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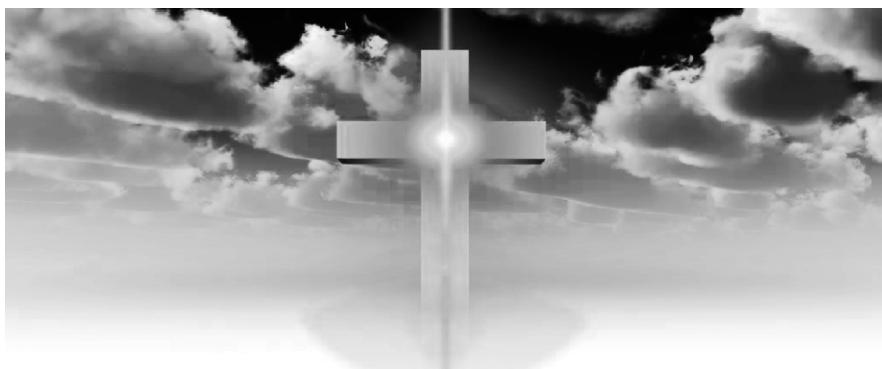
DEDICATION

To the countless persons who will come to the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation through this book.

To those that have found salvation in Christ Jesus. You are a testimony that the death of Christ on the Cross was not in vain. How this book is written for you to know that there are things that accompany the salvation which you have received in the Lord Jesus Christ.

To the Lord Jesus Christ who paid the price for our salvation.

I also want to appreciate the efforts of everyone that contributed to the making of this book. Only God will reward you beyond measure and will preserve your whole spirit, soul and body till the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



INTRODUCTION

But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

Hebrews 6:9

God greatly desires that His children grow in the knowledge of His Word and have deep spiritual understanding (Col. 1: 9 10). This will help us comprehend and live in the very nature of life that He has ordained for us. He wants us to come to the point where we will be filled with the knowledge of His glory as the water covers the sea as we are filled with all His fullness (Hab. 2:14).

God does not want us to live in ignorance. This is because ignorance places a limitation over our experience and reflection of God's glory and blessings.

Things That Accompany Salvation 5

What you get and experience as a child of God is deeply rooted in the information at your disposal and better understanding of your position, privileges and inheritance in Christ.

God's Word says:

Hosea 4:6

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee

You see, being born again is great and it is the best decision you could ever make in life. But having been born again, that is, being saved through the blood of Jesus Christ; you have the responsibility to grow in the knowledge of the salvation you have received. This will help you understand the things that accompany your salvation in Christ Jesus.

This is one of the reasons I believe Christ invites us to continuously learn of Him (Matt. 11:29). As we learn of Him we are made to know what belongs to us in Him and what we are to do to partake of the things that accompany salvation

The Scripture tells us that salvation came along with or is accompanied with things. Not just one thing which everyone knows to be eternal life, but things

which you will need to discover. I am excited that Christ came to give us the full package of God's blessings through salvation.

Hebrews 6:9

9 But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

The Bible says there are “things that accompany salvation”. It did not say thing, referring to one, but things referring to many things. The word accompany is very important in positioning us for the experience of these “things”. Accompany means to “go together with”, “go along with”. So when the Bible talks of “things that accompany salvation”, it is actually saying “things that go together with or things that go along with salvation”. Is it not interesting and joyful to know that there are things that go together with the salvation you have received of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Salvation has things that follow it. And I know we will not be able to comprehend all except those that are revealed to us by the Spirit of the Lord. It is the Spirit that has been sealed to reveal to us those things which accompany salvation that are freely given to us. See what the Bible says:

1 Corinthians 2:10, 12

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

To grow in your faith in Christ and also to maximize salvation here on earth, you must know these things. And this means you will have to devote yourself to studying the Word and depend on the Holy Spirit to reveal these things to you.

Just as I have said, we cannot really know all the “things that accompany salvation” except for the ones that the Spirit of the Lord reveals to us. So this book cannot contain all those things because at this moment I do not know all (and I will appreciate if you allow my limitation on this because I am still trusting God to know them). I have written the few which I have received from the Spirit of God.

I have divided this book into three parts. In the first part, I made us understand the need for salvation; what

God did for the salvation of mankind and that the grace which brings salvation has truly come to man. And so, as many that desired to be saved can be saved through the grace that has brought salvation to everyone. In the second part, we will devote our time to study the things that accompany salvation. I believe you can add other things to this list as the Holy Spirit shall reveal to you. I believe you will be excited in your findings and rejoice in your salvation which you have in the Lord Jesus Christ. In the third part, we shall learn of our responsibility in keeping and extending this salvation to others

Let's learn from the Lord those things that accompany the salvation that He brought us so that we can be bold to declare to others the joy of our salvation.

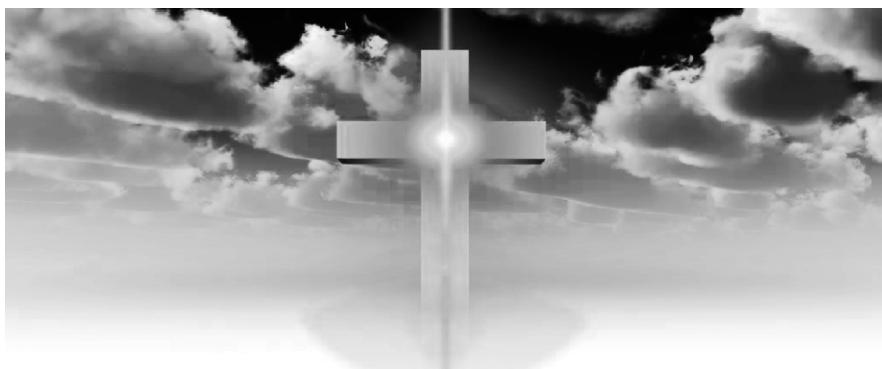


Part One

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Hebrews 6:9



Chapter One

NEED FOR SALVATION

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Hebrews 6:9

Scripture says there are things that accompany salvation and I am excited about that. However, it is fundamental that we embark on studying them by discovering why man needs salvation.

Amongst many acclaimed holy books, only the Bible is dedicated to the salvation of mankind. From Genesis through Revelation, there is found a progressive approach to the salvation of mankind. This is a finding that gladdened my heart. But why is the salvation of man the major topic and mission of the Bible?

The reason is that, first, the Bible is the only book of God that detailed accurately the first account of God and man, the actions of man that resulted to missing his relationship with God; the Bible is the only book that detailed the solution to man's problem. And again, only the Bible detailed the subject, gravity, consequences and solution of sin.

With this in mind, if we must know why man needs salvation, we must first turn to the Bible in looking at the creation and the early days of man.

CREATED IN GOD'S HOLINESS

Genesis 1:26-27

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Man was created in the image and in the likeness of

God. This means, man was created from the very nature of God and to operate in that nature. The nature of God in which man was created is essentially and intrinsically holy. Let's see this from the Bible.

Leviticus 19:2

2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy.

From this verse we understand that the very nature of God is holy holiness. This means, when God does or says something; He does or says them in His holiness and out of His holiness His nature. This is done so that whatever God does will reveal His holy nature also for that thing to consist or be compatible with His holiness. This further means, everything God does must agree with His nature of holiness.

Psalm 60:6

6 God hath spoken in his holiness;

Here we are told that God speaks in his holiness. This is why the Word of God is holy in nature because it was spoken forth in the very holy nature of God. What this also means is that when God speaks, His word takes

the nature of the holiness of God because they are spoken in and out of His holiness. The thing spoken must come in agreement with the holy nature of God. It must be compatible with the holiness of God so that God can relate with it.

With this understanding, you will notice that when God said “let us make man in our image”, man's intrinsic nature was holy so that man could be in agreement in nature with God his creator; and again so that man can comfortably relate with God in holiness. It is on this truth; Isaiah calls God's children the people of His holiness (Is 63:18).

EXCHANGE OF NATURES

When man was created, he was created as a holy being so he could relate perfectly with God. But for man to maintain this nature of holiness, God gave man a law. God said:

Genesis 2:17

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

However, man did not obey God. They ate of the fruit and as a result man died that nature of holiness of God

in man died. From that moment henceforth, man became a being without the holiness of God. For this reason, man cannot relate with God because he has become unholy. In this disobedience of man Adam, the entire human race became unholy having a nature that is no longer compatible with that of God.

Let us read the consequence of this disobedience.

Genesis 3:6-13

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

9 And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the

garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

When man ate the fruit, man exchanged his holy nature to that of the knowledge of good and evil which is sin. And because man had become a being with sin nature, he was banished from the presence of God and made to toil in life.

The sin nature was gotten from satan, the man of sin (1 Thess. 2: 3) and from the moment man sinned, everyone born of man became the child of the devil because the nature of the devil which is sin was passed to all through the exchange of nature Adam made.

