# SO GREAT A SALVATION!!!





Understanding Salvation from the New Testament View.

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# PREFACE: Introduction to God's Great Salvation?

"How shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him." Hebrews 2:3

One of the major problems in Christianity is the lack of proper understanding of what God's Salvation truly is and this leads to a lot of problem in the church. God's Salvation is the best thing that can ever happen to any man and it is so essential for us to understand this so great a Salvation so we can enjoy the wonderful benefits.

OUR SALVATION IS A PACKAGE FROM THE LORD AND HE HAS INCLUDED EVERYTHING WE WILL EVER NEED TO FUNCTION THE BEST FOR HIM AND OURSELVES IN THE PACKAGE. HOW WELL WE WILL FUNCTION DEPENDS ON HOW WELL WE UNDERSTAND THAT PACKAGE CALLED SALVATION.

In this short PDF booklet, you will learn the basics of Salvation and the basics of Grace which will help you to UNDERSTAND THIS SO GREAT A SALVATION. Enjoy Reading!!!

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# INTRODUCTORY QUOTE ON SALVATION

Don't get it twisted, Salvation is by Grace alone. Or if you want to try to work for it, leave Grace alone. You can't mix the two.

Romans 11:6 "And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work."

"Now to him that works is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness." Romans 4:4-5.

# IS YOURS THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

In Matthew 5:3, Jesus said: BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD."

Jesus was establishing the Truth that the Kingdom of God is by GRACE. It is not a reward for good deed or being strong in the Spirit, rather it is gift for those who poor in the Spirit and cannot present anything back in exchange. Poor people in the society are people who need other people's help and are dependent on other people to live. Their existence depends not on themselves but on others.

The kingdom of God is a Gift for those who are poor and have nothing to offer back to God. They are poor, destitute and beggarly and can only receive the Kingdom of God as Gift, not rewards. And Jesus said: HIS KINGDOM ARE FOR SUCH PEOPLE.

This contradicts the religious teachings that presents the Kingdom of God as a reward of our good works, church attendance etc. We can't earn the Kingdom but can only receive it by faith in what Jesus did for us.

So even when God is doing some good works through us, we should never look up to those good works as the basis of our acceptance to God or entering the Kingdom. But rather receive the Kingdom as a Gift by putting our faith in Jesus continuously!!!

Never try to buy the kingdom of God by your good works. If you can afford it, then you are not poor and the Kingdom is only for the poor!!!

Go for the next article: to explain the how to enter the Kingdom of God...

#### **BASICS ON SALVATION BY GRACE 101:**

Salvation is NOT in any religion but in accepting the Free Gift of the Loving God. Religion is based on human effort to try and please God. But the Good news of the Kingdom is based on God reaching out to the helpless man to save us and integrate us into His family.

First, what caused separation originally is the issue of sin. And religion is not able to deal with the issue of sin. SO GOD DECIDED TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUE HIMSELF BY SENDING JESUS CHRIST TO DIE FOR OUR SINS AND AS US. So that what caused the separation can be removed.

And God did this completely free for us. It cost Him His first born and it cost Jesus His very life. But to us, it is completely free. ALL THAT GOD WANTS US TO DO IS TO ACCEPT HIS FREE GIFT BY FAITH. And when we do, we become members of His family. We become His children. He becomes our Father. Jesus Christ becomes Our brother. That is what happens when a person accepts this free Gift of Salvation into his/her life. Our sins are forgiven. Not because we begged for it. But because Jesus already paid the full penalty for our sins. That means God would not punish a sin twice.

Even though God did this for the whole world and everyone's sin has been paid for, there is still the receiving process, where God accredit the forgiveness into the individual account. That is what will differentiate those who are God's children and those who are not. So many people practice "Christian religion" without even knowing they have never had a personal relationship with God. They are very religious, attend church, pray, etc but they do not have a personal relationship with God as prescribed in His Word.

To have a personal relationship with God. You must mean it from your heart. You must believe IN YOUR HEART that Jesus Christ came, died on the cross for your sins, and that He was raised from the dead for your justification (righteousness). After you truly believe and accept that Jesus died and rose for your sins in your heart. One more step: You must confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and that you accept Him to your life as you personal Lord and Savior, and that He took your sins away when He died on the cross. When you confess that with your mouth after believing in your heart, THEN YOU ARE SAVED.

If you are not sure you have taken this step before now though you might have been religious, why not take it NOW. Take a moment to think about it, believe in your heart and confess with your mouth in prayer of REPENTANCE- which means turning to the Lord to accept HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Your sins will be forgiven, or rather the forgiveness which God did for you 2000 years ago, will be credited into your account. And this forgiveness is TOTAL, COMPLETELY. ALL YOUR SINS (PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE) ARE FORGIVEN IN HIM. It does not stop there.

God makes you a NEW CREATURE, A NEW PERSON ENTIRELY. He gives you new identities. You are no more a sinner. You are now righteous and holy in Christ

Jesus, not because of anything you did, but God credited Jesus righteousness to you, God will see you in Jesus righteousness.

