

THE ROCK

What is Sin & Salvation?

Matthew 7:24-25 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.”

-THE HEART OF THIS SERIES! ALL AGES TOGETHER!

-SOAP: Scripture.....Observation.....Application.....Prayer

CHURCHWIDE!

-Materials: “FOUNDATIONS” Julie Nelson

WEEK 1: WHO IS GOD?

WEEK 2: WHO IS JESUS?

WEEK 3: WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT? (TRINITY)

WEEK 4: WHAT IS THE BIBLE & PRAYER? (LORD’S PRAYER)

TODAY: WHAT IS SIN AND SALVATION?

THIS WEEK’S VERSE:

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

TODAY: FOUNDATIONAL QUESTION “WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE”

QUESTION: -Who has a cross on: Jewelry...A wall at home...OR a TATTOO!

-INTERESTING: CHRISTIANITY HAS A "LOGO"

-The cross is the symbol of Christianity.

-Crucifix is a cross with Jesus on it.

Galatians 2:20-21 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

TALK ABOUT 3 THINGS:

THE PROBLEM.....THE SOLUTION.....THE RESULT!

1) THE PROBLEM: SIN & SELFISHNESS!

YOU are created in the image of God. That means you are a masterpiece!

-There's something amazing about every human being, something noble, something beautiful, something magnificent.

-Human beings are capable of such extraordinary creativity, because they're created in the image of God, and God is creative.

-They can produce great music, art, literature.

-Human beings are capable of great self-sacrifice, devotion, kindness.

BUT there's also another side to the coin. We are also capable of bad stuff.

Open the newspaper Look at the news

-There are some terrible things going on around the world

-There is evil going on around the world.

-SIN & SELFISHNESS!

-But the world is more complex than just saying, 'Well, those are evil people, and these are the good people,' because it's more mixed.

-People who are capable of great love and devotion and kindness can also do some bad stuff.

-why we need LAWS! TO PROTECT US!

THE LAW: BIBLE TALKS A LOT ABOUT THE LAW! (More Next week)

Hebrews 9:22 In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

-EVERYONE NEEDS FORGIVENESS!

Romans 3:21-23 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

NO ONE IS PERFECT! NOT ONE OF US! ALL HAVE SINNED!

We can not measure up to a perfect and holy and righteous God!

SO WHY DOES THIS MATTER!! HOW DOES SIN AFFECT ME?

4 P's – problem, power, penalty, partition

THE PROBLEM: SIN!

Originally, the word SIN means to "MISS THE MARK" (Like an archer)

James 4:17 If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

-We all live in a SIN filled world!

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

THE POWER: Sin can have a grip on us!

John 8:34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.

-Our human nature is to be selfish! What I WANT.... DANGEROUS!

Romans 7:14-25 We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. ¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹ So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

THE ANSWER.....God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

THE PENALTY:

There's something within us as humans that cries out for justice.

When we see these kind of horrific things that are going on around the world....

-we say: 'That ought not to happen. They should be stopped.

-They should be brought to justice.'

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I DESERVE DEATH.....GOD GIVES ME ETERNAL LIFE!

THE PARTITION: SEPARATION!

THINK OF THIS: when we have offended someone, or someone has offended us, we don't want to look them in the eye.

-We try to avoid them because something's come between us.

-the New Testament says is the stuff that we do wrong has caused a partition between us and God.

THIS IS THE PROBLEM!!!!

- 1) **THE PROBLEM: SIN**
- 2) **THE SOLUTION: THE CROSS**

OT PROPHECIES ABOUT THE MESSIAH! (last week: 300 OT prophecies)

Isaiah 53:5-6 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Jesus was the fulfillment of that prophecy!

1 Peter 2:24-25 “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” ²⁵ For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Jesus paid the penalty of our sins!

1 Peter 1:18-19 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, **19**but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Jesus covers over our sins with his blood!

Hebrews 9:14-15 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! **15**For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

Jesus fulfilled every part of the FIRST covenant through the cross!

NEXT WEEK: Old covenant & New Covenant

-2 Ordinances of the church: Communion & Baptism

- 1) **THE PROBLEM: SIN**
- 2) **THE SOLUTION: THE CROSS**
- 3) **THE RESULT: RECONCILIATION**

-THE 4 P's ARE REVERSED!

4 P's – problem, power, penalty, partition

Galatians 3:10-13 For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.” ¹¹ Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because “the righteous will live by faith.” ¹² The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, “The person who does these things will live by them.” ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.

JESUS REVERSED THE CURSE!!!

THE PROBLEM:

1 John 1:7-9 The blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. ⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

THE POWER:

John 8:34-36 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

THE PENALTY:

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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THE PARTITION: SEPARATION

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:¹⁷ The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

-THAT IS THE POWER OF THE CROSS!!!

SO WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE??

SO THAT I COULD HAVE ETERNAL LIFE!!!

THE GOSPEL SUMMED UP:

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

BELIEVES WHAT?

Romans 3:21-23 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in¹⁷ Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement,¹⁷ through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

-hopefully this makes a bit more sense now!!

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SO HOW DO I PERSONALIZE THIS?

FIRST: Realize it is not possible on your own!

Ephesians 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast.

THEN: PUT YOUR FAITH IN JESUS!

Romans 10:9-10

That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

ALL PRAY WITH ME:

Dear Jesus, I realize I have sin in my life, and that sin keeps me from you. I ask you to forgive me today. I thank you for sacrificing your life on the cross, so I could have eternal life. Today I put my trust in you!