Romans 5:19

19 For as by one man's disobedience many

were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

The unsaved man not because he committed sin but because he has the nature of sin which he we got from Adam. And thus, those that are not saved are the children of the devil because they have his nature.

John 8:44

44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

1 John 3:8, 10

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

Sin the exchanged of nature made man a child of the devil. And this sin affected everyone except Christ who was born without sin. For the Bible says in Adam “all (excluding none) have sinned” and so, come short of God's glory (Rom 6:23). God's glory on man was the nature of His holiness which gives man the privilege to be with God, relate with Him, and to represent Him on the earth.

CONSEQUENCES OF SIN

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, the entire human race died in the sight of God. And that death resulted to the following which I have mentioned below.

➤ Man was separated from God and hence was without God in the world (Eph. 2:12)

➤ Man lost his true nature of holiness and thus became a man with the nature of sin, therefore a sinner (Rom 6:23, Rom 5:19)

➤ Man lost relationship with God. God drove them from the garden (Gen 3:24)

➤ Man could no longer stand the presence of God because of their fallen nature (Gen 3:8-9)

➤ Man was disallowed from divine position by the angels God put in the garden (Gen. 3:24)

➤ Man could no longer pursue the holy purpose God has ordained for him

➤ And finally, man lost the access to divine

provision. He was left to toiling and sweating before he eats.

With all these, there was a great need for man to be saved. Salvation for the entire human race was necessitated by the disobedience of man Adam. We have sinned and therefore lost our true nature of holiness. And as a result, we could not relate with our Maker God. Any religion that does not put forward this reality of man's sin nature is meant to deprive man God's salvation.

THE PROMISE OF SALVATION

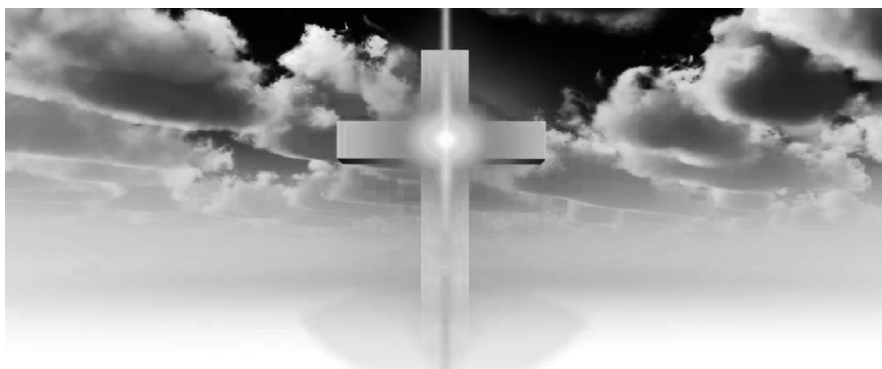
Now, in the midst of this sin-state of man and its consequences, God promised him salvation. This will involve man taking back his very nature of holiness so he could relate with God. God promised man salvation from sin because of His nature of love. The love of God made Him not to leave His creature man created in His image in deep pit of sin. The love prompted the solution which was the salvation of man.

Genesis 3:15

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

In this verse, God promised to save man from sin which the devil lured him into. It is true that man sinned and he has wallowed in the consequences of it, but what is more true is the fact that God has provided means of salvation for every one that would want to be freed from sin.

One thing to know is that God did not just promise us salvation, He actually fulfilled His promise. He has sent us salvation. It is therefore now the duty of man to receive this salvation.



Chapter Two

SALVATION IS COME

But, beloved, we are persuaded better things
of you, and things that accompany salvation,
though we thus speak.

Hebrews 6:9

There are things that accompany salvation which we must understand in order to live in the fullness of God's blessings. However, we must appreciate the fact that salvation must come first before the things that accompany it.

While it is true that sin came, we must also know that salvation has come. We have seen from the precious chapter that man needed salvation because man made an exchange of nature. Man abandoned his holy nature which is compatible with God's (because it is from God)

to accept the nature of sin which was impacted by the devil through sin. As a result, the entire human race became dead of God's nature.

It was this sin nature in man that made God to drive man from pursuing divine purpose, divine position and accessing God's provisions. The sin nature brought death, sickness, hatred, diseases, satanic captivity, chaos, disorder, etc. upon mankind and upon the entire universe.

However, in the midst of this dilemma, God gave a promise of salvation for man (Gen 3:15). God, in His love, planned to save man from the captivity of sin and destroy the nature of sin so that man could put on His holy nature as before. This plan will require the giving of the holy life of God through the human flesh and blood.

The process to accomplish this plan is what we do refer to as redemption. Redemption is, therefore, the process which God took to bring salvation to mankind.

SALVATION THROUGH GRACE

One important thing that we must know is that if man is going to be saved at all it is going to be by the grace of God. Grace here is the undeserved, unmerited favour and love which God demonstrates in bringing man unto Himself. This means, man was not going to be saved by his efforts, works or act of righteousness. The saving of man is going to be from outside man's efforts

entirely without the efforts and actions of man.

This is because man could not save himself from the position of sin that he was. So, he needed help from outside him. And that help was the demonstration of God's grace. Scripture says clearly that:

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.

Let us read these two verses from few other versions of the Bible so we can actually get better interpretation and understanding of the message the Scripture is passing across to us.

8 For it is by grace that you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves. It is God's gift, and is not on the ground of merit--

9 so that it may be impossible for any one to boast.

(Weymouth New Testament in Modern Speech)

8 I mean that you have been saved by grace through believing. You did not save yourselves; it was a gift from God.

9 It was not the result of your own efforts, so you

cannot brag about it.
(New Century Version)

You see, man do not merit salvation, neither can he earn it. Salvation is not the reward of man's work. It is not a product of our efforts. Salvation is solely the act of God's undeserved love demonstrated to men. With this in mind, salvation is not a product of man's work and so, man cannot make any form of boast. Salvation is of God's work.

Now, if grace is the key to man's salvation, then grace must come before man could be saved. Therefore, Jesus' coming was the coming of grace.

John 1:14

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John 1:16

16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

Jesus is grace personified. He being righteous came to die for sinners. He came to give His life a ransom for man (Matt. 20:28; 1 Tim. 2:6). He actually came and

demonstrated God's love unto people that hated Him, and wanted Him dead. This is what grace infers.

Through His death, burial and resurrection, Jesus released saving grace upon everyone who calls on Him to be saved. It is in Jesus Christ we can receive grace for salvation. There are some people who believe that angel Michael brought salvation or Muhammad did. But this is not the Bible teaching. Grace for salvation only came through Jesus Christ the Son of God and only in Him can one be saved.

Now the price for this redemptive grace for mankind was the offering of the blood of Jesus that is, the giving of the life of Jesus who has the holy nature of God. Scripture says, Christ as a Lamb of God was slain from the foundation of the world (Rev 13:8). "Slain from the foundation of the world" reveals the intention of God in sending His Son to die for the salvation of mankind in due time.

Jesus came to earth not as a prophet but as the salvation of mankind. He is the One ordained and sent by God to bring us from sin. Here is what the Bible says about Him.

Matthew 1:21

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

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.

And because Jesus brought grace unto man that results in salvation, it is only in His name can we be saved. Peter testified that “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

Since Jesus had come, died, buried and resurrected, and now at the right hand of God, the grace for salvation has appeared to everyone. This means everyone who wants to be saved can now simply receive their salvation through this grace in the person of Jesus Christ.

Titus 2:11

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

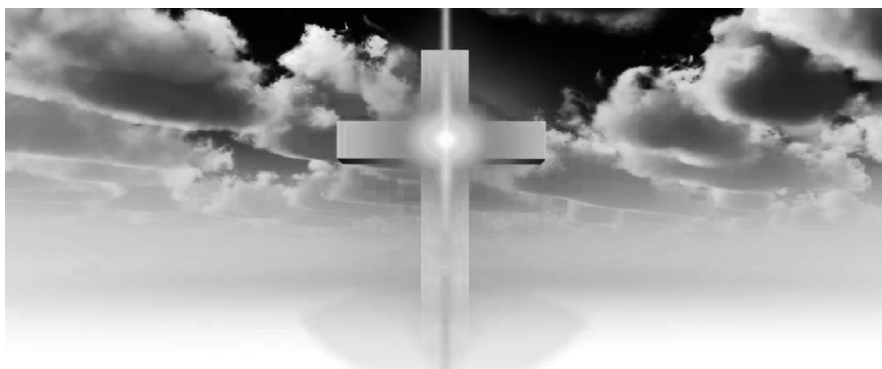
Salvation is now available to everyone because

grace that makes us to be saved has already come. Salvation is now for all men not just a few persons, and this includes you. Jesus was the carrier of that grace, and He has paid the price for everyone to partake of that grace. Salvation is therefore come unto the sons of men to escape the corruption that is in this world.