Your job afterwards is to continue to fellowship with God, your Father. It is a relationship, not religion. Talk to Him as Your Father. Listen to Him as He talks back to you. Study His Word, it is His love letter to you.

Particularly you need to understand your new identities in Christ. He has made you His Son or Daughter. You are TOTALLY FORGIVEN. You are RIGHEOUS AND HOLY BEFORE HIM. You are His Beloved. You are AN OVERCOMER, PECULIAR PEOPLE, KINGS AND PRIEST TO GOD, FAITHFUL, HEALTHY AND BLESSED. These are some of your new identities. You should meditate on God's Word continuously to see your true identities and use them to renew your mind.

Which means henceforth don't see yourself as a sinner anymore. You are God's righteousness. You are no more a weakling, but you are strong in the Lord, and many more. You study these from the Scriptures, meditate upon them and confess them daily. Soon, your behaviors will adjust to these identities. You will discover that you no longer want to sin, the former addictions will loose their grips over you. You will just want to love the Lord and fellowship with Him always.

One last thing: Do not allow condemnation. There is no more condemnation for you because you are in Christ Jesus. Even if you sin, don't let satan use that to tie you down. The sin was paid for in Christ and already forgiven. You can apologize to God but remember God is never mad at you in the first instance, so don't stay long on apologizing. Rather spend time to strengthen yourself by confessing your righteousness in Christ Jesus. Anytime that you blow it, learn to restore yourself by confessing whom God has made you. YOU ARE NOT A SINNER. YOU ARE GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IN CHRIST JESUS.

Never slip back into trusting your own strength or righteousness at any point in time. Continue to look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of your faith. Welcome to God's Family where everyone is an overcomer and even more than a conqueror. Because we are enjoying the victory that Jesus bought for us. Glory!!!

Let me know if you just took this step. Send me a message to my email address (favoradet@yahoo.com) so I can help in guiding you to Spiritual Growth in Grace in Jesus name, Amen. I LOVE YOU!!!

## **FACTS ABOUT SALVATION:**

#### Nugget 1:

Salvation is not a Debt to Repay. It is a Gift to Receive.

Salvation is for the poor, the hungry and the thirsty. Those who have nothing to pay back. Jesus said to them belong the Kingdom.

Stop trying to pay God back. You can't. Let Him rather work out His good works from your inside out!!!

#### Nugget 2:

Man and God did not make the deal of Salvation. God made all the deal and is only offering it for man to accept or reject.

The deal is in John 3:16.

Stop trying to contribute. Accept or reject. It's God's deal. It's God's Gift. It's God's work. And IT IS GOD'S GLORY AND PRAISE.

#### Nugget 3:

Don't get the message of the Gospel twisted. It is beyond man and God reconciling.

God, in Christ, is reconciling the world unto Himself. Not counting their sins against them. 2 Corinthians 5:19

God is doing the whole reconciliation. He is reconciling the world unto Himself through Christ. Man had no contribution hence no say.

God single-handedly removed the hindrance separating us from Him (sin) through the death and resurrection of Jesus. So God is simply not counting men's sin against them.

The only part man is to do is to RECEIVE by putting our faith in what He did. That means we can only accept the deal on His terms, not trying to show Him we can do something too by presenting some dead works to Him which makes us feel good.

That is the pure Gospel. Don't mix it. Don't adulterate the Gospel! Some of us got saved by mixed Gospel, it is time to embrace the pure Gospel of God's Grace and let go of the mixture.

### REACHING OUT - NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE.

NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE (Atheist, Homosexual, Womanizer/Fornicator, Liar, Adulterer, Murderer / Killer, Kidnapper, Lover of Pleasure, Thief/ Armed Robber, Witch/ Wizard etc), I HAVE A NEWS FOR YOU - GOD LOVES YOU SO MUCH, HE REALLY DOES.

He designed His Kingdom for you, yes for you. HE IS OUT SEEKING FOR YOU, NO MATTER HOW FAR YOU THINK YOU HAVE GONE. DO NOT LET RELIGION KEEP YOU AWAY. YOUR SINS ARE NOT TOO MUCH FOR HIM TO FORGIVE. BECAUSE LEGALLY HE HAD ALREADY PAID FOR THEM.

ALLOW HIM IN TODAY. DON'T WORRY ABOUT HOW YOU WILL STOP YOUR SINS/ ADDICTIONS. HE WILL DO THE WORK IN YOU!

ACCEPT HIM TODAY and YOU WILL ENJOY THE ETERNAL LIFE THAT HE PURCHASED FOR YOU. Ready? Send me an inbox message and I will show you how. Your Life will never be the same again.

Friends, if you are already born again, please SHARE this message (click share), so that the message can reach the right people. God's People must return home!!!

If you are ready to accept God's Love no matter what you have done, the Lord will cleanse you up and give you the Gift of Eternal Life RIGHT NOW. Please scroll up and read the message on the basics of salvation, and follow the steps there to receive the wonderful package of salvation.

