



Ps Marius Gradwell shared a powerful word this Sunday, which was titled **“Faith in God’s Gospel Power that saves us”**.

Faith does not move the hand of God. Jesus has already moved over 2000 years ago on the cross. Your faith accesses what God has already done for you and presents it for you as a gift. Please take a moment to read Romans 1:16-17. There are three outcomes regarding faith that Ps Marius unpacked this morning.

1. Faith for assurance of salvation

Many of us struggle with the question - am I okay with God or will I go to heaven? The Kingdom can't expand when we struggle with doubt.

2. Having faith in God’s power to help you to live a victorious life

Life is too hard to live a victorious life by yourself but if you can use your faith to access what God presents, you can live a victorious life.

3. Faith to boldly proclaim the gospel

You need faith to spread the gospel to others to help them live a victorious life.

God saves us, not only to miss hell and make heaven, but to change us into His image and to live life the way He originally intended.

A major theme in the Bible:

The Bible was mainly written to us as Christians to work out the salvation we already have (to get our salvation functioning).

“Those who do such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God” - This phrase appears in the Bible in 1 Cor 6:9-10; Eph 5:5 and Gal 5:19-21 (adultery, strife, and jealousy are referred to in these verses). These verses do not discuss whether we are going to heaven one day but what it means is that those who do these things will block the flow of the Kingdom in their lives.

Kingdom:

The Kingdom also has three tenses. The Kingdom of God HAS come, the Kingdom of God IS coming, and the kingdom of God WILL come.

Judgment Day:

Our justification and salvation will not be judged on judgment day. We were already judged when Jesus paid for our sins on the cross. There can never be a second payment. You will tell God what you did with that salvation, the foundation isn't judged but rather what we built on it will.

Salvation is represented in **three tenses** in the bible:

Tense of Salvation	Scripture	Notes
<p>Past tense of salvation: Justification</p>	<p><i>Eph 2:8</i> <i>For by grace, you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God...</i></p> <p><i>John 1:12-13</i> <i>But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.</i></p>	<p>This is a new life we receive once we come to Him and give our lives to Him and we believe. We have been justified and saved by grace. It is done already and ready to be enjoyed. It is a gift, which means you can not lose it. How can you lose something that you didn't earn in the first place? God justified you, past tense, done!</p>
<p>Present tense of salvation: Sanctification</p>	<p><i>Philippians 2:12</i> <i>Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who lives in you, both to will and work for His good pleasure</i></p>	<p>Now that you have been saved you are being saved. Now we are not talking about your eternal destiny. You are now working out the salvation you already have. We are being rescued from the impact of our fallenness. When God disciplines us He is not discussing our status as a child of God.</p>
<p>Future Tense of Salvation: Glorification</p>	<p><i>Matthew 24:13</i> <i>But the one who endures to the end will be saved.</i></p> <p><i>Hebrews 1:14</i> <i>Therefore, angels are only servants- spirits sent to care for people who will inherit salvation</i></p>	<p>There is a lot of scripture talking about a reward that will come: We will be saved. There will come a day when Jesus will return and establish a new heaven and earth. This does not refer to whether we are going to heaven.</p>

Reflection:

1. Faith gives us the full assurance of salvation (justification) - in what areas do you doubt that full assurance of your salvation in Jesus Christ? Share your salvation experience with someone this week.
2. Faith in God's power to live a victorious life (sanctification) - in what areas of your life are you trusting God for deeper levels of sanctification which prevent you from living a victorious life?
3. Faith to proclaim the Gospel - have you shared the Gospel with someone recently?