Revelation 12:10

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. (Emphasis mine)

While the grace was bringing salvation to man, through that grace Christ destroyed the enemy taking the keys of hell and death so that man could escape hell. Since Jesus has come, grace has come and thus salvation is come unto man. If you are not saved, then you have to accept this saving grace for your salvation today? When you receive the salvation brought by grace then you will be able to partake of the things that accompany salvation.



Chapter Three

SALVATION BY BLOOD

But, beloved, we are persuaded better things
of you, and things that accompany salvation,
though we thus speak.

Hebrews 6:9

I want to share with you how you and I became saved and through what means Jesus paid the price for our salvation from sin. Some people believe that because they are born into a religious family they are saved. But that is not true. No one is saved by being born into a Christian family or any other religion.

No one can also be saved by any religious rituals nor can salvation be purchased with money or killing a fellow human being. The apostle Peter who was one of the closest disciples of Jesus Christ helped us

understand how we got saved. He said:

1 Peter 1:18-21

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

I want us to read this passage in the God's Word Translation of the Bible.

1 Peter 1:18-21

18 Realize that you weren't set free from the worthless life handed down to you from your ancestors by a payment of silver or gold which can be destroyed.

19 Rather, the payment that freed you was the precious blood of Christ, the lamb with no defects or imperfections.

20 He is the lamb who was known long ago before the world existed, but for your good he became publicly known in the last period of time.

21 Through him you believe in God who brought Christ back to life and gave him glory. So your faith and confidence are in God. GWT

Let us learn some fundamental truths from the blessed writing of Apostle Peter.

First, salvation is not a product of silver or gold.

The first thing to learn from this passage is that we were not redeemed with corruptible things like silver, gold (financial means). Our salvation is not achieved by the religious traditions of men. We are saved only by the grace of God through the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Anything doctrine outside this truth negate the true salvation of man from sin.

Second, we are redeemed through blood.

Any religion or teaching that professes the redemption or salvation of man without blood is false. It is false because that religion denies the very nature and gravity of the original sin of man through Adam and Eve.

When Adam and Eve sinned against God, death was

the result. The death was first spiritual which eventually manifested in the physical. Now the Bible teaches us very clearly that the life of the flesh is in the blood (Lev. 17:11). That means, when man died as a result of sin, his blood (the blood that made him holy) was taken away. And for man to become alive again in holiness, he must need blood without sin. This was the first reason God used animal skin dripping with blood to cover man (Gen 3:21). With this, man was seen alive but through the blood of the animal that God used. This goes to establish why animals were used for atoning for man's sins under the Old Covenant.

But the blood of animals did not actually take away the sins of man but rather covered it. Again, no animal's blood actually brought back the righteous life which man lost to sin. For the Scripture says; “. . . it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins” (Heb. 10:4).

For salvation to actually take place, therefore, man needed sinless blood that can take away sin, and also could restore the holy life which man once had. This is why redemption from sin is only possible by blood blood that has no sin. However, with this understanding, we needed the blood of man (and not of animal any more) to gain back our lost life of holiness.

Third, the blood for man's salvation must be without

blemish and sin.

It is a clear teaching of the Bible that none is righteous and that everyone has sinned. This “all” includes every human being born right from Adam. This means, no man's blood was worthy or holy enough to bring salvation to man. You may ask, “But why?” This is because all have sinned and therefore have the sin nature.

Every man has the sin nature. This was the sin nature which Adam exchanged with his holy nature, and it was transferred to us through blood by birth. When Adam sinned we all in his loins sinned. This is why no man can redeem us. We therefore needed a man that has no sin nature to offer his blood for the salvation of mankind.

Many people in one religion or the other profess that they are saved by their leader, founder, prophet, rituals, enlightenment, etc. All these are not true. While these persons may verily be great leaders of some sort, they cannot save or redeem any man from sin and its consequence.

This is because they also needed to be redeemed from sin, “for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Rom. 6:23.) We all all descendants of Adam including our leaders even the prophets of God in the Old Testament were all born into sin and therefore had sin as our nature.

Fourth, Christ was the only one whose blood was without sin and so is qualified to bring salvation to man.

Scripture establishes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who came down in the human flesh or in the likeness of man in order to save mankind. This means, as a Son of God but in the likeness of man, He never had the blood of man that has the sin nature from Adam. He was not born of the seed of man, and so He could not have gotten the nature of sin. If He had, then He would have had sin in Him.

But He was born of the seed of the Spirit of God and woman. And so, His blood was sinless, without blemish, spotless and without blame from the very point of His conception. This is why his embryo was called a “holy thing” (Luke 1:35). This means He was holy from the womb.

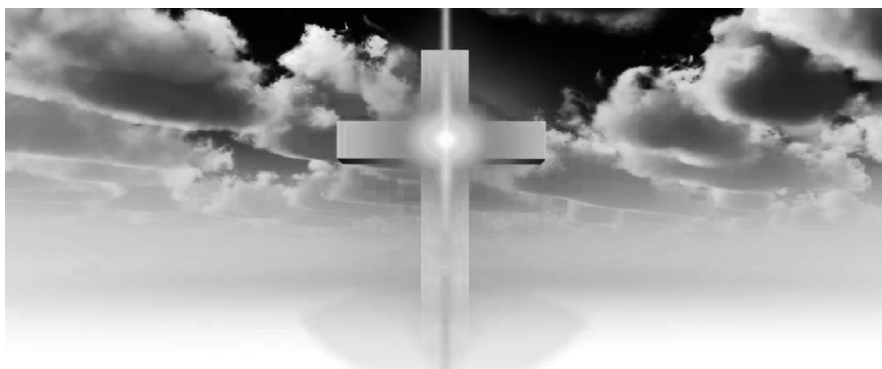
His blood therefore was qualified to be offered for the salvation of mankind. It is in this blood you are saved or redeemed to become the child of God. This is the blood that is very precious to God. This is the blood that makes those that are saved to become members of the family of God.

If one therefore claims to be saved without the blood of Christ, he is not saved at all. This is because redemption cannot be through silver, gold, or any other corruptible thing. Salvation cannot be through the

traditions of our fathers. It is not in visiting acclaimed holy places or praying 5 times a day.

It is only through the precious blood of Jesus. If you are saved by this sinless blood, then you can gratefully appreciate God for your salvation.

But if you are not yet saved, it is possible to be saved today, because we are in the day of His salvation.



Chapter Four

THE DAY OF SALVATION

But, beloved, we are persuaded better things
of you, and things that accompany salvation,
though we thus speak.

Hebrews 6:9

Beloved, there are things that accompany
salvation. And what a day this so great
salvation came on earth!

In the next part, we will be looking at the things that accompany salvation. They are numerous and wonderful. This book cannot enumerate all but it will be able to bring out some of these precious and priceless things that are very important for our knowledge and glorious living here on earth until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From the ongoing, we have seen that we all need salvation because of the sin of Adam that imparted the nature of sin unto humanity. And as a result we all are unholy before God and that deprived us from pursuing the holy purpose of God for our lives. Again we saw that because God is love, He made plans to save man and that plan was the coming of Christ Jesus. Jesus Christ paid the price for our salvation through His spotless blood. Therefore, salvation is available to everyone that believes. All this mean that salvation is as close and accessible to you as the air you breathe.

Just as we have seen, the grace that brings salvation has appeared to all men in the person of Jesus Christ. Christ is the one sent by God to bring salvation to mankind (John 3:16).

Titus 2:11

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation
hath appeared to all men

Many people have claimed to come from God with one message or the other, but Christ is the only One sent by God with an assignment to save man from sin (Matt. 1:21).

Jesus, the anticipated messiah of the Old Testament, has come, and He brought salvation to mankind. He come and the door of salvation unto all

men through His death on the cross, burial and resurrection (John 3:16; Rev. 3:8 9).

However, it is important to know that this door of salvation will be opened for a period of time until the end of this age. And so everyone is expected to make the wise decision of accepting this great salvation. You need not neglect this wonderful salvation of your soul.

Presently, we are in the salvation season where everyone can freely and easily be saved by the Lord Jesus, and be cleansed from all sins through the blood of Jesus Christ. However, the Bible speaks of the day of salvation.

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

1 We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

Today is the day of salvation this means, today is the day you can be saved. You cannot afford to wait till tomorrow or next year to be saved. Tomorrow is not the day of salvation. Next week or next year is not the day of salvation. You are not supposed to be saved in the future. You are ordained to be saved today.

Many people are hoping to be saved someday. Many people, like the orthodox Jews, are still waiting for the messiah to come so that they can be saved. Others don't even know that salvation has come. Some people say, I will accept salvation few minutes before I die just like the thief that was crucified closed to Jesus.

Beloved, I want you to know that the greatest frustration comes when you live your life in “suppose” and assumption. It is better for you to take delivery of what God has provided so that you can be on a safe side no matter what happens.

Hebrews 3:7-13

7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,

8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.

10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.

