Sermon series on the Book of Isaiah "The Gospel in the Old Testament" | Part 36

Salvation to the Ends of the Earth

Isaiah 45:22-24

- **Is. 43:1-3** But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, and he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
- **Is. 43:4-6** Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north, 'Give up,' and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth,
- **Is. 45:22-24** Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.' Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; to him shall come and be ashamed all who were incensed against him.

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When God saves souls, He leaves them on earth so that, being transformed into the image of Christ, they might bear witness to others about salvation.

I. The Nature of God's Salvation

Is. 45:21-22 Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together. Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the Lord? And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me. Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

Rom. 4:20-25 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was counted to him as righteousness. But the words 'it was counted to him' were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

2 Cor. 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

- **Eph. 1:6-7** to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have <u>redemption</u> through his blood, the <u>forgiveness of our trespasses</u>, according to the riches of his grace.
- **1 Cor. 1:4-5** I give thanks to my God always for you because of <u>the grace of God that was given you</u> in <u>Christ Jesus</u>, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge.
- **Col. 2:10** ..and you have been filled (made complete) in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.
- **1 John 5:11-12** And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.
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Salvation from God is the restoration of fellowship with Him through union with Jesus Christ.

II. The Outworking of God's Salvation

- **Gen. 12:1-3** Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
- **Lev. 26:11-12** I will make my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people.
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- **Deut. 4:5-6** See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people."
- **Deut. 4:7-8** For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call on him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?
- **Is. 2:2-3** It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills;
- and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

- **Is. 11:10** In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples— of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.
- **Is. 42:1** Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- **Is. 42:6-7** I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.
- **Is. 43:10-12** You are My witnesses, declares the Lord, and My servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe Me and understand that I am He. Before Me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after Me. I, I am the Lord, and besides Me there is no savior. I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are My witnesses, declares the Lord, and I am God.
- **Is. 43:21** The people whom I formed for Myself that they might declare My praise.
- **Is. 45:4-6** For the sake of Jacob My servant, and Israel My chosen, I call you by your name; I name you, though you do not know Me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides Me there is no god; I equip you, though you do not know Me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides Me; I am the Lord, and there is no other.
- **1 Pet. 2:9** But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

You will be able to proclaim God's excellencies only to the extent that Christ is precious to you.

Eph. 4:15-16 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

- We proclaim Christ in our families.
- We proclaim Christ where we work or study.
- We proclaim Christ among our friends.
- We proclaim Christ through our interactions with people in the church.
- We proclaim Christ by serving in the church.
- We proclaim Christ by personally witnessing to Him to people outside of the church.
- We proclaim Christ by participating in church missionary projects.
- We proclaim Christ on missionary trips.
- We proclaim Christ through various media resources.
- We proclaim Christ by supporting missionary work financially.
- We proclaim Christ by praying for the spread of the Gospel.

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