

Good News! The Story of our Salvation Part 7

Please Stand and open your bibles to 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

When we finished the book of Matthew Jesus told us...

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

And what did He command us?

Mark 16:15

And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”

That’s why we began this series to make sure we get it right.

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What is the Gospel?

How is it Preached?

How is it Received?

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- What does it mean to Repent?

- What does it mean to Believe?
 - By Grace
 - Through Faith
 - How to be Born Again
- The Holy Spirit's work in Salvation
 - God's Part
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- What is Justification?
 - A finished work
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What Does it Mean to Repent?

- Original Greek Meaning
- English Meaning and History
- Use in Classical Greek and Koine Greek outside the Bible
- A use in the Septuagint
- History of NT Translation of Metanoia
- Context, Context, Context
- The Plague of Works Based Religion

What does it mean to Believe?

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The Holy Spirit's work in Salvation

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The Holy Spirit:

Comes along side of you

Convicts you of sin, righteousness and Judgement

Testifies of Christ's saving work

Ephesians 1:13-14

In Him you also trusted, after **you heard** the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, **having believed**, you **were sealed** with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 Who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Once you have placed your faith and trust in Christ you have all of your sins forgiven, past present and future. We are told...

Romans 5:1-9

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will

one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

- What is Justification?
 - A finished work
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Justified = Greek, Dikaioo Strong's #1344

To render a favorable verdict, to justify by a judicial act, to declare one righteous.

This does not mean that the judge just looked the other way. It does not mean your sins were just brushed under the carpet. It means that payment have been made and the judge can set you free. How do we know that?

John 19:28-30

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

It is Finished = Greek, Teleo
Strong's #5055
Paid in Full

What * was paid in full?
Your debt for sin!

How * much of your sin debt was paid?
All of it!

Romans 5:1

Therefore, having been justified (Declared Righteous) by faith (Trusting in, relying upon, clinging to), we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

The moment that you put your faith and trust in Christ as your Savior you were justified from your sins, past, present, and future. It is a finished work.

Some verses to consider:

Acts 13:38-39

Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; 39 and by Him everyone who believes is **justified** from **all** things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Romans 3:21-26

But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Romans 3:21-26

24 ...**being justified** freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a **propitiation** by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

The * word “Propitiation” is used in the Old Testament as the Mercy Seat or the Covering of our sin. In Christ this is the finished work or the complete appeasement of God’s wrath. God poured out His wrath on Christ on the cross and there is no more left. It has been satisfied. No more does this need to be done. Your sins are forgiven completely and eternally!

Is * the saying “Once saved, always saved” true?

In some circles these can be fighting words. They want to argue and divide. They will take verses out of context.

There are two places in scripture that they refer to and both are found in Hebrews. One in chapter 6 and one in chapter 10.

Both are dealing with Jews that have made a profession of Christ but because of persecution were going back to the temple sacrifices. We do not have time to expound on those completely but just using that reference we can see what the writer was saying. If you go back to trusting in that system, there no longer remains any sacrifice. There is nothing there for you and you would be trampling on the blood of Christ. The big problem we have is we cannot replicate that now. There currently is no temple to go back to so the best we can relate to is any works-based religion.

There are principles you need to remember when it comes to bible study and understanding doctrine. First, the Bible will not and does not contradict itself. Second, when you come to a scripture that you do not understand rely upon the ones you do understand.

We just showed you that when you put your trust in Christ you are once and for all forgiven of all your sins past, present, and future. That you are once and for all justified by the blood of Christ. The wrath of God is appeased. Jesus paid your debt, and you are now free.

How long is that for?

Before we finish with some scripture to prove our point let's ask ourselves a couple of questions:

What * sin will keep you out of Heaven?

Can * someone that is born be unborn?

Jesus said...

John 10:27-30

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And I give them **eternal life**, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand. 30 I and My Father are one.”

What * kind of life does Jesus give us?

Eternal, not conditional!

How long is eternal? Forever!

Here is a screen shot of a near by church that does not believe you are eternally secured...

15. ETERNAL SECURITY...

CCYC believes that a person remains eternally secure as long as he/she perseveres in the faith, continually trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation (John 15:2-6; Rom 11:22; 1 Cor 15:1-2; Col 1:21-23; 1 Tim 4:16; Heb 3:6, 14, 6:11-12, 10:35-39; 1 Pet 1:9; 1 John 2:24-25).

That’s * not good news!

But * what does the Bible say?

We are Eternally Secured!

Romans 8:28-38

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written:

“For Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 * For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:1-2

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel (The Good News) which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved (Sins Forgiven Past, Present, Future), if (Since) you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.(Never got saved)

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: (The Gospel message that saves) that Christ died for our sins (All of them!) according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scripture...

John 3:16 -emphasis mine-

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, (To die on a cross for the sins of the world) that whoever (Anyone!) believes in (Trusts in, Relies Upon, Clings to) Him should not perish (Suffer the penalty for your sins) but have everlasting (Eternal, never ending, forever, non-conditional) life.

Now that's Good News!

Go! And share it!