11 So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)

12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

The Scripture is saying that we should not postpone our salvation to another day. Today, as we hear God's voice calling us unto salvation, we should not harden our hearts. But rather, we should hearken and receive the free gift of salvation that God has given us in the person of Christ Jesus.

While it is called today (not tomorrow) we should exhort encourage, stir up and remind one another to be saved. This is because you cannot guarantee your salvation tomorrow. You may never see that tomorrow, so the Bible is saying don't procrastinate your salvation. If you are not saved, I am exhorting you to be saved today.

Hebrews 4:7

7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

God has limited today for your salvation. As you hear His voice, don't harden your heart. I have read and heard of people who eventually refused to be saved even

when they repeatedly heard the voice of the LORD calling them unto salvation. I don't want you to be among such people. You can be saved today.

THE CHOICE IS YOURS

One characteristics of God is that He does not force us against our will. He gives us the privilege to make choice. In the Book of Deuteronomy, He said.

Deuteronomy 30:19

19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Also, in the book of Joshua, He said we should choose who to save.

Joshua 24:15

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

In the Gospel according to John the apostle, the Lord cried out and said in John 7:37 - 38

37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

These verses, with many more in the Bible, point to the fact that God is eagerly awaiting your choice and decision to be saved. He has done His part, but it is now our part and responsibility to accept and enter into the salvation that He has given us.

ENTERING INTO SALVATION

You need to be saved, and God is ever ready to save you. But you are asking how can you be saved? There is a door of salvation you need to enter through.

John 10:1

1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

Salvation has one entrance door. And you need to enter through it. The door is not a church, mosque, religion, prophet or a movement. The door of salvation is Jesus Christ Himself. Some people say there are many ways to God. But the reality is that the door to salvation is Christ Jesus.

John 10:9-11

9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

To be saved, you must enter through the open door of salvation. Until you come through Jesus Christ, you cannot be saved. Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). So He is the way that leads to the life that salvation offers. God sent only Jesus to save mankind.

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.

You may also want to know how to enter the door of salvation. It is simply by believing and confessing that Jesus Christ the Lord and Saviour of your life.

Romans 10:6-10

6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession

is made unto salvation.

To receive salvation, all you need is to believe that Jesus died for your sins, and was raised from the dead for your salvation. After believing, you need to say it with your mouth and confess that you received Him as your Lord.

Now let's turn to the next part of this book to learn what accompany the salvation God has brought us in the person of Jesus Christ.

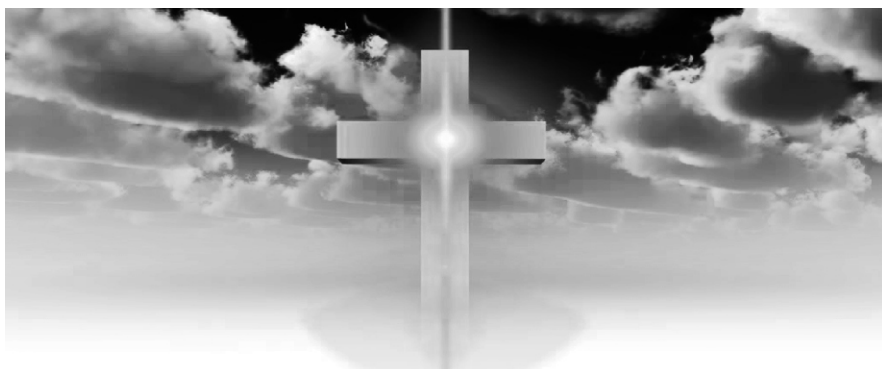


Part Two

Things that Accompany Salvation

But, beloved, we are persuaded better things
of you, and things that accompany salvation,
though we thus speak.

Hebrews 6:9



Chapter Five

ALL SINS FORGIVEN

But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

Hebrews 6:9

There are things that accompany salvation and we need to know them. The first thing that come along with salvation is the forgiveness of all your sins. The prophet Jeremiah recorded the promise of God in cleansing Israel and everyone from all their sins. Let's read the account:

Jeremiah 33:6-8

6 Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the

abundance of peace and truth.

7 And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first.

8 And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me.

Now, we need to know that on the cross Christ paid the price required to cleanse us from all sin, iniquities and transgressions. He was made sin for us (2 Cor. 5:21). And the price Jesus paid for our forgiveness is His blood.

Scripture tells us that “without blood there is no remission of sin” (Heb. 9:22) and that “forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:” (1 Peter 1: 18 - 19)

So the reason why all our sins and iniquities can be remitted that is, cancelled, is because of the blood of Jesus Christ shed on the cross on Calvary.

Colossians 1:14

14 In whom [Christ] we have redemption

through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Ephesians 1:7

7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

1 John 1:7

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Revelation 1:5

5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

All these verses testify to the truth that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. We are cleansed from all sins at salvation. No sin is attached to us. We no longer have sinner nature in us or the garment of sin. But in redemption through the blood of Jesus Christ we now have the righteous nature of Christ and are wearing the garment of righteousness.

I personally cherish 1 John 1:7. It says the blood of Jesus Christ who is God's One and Only Son has cleansed us from all sin. Note that John did not say that we are cleansed from some, many or few sin, but it is from all sin. The psalmist also said God forgives us of all our iniquities (Psalm 103:3). Jesus fulfilled the desire of God in cleansing us from all sins as foretold in Jeremiah 33:8. And as soon as Christ did this, God also promised not to remember our sins any more.

Isaiah 43:25

25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

Hebrews 8:12

12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

This is the covenant that we now have with the Lord. He has covenanted not to remember our sins any more. That is, He has promised not to relate with us based on our first sin which we had from Adam and Eve because He has blot that nature out. He is now relating with us in and through the righteous nature of Christ Jesus. What a blessing!

Aren't you glad, that you can stand before God as one without any sin? This is why we do appeal to everyone to be saved.

Christ has come just to pay the price that would make God cleanse you from all sins. It was with this great joy of understanding that Peter encouraged the people on the day of Pentecost to repent so that in the Name of Jesus by His blood all their sins can be blotted out.

Acts 2:38

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins . . .

The word remission means to blot out, cancel or destroy, or forgive. This means when you received salvation in Christ, all your sins were blotted out; you were washed from all your sins in the blood of Jesus. Before God, there is no past sin to be remembered because God has pardoned all of them and has made you righteous in Christ Jesus (Rom 5:19).

If you are saved, you must stand in the victory of Jesus to ward off any guilt of sin that the devil throws into your mind. As a child of God, all your sins have been cleansed (except you choose to walk in sin again).

What a great joy to know that at the point of your

salvation, all your iniquities, sins and transgressions against the LORD were cleansed, cancelled, blotted out and forgiven. You are now washed in the blood of Jesus into the righteousness of Christ Jesus. You are now made the righteousness of God in Christ (2 Cor. 5:21). You no longer have self-righteousness that is like a filthy rag, but the righteousness which is of God by faith. You are now standing in the righteousness of Christ relating with the Father. You have the righteous nature of Christ and not the sin nature Adam passed to us.

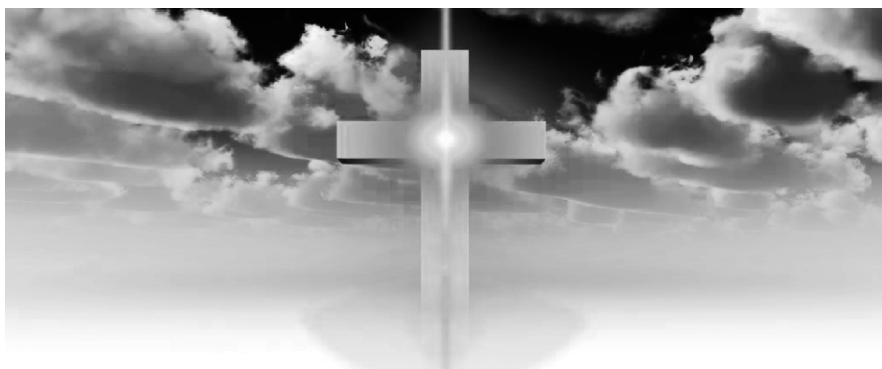
This is a fundamental thing that accompanies (or comes together with) the salvation we have received in Christ Jesus. And this is a blessing to cherish and also to guard jealously.

How Do You Enjoy It Today?

First, walk in the consciousness of the truth that all your sins have been forgiven and blotted out by God through the blood of Jesus.

Second, don't approach God with sin consciousness. That means, you don't have to approach God as a sinner but as a son or daughter of God. Approach Him rather, in the righteousness of Christ.

Third, live daily in the righteousness of Christ.



Chapter Six

ETERNAL LIFE

But, beloved, we are persuaded better things
of you, and things that accompany salvation,
though we thus speak.

