Christian Students @ SAC College Meeting - Fall 2022 Week 7

BASIC LESSONS ON LIFE LESSON SIX THE SALVATION OF LIFE (1)

Scripture Reading: John 1:4a; 10:10b; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Eph. 2:5; Rom. 5:10b; 8:2

I. THE SON OF GOD COMING AS LIFE

In order to save man from both sin and death, the Son of God came as life (John 1:4a; 10:10b; 11:25a; 1 John 5:12a).

II. THE SON OF GOD HAVING NULLIFIED DEATH AND DESTROYED SATAN WHO HAS THE MIGHT OF DEATH

The Son of God has nullified death and destroyed Satan who has the might of death. Second Timothy 1:10 says that the Son of God has nullified death, and Hebrews 2:14b says that the Son of God has destroyed the devil who has the might of death. These two verses give us a clear vision that after the Son of God came, He nullified death and also destroyed the source of death, that is, the devil, who has the might of death.

- How do you describe death in your experience? And how are we saved from death?

III. THE SON OF GOD HAVING RELEASED LIFE AND IMPARTED IT INTO GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE

The Bible reveals that the Son of God released life and imparted it into God's chosen people. John 12:24 speaks of Christ as the one grain of wheat who died to release His life to produce us as the many grains. In John 19:34b not only blood but also water came out of the pierced side of Christ. This means that life was released through His death. Second Timothy 1:10 says that the Son of God brought life to light; this means that He released life and manifested life. First Peter 1:3b says that through the resurrection of Christ, God has regenerated us. This means that after Christ released the life within Him through His death, He imparted His life in resurrection to God's chosen people.

IV. CHRIST HAVING BECOME THE LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT

Christ has become the life-giving Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45b). After Christ released His life through death and imparted this life to God's chosen people through His resurrection, He Himself became the life-giving Spirit. Therefore, 2 Corinthians 3 says that the Spirit gives life (v. 6b) and that now the Lord is the Spirit (v. 17). He came as life. Then on the cross He destroyed death and the source of death, and He released life to God's chosen people. Finally, in resurrection He became the life-giving Spirit so that He may impart Himself as life into us, enter into us, and live within us.

V. GOD HAVING SAVED US BY ENLIVENING US

God has saved us by enlivening us. Ephesians 2:5 says that we have been saved by grace. Ephesians 2:5 refers not to the salvation by Christ's death but to the salvation by Christ's life. This is because Ephesians 2 tells us that we were saved by being made alive together with Christ and by being raised up from the dead (vv. 5-6). Thus, Ephesians 2 reveals a salvation not by Christ's death but by His life. God used the resurrection life to save us not from sin but from death. Romans 1 tells us that we are under sin and that we are sinners. But Ephesians 2 tells us that we are under death and that we are dead persons in sins. When we were dead in sins, God made us alive; He enlivened us by the resurrection life of Christ. Thus, it is the salvation of life, not the salvation by Christ's death.

- Do you know that God has enlivened you? Why did we need to be enlivened?