourself know that the utterance of my lips
Was in Your presence.
- 17 Do not be a terror to me;
You are my refuge in the day of calamity.
- 18 Let those who pursue me be put to shame,
but as for me, let me not be put to shame;
Let them be dismayed, but let me not be dismayed.
Bring on them a day of calamity,
And crush them with twofold crushing!

Keep the Sabbath Day Holy

- 19 Thus Yahweh said to me, "Go and stand in the public gate,
through which the kings of Judah come in and go out, as well as
in all the gates of Jerusalem."