Hebrews 6:9

Salvation came along with many things. Knowing them will enhance your worship of God. Salvation did not leave us empty. Christ did not save us and asked us to go empty handed. After saving us, He gave us things as proof of the salvation that He has given us. Another thing that goes together with salvation after the forgiveness of our sins is eternal life.

John 3:16

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his

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only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

I know many people do quote the above Scripture even when they have not experienced it. Others who claim to be church people can tell you that salvation gives eternal life. But very few really can tell whether they have eternal life even after being saved.

But from the Scripture stand point, the very moment you received Christ into your heart, you were saved from your sins and old nature. You did this by believing in your heart and confessing Christ with your mouth as your Lord as the Scripture says.

Romans 10:9-10

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

The very moment you confessed your sins, and received Christ into your heart, God impacted into your spirit eternal life. This eternal life is also referred to as

everlasting life which is the God kind of life. It is the life that last forever. This is the very life we now have as a result of salvation.

Remember that when we discussed the need for salvation we made mention of the fact that as soon as Adam and Eve sinned against God, they died. Death was the result of sin which God told them not to commit.

Genesis 2:17

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Genesis 3:6

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

The very moment they ate of the fruit, they died, and the Scripture says: “For the wages of sin is death” (Rom 6:23). In Adam, therefore, humanity died also in sin. The Scripture also noted that “we were dead in sins . . .” (Eph. 2:5)

But when man died in sin, we still see God

communing with man in the garden before banishing them. So what kind of death occurred in man? When man died as a result of sin, the life of God in man departed from man. Man became void of the life of God. Man became a being with the life of the dust (earth) from which he was taken from and that life is limited. And because of this, man was doomed to die physically.

The life of God is eternal in nature. This means before man committed sin, he had eternal life in him. But as soon as he sinned, that eternal life departed, and so man lost eternal life. But through the grace and love of God, salvation was made for man. When Christ came He paid the price to save us from sin and to restore eternal life in our spirit.

Ephesians 2:5

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

Romans 5:8

8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Christ died for us even when we were still in sins. But in this condition of sin, Christ came and died so that

we can through Him receive salvation which is accompanied with eternal life. Yes, the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord (Rom 6:23).

So beloved, if you are saved you have received the gift of God (John 3:16) and it also means you have received eternal life in your spirit. You now have the life of God.

2 Peter 1:3-4

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Through salvation we escaped the corruption that is in the world which came as a result of lust lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and the pride of life (Gen 3:6; 1 John 2:16). Through salvation, we were qualified and justified in Christ Jesus to be partakers of the divine nature of God's life. It is the very divine life of God that we partake of as God's children. We have His life

because we were born of Him.

Therefore, be excited in your salvation beloved, and do nothing to lose it. You have a very unique and divine life that the devil and the unbelievers do not have. As one that has been saved, what is flowing in your spirit is the divine life of God.

It is possible that you may be wondering how you got this eternal life in you. It simply came into your spirit via believing in Christ Jesus as your Lord and Saviour. The Scripture says:

1 John 5:11-13

11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Note: we are not going to have eternal life. We have it already that is why this Scripture was written to us. It says “I have written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life”. We have eternal life. You are not going to have it when you get to heaven. No, it is eternal life that

guarantees you going to heaven.

When you are saved, it means you have both believed and received Christ as your Lord. Now Christ is the only begotten Son of God in whom God has bestowed eternal life. Remember that the Scripture says that this “eternal life is in His Son” Jesus Christ. Jesus is the eternal life in person revealed to humanity (1 John 5:20).

Therefore, the very moment you gave your life to Christ or received Christ into your life, it was eternal life you received into your spirit. Let me ask you this question: when you gave your life to Christ what did you receive? Was it human life? Was it normal life? Was it demonic life? No, you received ETERNAL LIFE, the very life of God.

This very life accompanied the salvation we have received in Christ. It is not in any religion or person but only in Christ. And it can only be accessed through salvation.

Remember that this eternal life came the very moment you received Christ into your life. As earlier said, you are not going to have it in heaven. It is an instant gift that you received when your sins were forgiven.

1 John 5:11

11 And this is the record, that God hath given to

us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

The Scripture is saying something we need to pay attention to which is “God hath given to us eternal life.” He is not going to give us; but rather He has already given us. This speaks of something that has been done not what is going to be done. If you have Christ, then know you have eternal life.

This eternal life reveals the very nature of God in us. It radiates the glory of God in us. It is indestructible and death cannot withstand it. It is beyond the reach of the devil. Yes, we may die physically but death will not affect us. It will only affect our body which we don't really need for the next world. Eternal life is always new and constant.

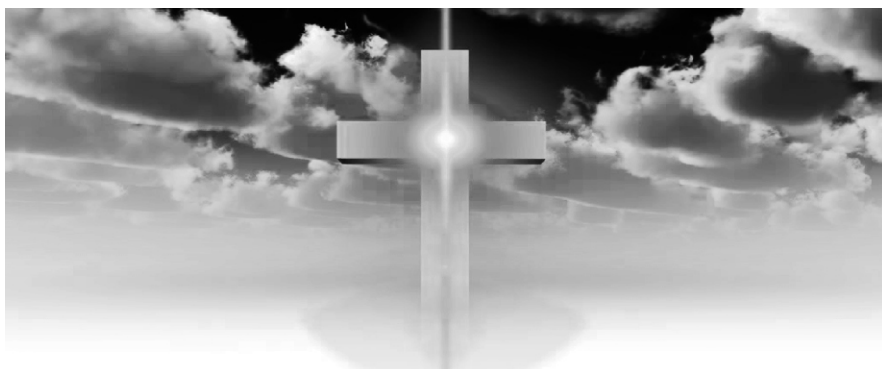
What a life we have which came along with salvation! No wonder the people of the world do not really know us, and at the same time they gaze at us because in us they see the manifestation of the life of God.

How Do You Enjoy It Today?

You must know that you have eternal life right now in your spirit. You have to be conscious of it so you could maintain it, and never allow it to slip away from you.

Constantly live with eternity with Christ in view. This is fundamental for practical holiness. Set your

mind in the things that concerns eternal life.



Chapter Seven

RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN CHRIST

But, beloved, we are persuaded better things
of you, and things that accompany salvation,
though we thus speak.

Hebrews 6:9

Salvation is accompanied with many things
purposed by God to aid our full experience of His
fullness.

Now, immediately our sins were forgiven and
blotted out in salvation, we were made the
righteousness of God in Christ Jesus because we now
have the very life of Christ eternal life. Therefore, the
next thing that accompanies our salvation which I
would want to talk about is the righteousness of God
which is upon you.

In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve had a right standing, right relationship and position with God. In other words, they were righteous before God. Man had a good and right communication with God. This was because man was enveloped in the very image of God the righteousness of God. If they had continued in that position, every human being would have been righteous before God.

But immediately sin entered the following happened: first, man hid from the presence of God; second, man was ashamed to commune with God, and third, man lost his position and relationship with God. As a result, man lost his right standing before God, and do man was driven out from the Garden of Eden (See Genesis 3).

From that moment until salvation came through Christ Jesus, man's self-righteousness or right standing or holy living before God was to God as a filthy rag. "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" (Is 64:6). Because of Adam's sin, we all (with the exemption of none) became unclean. The Scripture also says "there is none righteous" (Rom 3:10).

This means no person had a right standing with God by himself. All the people God worked with under the Old Covenant were mercifully clothed by God's

righteousness and grace so that God could work out His plan of salvation for mankind. But in due time God sent His own righteousness down from heaven so that the earth can have salvation

Isaiah 45:8

8 Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the Lord have created it.

Isaiah 56:1

1 Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

You see, righteousness was revealed from above. There was no righteousness on the earth. So for man to be saved, righteousness must come from above. This righteousness was revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. Hence the apostle Paul told us that Christ is our righteousness (1 Cor. 1:30).

When Christ, the righteous One came, we all were still in sin. In that sinful state He died so we can be separated from our sin nature. The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ was to reverse the nature of

sin that Adam took on in the garden.

Romans 5:6-8

6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

By the death of Christ, God exchanged the righteousness of Christ for our sin nature. By His death, He took our sin nature from us and cloth us with His righteousness righteous nature. He died for our offences so we could be justified in His righteousness. Scripture says, “[Christ] was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification” (Rom 4:25).

Now let us see Romans 5:18 -19 and learn something about our righteousness which accompanies salvation.

Romans 5:18-19

18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. (Emphasis mine)

You see, by Adam's sin, we were made sinners. But by the obedience of Christ which resulted in His death, burial and resurrection, we were made righteous. Note that word made.

“Made” connote that what we became was not as a result of our efforts but the effort of another. Therefore, we could understand that by the disobedience of Adam Adam's effort we were made sinners. This means, we had no choice of not being sinners. It is what we have being made of.

In a way of explanation, let me use my children. My wife and I are Nigerians by birth and nature. Consequently, our children are Nigerians by nature. They did not do anything to be Nigerians. They are a result of our making. This analogy goes for us being sinners.

