Message One SALVATION FROM GOD'S SIDE

I. The All-Inclusive Christ

Colossians 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;

A. As the Mystery of God

Colossians 2:2b unto the full knowledge of the mystery of God, Christ,

Acts 17:23 For while I was passing through and carefully observing the objects of your worship, I even found an altar on which was inscribed, TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. What therefore you worship without knowing, this I announce to you.

Colossians 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation,

John 8:28 Jesus therefore said to them, When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am, and that I do nothing from Myself, but as My Father has taught Me, I speak these things. John 1:18 No one has ever seen God; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He

has declared Him.

B. As the Expressed Love of God

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that everyone who believes into Him would not perish, but would have eternal life.

Romans 5:6-8

6 For while we were yet weak, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will anyone die, though perhaps for the good man someone would even dare to die.

8 But God commends His own love to us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

C. As the Lamb of God

John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

1 John 2:2a And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins.

2 Corinthians 5:21 Him who did not know <u>sin</u> He made sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Romans 6:6a Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with Him.

Colossians 1:20a And through Him to reconcile <u>all things</u> to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Ephesians 2:15a Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances.

Hebrews 2:14 Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the <u>devil</u>,

John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this <u>world</u>; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out. **Romans 8:13** For if you live according to the flesh, you must die, but if by the spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

D. As the life of God

Colossians 3:4 When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.

Galatians 2:20a I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me;

John 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.

James 4:14 Whereas you do not know the matter of tomorrow, what your life will be; for you are a vapor, which appears for a little while and then disappears.

II. The Full Salvation of Man

A. Our Hopeless Condition

Ephesians 2:2 In which you once walked according to the age of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, of the spirit which is now operating in the sons of disobedience; **John 8:44** You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks it out of his own possessions; for he is a liar and the father of it. **Romans 5:8, 10**

8 But God commends His own love to us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.10 For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled,

B. Becoming Children of God

John 1:12-13

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name,

13 Who were begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God. **1 Corinthians 2:10, 14**

10 But to us God has revealed them through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

14 But a soulish man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him and he is not able to know them because they are discerned spiritually.2 Timothy 4:22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

C. Becoming Sons of God

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Romans 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

Ephesians 4:23 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind.

D. Becoming Heirs of God,

Romans 8:17 And if children, heirs also; on the one hand, heirs of God; on the other, joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him that we may also be glorified with Him.

E. Becoming Members of Christ's Body

1 Corinthians 12:27 Now you are the Body of Christ, and members individually. **Romans 12:5** So we who are many are one Body in Christ, and individually members one of another.