

SALVATION – A TRUE GIFT

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My salvation story

- The back story
- The shift
- And then what?

Salvation in Scripture

- He died in my place
- He carried my punishment
- Isaiah 53

(Substitutionary atonement)

(Penal substitution)

Isaiah 53 prophecy

v.4 Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by Him, and afflicted.

v.5 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.

v.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.

Four aspects of salvation:

- Sacrifice
- Propitiation
- Reconciliation
- Redemption

1. Sacrifice

- We are guilty; our sin is covered
- Christ has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself (Heb.9:26)
- Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many (Heb.9:28)
- Christ offered one sacrifice for sins forever. (Heb.10:12-14)
- By one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.
- Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith. (Heb.10:22)

2. Propitiation

- We are deserving of God's wrath – His anger against sin – but that liability towards wrath is removed.
- We are saved from wrath and judgment.

- In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (**1 John 4:10**)
- Amplified: Propitiation [that is the atoning sacrifice, and the satisfying offering] for our sins [fulfilling God's requirement for justice against sin and placating His wrath].

3. Reconciliation

- The separation between God and us is removed.
- We were alienated from God; we were enemies.
- **Romans 5:6-11** *Christ died for the ungodly. God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.
We rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.*

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

4. Redemption

- We were in bondage to sin and bound by Satan.
- The price for us has been paid. We are no longer slaves.
- **Mark 10:45** *The Son of Man came to give His life a ransom for many.*
- **Gal.3:13** *He redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us.*
- **Col.1:13,14** *He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.*

Salvation – a true gift:

- We have escaped condemnation and received justification
- **Col. 2:13-17** *And you, being dead in your trespasses, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.
So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.*
- **Our right standing before God is not performance based!**

Rom. 3:21-26 *But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law...we are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. This is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. Everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.*

Salvation – your story:

1. Do you have a story? A real one?
2. What have you done with Jesus?
3. The gift can be yours!