We were not sinners because we committed one sin or because of the choice we made. But we were made sinners by Adam's action. This is why everyone must be born again, not because of one sin committed yesterday but because we are made sinners.

In the same vein, just as we were made sinners through Adam's action, so also everyone that believes in

Christ Jesus is made righteous by the obedient action of Jesus Christ. Through salvation, you were made righteous. You are not a sinner after the nature of Adam, but righteous after the nature of Christ.

Romans 5:19

19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

Again, we have the word made for sinners and for the righteous in this verse. Just as we were made sinners as a result of Adam's disobedience, so also everyone that believes in the redemptive work of Christ is made righteous by Christ's obedience.

With this in mind, you being righteous at salvation is not a result of your actions or good deeds. You were made righteous without your effort but by the effort of Christ Jesus in obeying to take upon Himself the sin of the world. And because of this we are now made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.

1 Peter 2:24

24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

2 Corinthians 5:21

21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Christ was made to be our sin that is, to take upon Himself our sin nature so that through His obedient death we can be made the righteousness of God in Him. In the words of Peter, Christ “bare (carried) our sins in His own body on the tree” the cross, and that was the action that made us righteous in the sight of God. By salvation, therefore, we are the righteousness of God. We are not sinners any longer. We do not have the sin nature in us. We are righteous in the righteousness of Christ Jesus.

Now that we are saved, we have the seed of righteousness in us. We have the righteous nature of Christ in us. We are righteous not by any effort of ours but by the obedience of Christ which we accepted. And because we did not work for it, Scripture admonished us not to claim it as our own effort (Eph. 2:9).

As a believer, you are made the righteousness of God. If not, you cannot be called His son. God is righteous and He cannot give birth to sinners. He gives birth ONLY to righteous children. This righteousness, remember, is not of our own. It is the nature of Christ

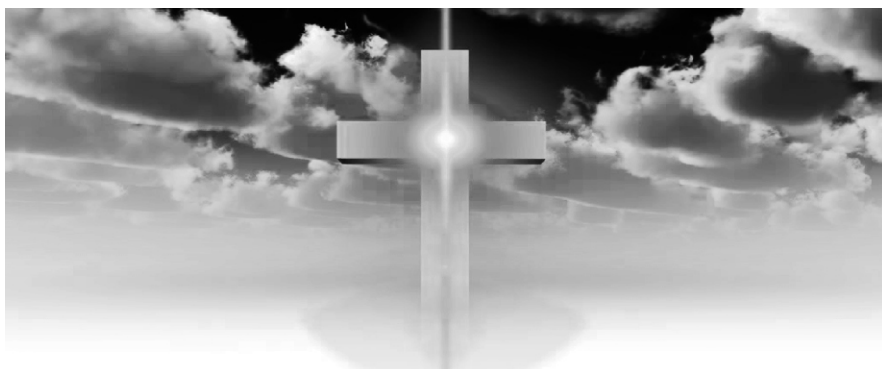
that He puts upon us after taking the nature of sin from us. This is why the Bible says righteousness is imputed that is, it is put upon (Rom. 4:6).

You being made righteous in Christ is one of the things that accompanies go together with salvation. Halleluiah!

How Do You Enjoy It Today?

Daily acknowledge and proclaim your righteousness in Christ Jesus.

Submit yourself to the Spirit of Christ who will help you live out the righteousness of Christ in you. And daily feed your spirit with the righteous words of the Lord to build up your righteousness consciousness in Christ Jesus.



Chapter Eight

A JOINT HEIR WITH CHRIST JESUS

But, beloved, we are persuaded better things
of you, and things that accompany salvation,
though we thus speak.

Hebrews 6:9

Blessed God for the things that accompany salvation; they make the Christian experience uniquely different and glorious. One other beautiful and blessed thing that accompanies our salvation in Christ is that we are made joint heirs with Christ Jesus.

The very moment you became saved, you were made an heir of God, and a joint heir with Christ. What a blessing! We who were once sinners are now the heirs of God and joint heirs with His only begotten Son, Jesus

Christ!

Romans 8:17

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Let me make something clear to you from this verse before we continue. The Scripture says we are the heirs of God, and not the heirs of Christ. We are only the joint heir with Christ. Now an heir is a person who inherits or has a right of inheritance in the property, rank, title, position of another. An heir is somebody who legally stands in the position to inherit the property or belongings of another person. In a family, every child is an heir to the property of the parents. All the children are joint heirs to their father's properties. This is revealed in the story of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-12).

In a similar way, as a child of God through salvation, you are an heir of God. In other words, you have legal and covenant right to inherit whatever God (your heavenly Father) has. You have a portion of inheritance in everything God has both on the earth and in heaven.

The Bible also says, through salvation we became joint heirs with Christ. Let me explain something here

to make this statement very clear to you. First, Christ is the only begotten Son of God (John 3:16). And as a result, Christ is the only heir of God who is legally entitled to inherit everything (and not a portion) of God's properties.

When the Scripture says Christ is the only begotten Son of God, it also means outside Christ, God do not have any son or child. You may ask “how are we the sons of God then?” You will receive the answer as you read on.

And because Christ is the only begotten Son of God and so the only heir of God, God has entrusted everything He has to Christ as the only heir. Here are the testimonies of John the Baptist and Jesus,

John 3:35

35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

John 16:15

15 All things whatever the Father has are mine.

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Because Christ is the only heir of God, “all things whatever” God has is given to Christ. Note that Jesus did not say, some things or most things or many things but all things whatever. Therefore, everything that belongs to God is now the property of Jesus Christ

simply because He is the only heir of God since He is the only begotten Son of God.

With these two reasons let us see how we come in as the sons of God and heirs of God.

Now, you must remember that Christ is the only begotten Son of God, and everyone that is born again is born of God through Christ Jesus. We became the children of God through and in Christ Jesus alone. Paul made this clear by saying “for you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus” (Gal 3:26).

This therefore means, in Christ the only begotten Son of God we became the children of God via the process of salvation. Therefore, in Christ Jesus, God adopted us, that is legally took us, as His children. The Scripture says “so you have not received a spirit that makes your fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father” (Rom 8:15 NLT).

Now, while Christ is the only begotten Son of God, we are the adopted children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. This is because since God has only one begotten Son, He cannot have another one. If not the Bible would not have used only begotten Son for Jesus. But since the Bible says so, it means God cannot have another begotten son. For Him to have other children, it must therefore be through and in His only begotten Son, Christ Jesus. The apostle John made this clear by

saying “Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God” (1 John 5:1 NLT)

And since we are the adopted children of God in Christ, we can only become heirs of God through and in Christ Jesus, just as Ephraim and Manasseh became the heirs of Jacob through Joseph (Gen. 48:5). Outside Christ therefore we cannot become the heirs of God. Believing in Christ that makes us heirs of God. And this is made possible only through salvation. Christ is the only heir of God, and no one can become the heir of God outside Christ just as no one can be saved outside Christ.

Therefore, it is established that only in Christ can you become an heir of God so that you can have a portion of God's inheritance that is already in Christ as the only heir of God. This means, you have a portion of the inheritance that belongs to Christ as long as you are with and in Him. Salvation therefore joins you to Christ so that you can be joint heir with Him in order to partake of God's inheritance through Christ.

By salvation, therefore, we become the heirs of God through Christ. This means everything God has belongs to us through Christ Jesus. By salvation, we became joint heirs with Christ, and so, everything Christ can access because He is the only heir of God we have equal privilege to access through Him. As joint heirs, whatever belongs to Christ, we can partake of.

Now can you think of what Christ can access in God? Everything and all things whatever! Can you imagine the inheritance God has given to Christ? Everything and all things! The same is true for you from the very moment you gave your life to Christ and got saved.

Everything and all things whatever God has given to Christ He has also given us because we are now His heirs and joint heirs with Christ Jesus. All the blessings that God has given Christ, He has also given to us in Christ. All that belong to Christ you and I now have a portion of because we are His joint heirs.

For instance, all power (not some power) in heaven and on earth is given to Christ as the only heir of God (Matt. 28:18). But because we are joint heirs with Christ, we have right to that “all power”. All things God has, are given to Christ as the only heir. But we share in them because we are joint heirs with Christ. Being a joint heir is one of the things that accompany our salvation in Christ.

You are not just saved. You are saved to be an heir of God have legal access to whatever belongs to God. You are also saved to be a joint heir with Christ that is, have legal and unbroken positional relationship with Christ which entitles you to partake of whatever God has given to Christ.

