

A REAL SALVATION (ROMANS 5:6-10)

I. WHY DO I NEED SALVATION? THERE IS A REAL PROBLEM (ROM. 5:6, 8)

A. THE PROBLEM OF DEPRAVITY (ROMANS 3:10-18, 5:6, 12)

From God's perspective, going all the way back to the first family of Adam and Eve, when they sinned, a sinful nature entered into the human race and depravity came upon the human race. God, in His Word, gives a few phrases to teach us of our depravity. 1) "without strength" – the human has no strength in themselves to live right. 2) "ungodly" – That means we have no reverential awe about God.

James 2:10, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."

(III.) The Woman at the Well (John 4:4-15). Jesus has gotten her to the point where she desires to know how to be saved. Watch what He does next (John 4:16-18). Jesus first made her confront her sin before He would tell her how to be saved. Jesus then makes her confront her religious beliefs that she had been trusting in (John 4:19-24). Finally Jesus is able to reveal to her who He is (John 4:25-26).

Ephesians 2:8-9, "8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast."

(III.) The Rich Young Ruler:

Luke 18:18-23, "18 And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? 19 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God. 20 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother. 21 And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up. 22 Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. 23 And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich."

Jesus was not telling this man that keeping the law would save him. He wasn't telling him that giving all his money to the poor would save him. What Jesus was doing was trying to get the man to the point where he saw himself as a sinner, in need of a Savior. Notice that Jesus never bothered sharing the gospel with this man.

(III.) The Thief on the Cross:

Luke 23: "39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. 40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. 42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. 43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

This thief understood that he deserved death. He was convicted of his sinful condition. He believed Jesus was who He claimed to be (Luke 23:42).

(III.) The Pharisee & the Publican:

Luke 18:10-14, "10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. 12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. 13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

B. THE PROBLEM OF DESTINY (ROMANS 3:23)

Isaiah 64:6, "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."

II. WHERE CAN I FIND SALVATION? THERE IS A REAL PAYMENT (ROM. 5:8)

A. IT IS A PAYMENT OF LOVE (ROMANS 5:8)

Jesus Christ, knowing that we fell short, knowing that we couldn't pay for our own sins, died for us as our substitute.

II Corinthians 5:21, "For he (God the Father) hath made him (Jesus Christ) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

There are two attributes of God that we must consider in salvation: 1) God is Righteous, 2) God is Love.

Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death (The Righteousness of God); but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (The Love of God)

John 3:16-17, "16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

B. IT IS A PAYMENT OF SACRIFICE

I John 4:9-10, "9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

III. HOW CAN I RECEIVE SALVATION PERSONALLY? THERE IS A REAL PROVISION (ROMANS 5:9)

The provision of forgiveness and an eternal life in Heaven is not through the church; it's not through baptism; it's not through you, yourself, being really, really good. The provision for salvation is through Jesus Christ. It is because of Him

John 3:36, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."