I AM WAITING TO WELCOME YOU HOME TO GOD'S KINGDOM....

Now, it is time to learn more about GOD'S GRACE. IN THE NEXT TWO ARTICLES, YOU WILL LEARN SOME BASICS OF GRACE.

### **BASICS OF GRACE. GRACE 101:**

God created Adam and Eve at the beginning but the serpent (devil) came and told them they needed to do something (eat the forbidden fruit), so they can be like God, knowing good and evil... What is wrong with the picture? Satan was telling them to do something to become whom God already made them.

God already made them in His image (like Him) and yet Satan said "eat the fruit so you can be like God..." and that led to human's fall... (trying to do something to become whom God already made you or earn what God already gave freely)

GOD HAS NEVER MADE MAN TO INITIATE AND DICTATE FOR HIM. GOD IS GOD AND HE WANTS NO MAN TO GLORY IN HIS PRESENCE....

God has already blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus...

"According as His Divine Power has given unto us ALL THINGS that pertain unto LIFE and GODLINESS, through the KNOWLEDGE OF HIM who has called us to glory and virtue.. 2 Peter 1:3 "

God already gave us all things pertaining to life and godliness. We don't do anything to initiate it. We don't do anything to make Him do what He already did.

The only way to experience it through the knowledge of Him. We need to know those things He has FREELY given to us in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:32 says "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"

God is the Giver (free Giver) and we are the receivers. We did not do anything to deserve His Gifts, otherwise it is no more Free Gift. it will be deserved.

So understanding the Idea of Free Gift is so important... BECAUSE GRACE IS GOD'S FREE GIFT. OUR SALVATION AND EVERYTHING GOD IS GOING TO EVER GIVE US IS BY GRACE.... meaning FREE AND UNDESERVED GIFT...

He will not let any flesh glory in His presence...1 Corinthians 1:29.

If we have to offer God something to make Him do something for us, then we share in the glory. It means we did something to deserve what we get, and that is NOT GRACE... And if it is not grace, it becomes by works of law....

"By works of law, no man shall be justified... " Romans 3:20, Galatians 2:16. Galatians 3:11

And trying to get justified by law or good works disconnects us from God's Grace...

# "You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace." Galatians 5:4

Does that mean we don't give praise to God or we don't give money to God's works or live holy or prayerful or study His word or evangelize?

We definitely do those by the nature of who we truly are. But we don't do them to get God's blessings. We do them because WE ALREADY BLESSED.

We don't praise God or give money to have God bless us. WE GIVE GOD PRAISE, BECAUSE GOD ALREADY BLESSED US... WE GIVE OUR FINANCES TO GOD'S WORK BECAUSE HE ALREADY BLESSED US, NOT TO GET BLESSED.

We don't live holy to get God to save us. WE LIVE HOLY BECAUSE GOD ALREADY SAVED US, NOT TO GET SAVED OR GO TO HEAVEN. WE ALREADY ARE CITIZENS OF HEAVEN, THEREFORE WE LIVE LIKE ONES.

WE DONT LIVE HOLY TO BECOME HEAVEN'S CITIZENS... WE BECAME HEAVEN'S CITIZEN BY GRACE.

So this is a short introduction to Life by Grace, which is the only way of living in the New Testament. God bless you all as you embrace His Grace.

### **BASICS OF GRACE 2: GRACE 102**

"God did this because I did that....." is NOT Grace, it is work. You are paid back for what you did. Rather, Grace is "I am doing this because God did that..."

Example: "God is favoring me because I live for Him" is a work mentality. You are getting paid brother. But for me, "I am living for Him because He favored me." His favor was not motivated by anything I did but by HIMSELF.

New Testament is a ONE SIDED TESTAMENT. God did it ALL. All we do is to receive. Why did the Old Testament fail? Because it was two sided: If you do this, you will get this. And since man was not able to fulfill his own part, he could not secure Salvation. That was the fault with the first covenant.

So, what did God do? He eliminated the unstable factor: MAN. And gave us a STABLE AND SECURE COVENANT ALL BY HIMSELF. That is why Gospel of Grace is CHRISTOCENTRIC - CHRIST CENTERED.

I hope this helps those who have been wondering at the Gospel of Grace and how it differs from the traditional way Gospel has been erroneously presented for many years. I was converted from HUMAN-CENTERED GOSPEL which is no Gospel at all, to CHRIST-CENTERED Gospel when I came to understand God's Grace in its purity or totality (100%).

God's Grace does not consult with your strength nor your weakness. God's Grace is a leveler. It brings the strong and the weak to the level of Christ, because the strong does not use his insufficient strength and the weak does not bother about his weakness. ONLY CHRIST COUNTS.

### **CLOSING REMARK:**

I do hope you have been blessed by this short PDF booklet which discusses the basics of Salvation by Grace. I also hope you have accepted the package of Salvation in Its Pure Form as at the end of this sets of studies.

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