In Revelation we are told what Christ inherited which are parts of our inheritance as His joint heir (Rev

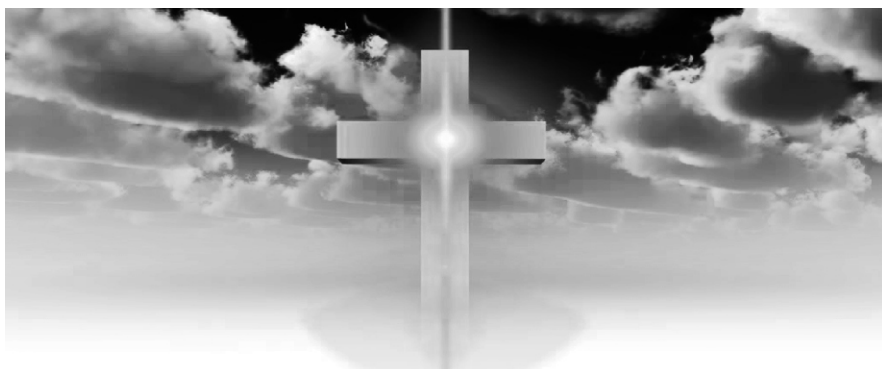
5:12). They are:

- Riches (wealth).
- Power (divine authority).
- Wisdom (divine intelligence and prowess).
- Strength (divine health and vitality).
- Glory (awesome divine presence).
- Honour (dignity) is yours in Christ Jesus
- Blessings (empowerment to succeed in life),

All these are what Christ inherit through His death, burial and resurrection. They are the things that accompany our salvation in Christ Jesus. And so, they are what we are entitled being joint heirs with Christ Jesus. Truly nothing is compared to our salvation in Christ Jesus.

How Do You Enjoy It Today?

Now it is your responsibility to claim the benefit of you being joint heir with Christ Jesus. You have to walk in the authority of it. Never accept life that is void of the blessings of your heritage in Christ.



Chapter Nine

PEACE WITH GOD

But, beloved, we are persuaded better things
of you, and things that accompany salvation,
though we thus speak.

Hebrews 6:9

Salvation is the greatest blessing God has offered
to mankind. This is because of what accompanies
it. One of such things that accompany salvation
is the peace of God that is given to the saved.

Romans 5:1

1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have
peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

If you study the behaviour of Adam and Eve

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immediately after they disobeyed God and exchanged their holy nature for that of sin, they came heavily under the torment of fear, anxiety, disturbance and frustration. They ran out of peace.

Genesis 3:7-8

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

As soon as they lost their peace with God, what gave them joy before now made them fearful. They ran and hid from the presence of God. They took leaves for a covering. All these show that they lost their inner peace, and as a result, their healthy relationship with God was lost. This is repeated in the world today.

To everyone that is not saved, there is the lack of peace in their spirit. There is no amount of money, fame or property a person may have that can take the place of the peace of God that comes through salvation. But at salvation, we were given peace that is beyond even the

understanding of the world.

Ephesians 2:13-14

13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

Jesus is the peace of God personified, and He gave us His very peace after He made atonement for us. The peace we have with God is very much of His nature.

John 14:27

27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

The peace we have at salvation is far and beyond what the words of man can describe. This is the peace that drives away all worldly anxiety and fears. It is perfect in nature wanting nothing to it. It is the peace that is resting in the personality and nature of God the Father. It is the peace that could make us sleep even in the midst of storm. It is the peace that transcends the

natural. It is a multiplying peace that takes us from one level to another. It keeps us from fear, confusion, and eternal condemnation.

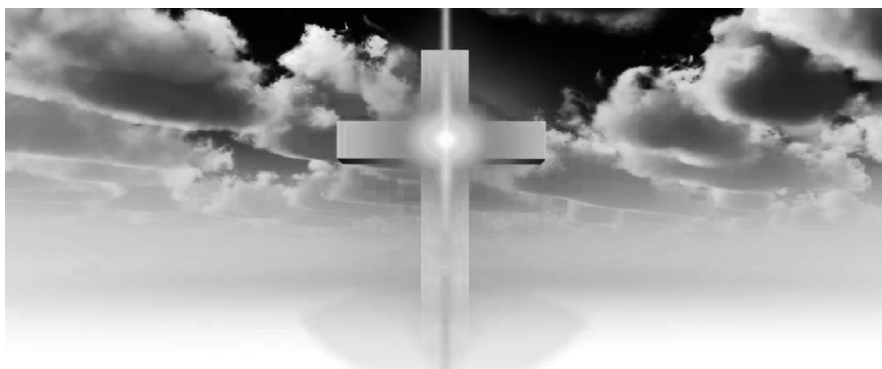
Philippians 4:7

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

The peace that comes along with salvation assures us of our relationship with the Father. It is the peace that secures our position in God. It is the peace that looks into eternity and keeps rejoicing even in this present world. It is the peace that assures us of our fellowship and relationship with the Father even after death. Because of this nature of peace that we have, we do not fear death. We know that we have passed from death into life.

How Do You Enjoy It Today?

Know that you have peace in your inside. Christ in you is the prince of peace. You do not lack peace. Peace is residence in you. Walk in that reality. You must therefore allow the peace of God in your inside to rule your mind and life. Seek peace and pursue it. Express it to everyone that comes to you. Be a peace maker.



Chapter Ten

AUTHORITY OF CHRIST

But, beloved, we are persuaded better things
of you, and things that accompany salvation,
though we thus speak.

Hebrews 6:9

There are things that accompany salvation. They were the things that Adam lost through sin. But praise be unto God for sending Jesus Christ to make them available unto us through His obedient death.

As we look into the blessed Word of God, we are changed into His image from glory to glory by discovering what God has packaged for us through salvation (2 Cor. 3:18). Indeed, God has revealed to us through His Word and Spirit those things that the

natural eyes have not seen, what the human mind has not fathomed, and what the ears have not heard those things that accompanied salvation.

1 Corinthians 2:9-12

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

There are things that accompany salvation, and they are packaged in God's Word but revealed to and made alive in us through the Holy Spirit. These things that accompany salvation make our salvation so great and precious. One of such things that accompanied the salvation we have in Christ is the authority in Christ

Jesus.

Authority is the delegated right and privilege to use what belongs to another person. When Christ saved us, He gave us the privilege to use whatever belongs to Him. When Christ resurrected, He told His disciples that all power and authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Him (Mat 28:18).

Today all power and authority are embodied in Christ Jesus. He has power and authority over all principalities, rulers of darkness and spiritual wickedness. He has power over the angels. He has power over everything in this world and in the world to come.

Ephesians 1:20-23

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

As a matter of fact, the Scripture says, at the mention of His name every knee will bow. What a power and authority! And He was given us the privileged right to call upon that name.

Philippians 2:10-11

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Scripture also said Christ is the very power of God and that by Him God created everything.

1 Corinthians 1:24

24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

Colossians 1:16-17

16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all

things were created by him, and for him:

17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

John 1:3

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

It is this power and authority of Christ that He gave us at salvation. Jesus knowing that we are joint heirs with Him, He gave us the authority to use everything that belongs to Him. He gave us first His name, that through His name we can approach the Father and obtain answers to our request.

John 14:13-14

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

John 15:16

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the

Father in my name, he may give it you.

He gave us the authority to use His name as our power over the world and wicked forces in the world.

Mark 16:17-18

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

He also gave us the authority to continue His assignment of reconciling the world to God.

Matthew 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the

world. Amen.

Mark 16:15-16

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

2 Corinthians 5:18

18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

In one word, Christ through salvation gave us the authority to have dominion over the earth and all that is therein. This was the authority Adam lost in the garden when he exchanged his holy nature for that of sin. God gave him the authority by saying:

Genesis 1:26-28

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

The authority God gave man which was lost to sin and the devil is what Christ restored to us. Today He has given His body the believers the same authority to have dominion over the whole earth.

Beloved, you are saved to have authority. There is Christ's authority upon you. That you are not exercising it does not mean it is not there. Learn to use it from now on.

Authority came alongside the salvation we have in Christ. We have Christ authority, and with that we can pull down spiritual stronghold, evil altars. At salvation we have Christ's authority over sickness and disease, sin and evil manipulation. Christ has given us authority through salvation to establish His kingdom on the earth. We are a people of authority. We may look weak, powerless and without strength, but we have authority over the spiritual and physical realms of life.

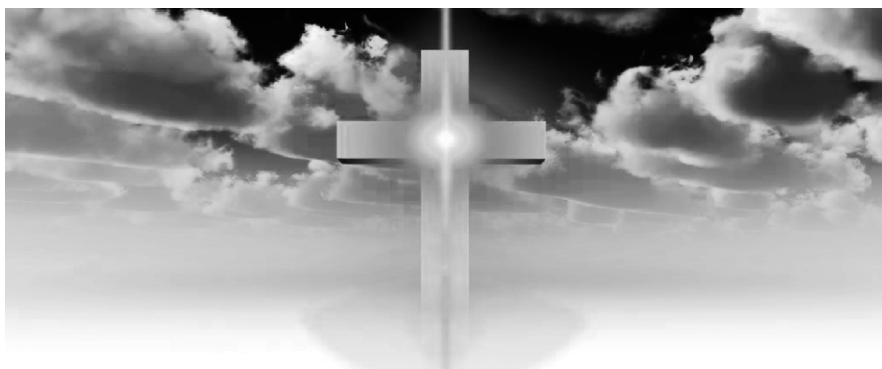
Today, the devil bows to the words of Christ we speak. We command demons and things on earth, and they obey because of the authority we have received from Christ through salvation.

How Do You Enjoy It Today?

You have Christ's authority at your disposal. You also have the holy privilege to use that authority to the glory of God.

The authority of Christ you have is only exercised through the words you speak. As you speak, heaven stands to confirm what you say.

Don't think on how the words will come to pass. Your responsibility is to speak the words and it is the duty of heaven to bring them to pass.



Chapter Eleven

ACCESS TO GOD

But, beloved, we are persuaded better things
of you, and things that accompany salvation,
though we thus speak.

Hebrews 6:9

There are things that accompany salvation and they prepare us for the ultimate experience in eternity.

While I study the subject of salvation and all its blessedness, I have ever remained grateful for the gift of salvation and to be saved. As you grow in your knowledge and experience with God as a result of your salvation, you will discover that nothing in this world is comparable to the salvation of our soul in Christ Jesus.

Mark 8:36-37

36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

This means, nothing in this world profits us like salvation. Salvation is a precious and priceless gift of God to mankind in the person of Jesus Christ. The Scripture talks of “things that accompany salvation” and God is helping us to discover some of those things. Among those things is unbroken access to the Father.

Romans 5:1-2

1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

By salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ, we now have unbroken access to the Father. By this, everyone saved can call upon or come to the Father anytime without any hindrance or intermediary. This was the access or privilege of free association Adam had with God before he disobeyed God and took the nature of sin.

In the cool of the day, God and Adam together with his wife, Eve, do have fellowship (Gen 3:8). In other words, man had an open access without restriction into the presence of God. There was no intermediary between God and man. The way to the Father was free, opened and accessible to man anytime. But after sin, man lost that access and could not approach God freely anymore. As a matter of fact, God shut the access to Him and drove man from His presence (Gen 3:24).

Please note, it is the access of man to God that was shut, and not God's access to man. God could still access man but for man, there was no access because of sin.

This followed through even in the ancient tabernacle that was built. In the tabernacle, the most holy place where the ark of covenant was placed was covered by a veil or curtain so that man could not enter (Ex. 26: 31 - 33). It was the high priest that was permitted to enter into the holy of holies once a year through the veil in the day of atonement with the blood of the sacrificed lamb to atone for the sin of himself and the people.

Hebrews 9:2-3

2 For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.

3 And after the second veil, the tabernacle

which is called the Holiest of all;

Hebrews 9:7-9

7 But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

8 The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:

9 Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;

Apart from the high priest, no one can come into the holy of holies. If any one does, he will be dead. This means the access to God was not yet opened to everyone except the high priest who is to make atonement for the sin of the people. And he enters once a year. But when Christ died, the curtain or veil that separated man from the holy of holies in the tabernacle was torn from the top to bottom.

Matthew 27:50-51

50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud

voice, yielded up the ghost.

51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

Man did not tear the curtain, inferring that man did not make up the way to God. But the hand of God did which was the display of the grace of God toward the salvation of mankind. When the curtain was torn, people looked into the holy of holies for the first time. They could go into the holy of holies for themselves without the high priest. Access was granted to everyone to approach the holy of holies. And that also ended the office of the high priest under the old covenant.

By His obedience and blood which He offered, Jesus Christ took away the hindrance between man and God; He gave us access to the Father once again. We can now call upon the Father at any time and for ourselves. The apostle Paul made great emphasis on this by writing:

Ephesians 2:13-18

13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

By faith we can now access the Father and make supplication for ourselves. The access to God which Adam lost through disobedience, Christ has restored to us through His blood. And salvation is our gateway to this great access that we now have in Christ Jesus. This is why we are encouraged to come boldly to God.

Hebrews 4:16

16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

We are encouraged to come boldly to the throne of grace because access to the throne of God, the holy of holies, the presence of God has been granted to us

through the blood of the Lamb of God. We need no human high priest to represent us before God. Christ has made us priests unto our God. We all are now priests before God, while Christ is our high priest in heaven (Rev 1:5-6). We have equal access in and through Christ Jesus unto God the Father.

Christ is our high priest, and when He went in between the veil to offer His blood for our sins, He did not close the curtain afterward but tore it so that we could freely and guiltlessly approach the Father for ourselves. Today everyone that is saved has the same priestly access to the Father.

Romans 10:12

12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

The access is not only for the Jews who believed or the apostles. It is not only for the highly anointed or most holy persons. It is free and for everyone that is saved. Peter testified of this by saying:

Acts 10:34-35

34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

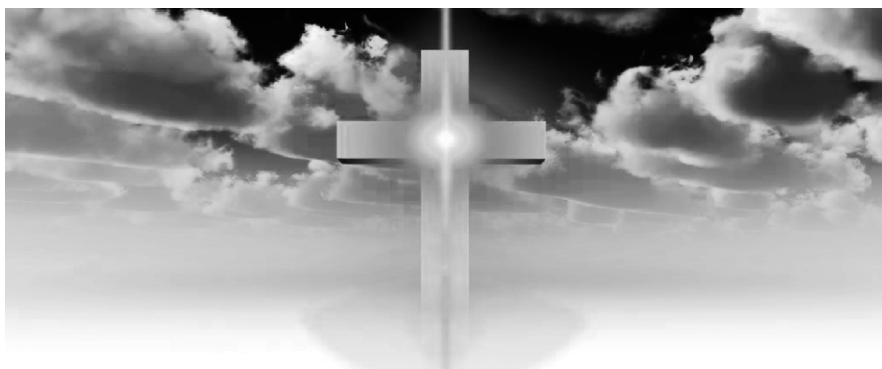
Beloved, to be saved is the greatest blessing on earth. Because it gives you access into the very throne of God the very presence of God, and God will grant you a listening ear and warm embrace.

What a great salvation we have received of the LORD! What a thing that accompanies salvation, that we can now come boldly unto the Father and call upon Him without any hindrance whatsoever!

Have you gained that access through salvation? If no, then do it right now!

How Do You Enjoy It Today?

Your access to God is exercised in the place of prayer and worship. The more you give time to prayer the more you experience your privileged access to the throne of God. Therefore, let prayer be your daily exercise.



Chapter Twelve

DIVINE HEALTH

But, beloved, we are persuaded better things
of you, and things that accompany salvation,
though we thus speak.

Hebrews 6:9

What else accompanies salvation? As earlier said, we cannot know all except the ones revealed to us through the written Word of God and by the Holy Spirit. The Bible says there are “things that accompany salvation” and I personally believe we will get to heaven to know them all. In this world and in this present tabernacle of our body, we will only know in part just as Paul attested that “. . . now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known” (1 Cor. 13:12).

I want to conclude with this one thing that also accompanies salvation which is divine health. But this does not mean the things that accompany salvation end with this one. There are more to be discovered.

When Christ came, right in the synagogue, He told the Jews that He has been anointed to heal the sick and Peter also testified that He went about healing everyone that was oppressed by the devil (Luke 4:18; Acts 10:38). Matthew told us that Jesus took away our infirmities and sickness (Matt 8:17).

Again, Peter revealed that Christ literally carried our sickness upon His body and by His stripes we were healed.

1 Peter 2:24

24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

This reveals that within the salvation assignment of Jesus Christ is the restoration of our health to divine health.

Before sin entered the world, Adam and Eve, lived a health-filled life. They were healthy in all ramifications. Their bodies were not susceptible to disease and sickness. But as soon as they sinned, the ability to live

healthy, ward off disease and sickness also died or departed from them. From that moment onward, man's body became the habitation of sickness, disease and satanic viruses.

However, in His infinite mercies, God revealed Himself as the Lord that heals in the Old Testament (Ex. 15:26). But while enacting the new covenant with better promises, the LORD that heals manifested as Jesus Christ. And He healed all that were sick while He walked the earth.

Note in all the healing Jesus administered, He did not pray to the Father to heal anyone; He just healed them revealing that He was the Lord that healed in the Old Covenant. He healed all by His words, power and presence.

After He paid the price for our sickness which is His stripes, at salvation the Lord that heals came into us and impacted into us the ability to stay healthy.

Beloved, are you saved? If yes, then you have eternal life and that life is sickness and disease free. If you are saved and have eternal life, it also means you have divine health in your spirit.

But you may say that "I am still sick". But this does not mean divine health do not accompany salvation. Your challenge may be as a result of:

- 1) you not knowing that you have divine health as one of those things that accompanied salvation,

- 2) you not enforcing your divine health in Christ
- 3) you not growing in faith to establish your divine health
- 4) you not exercising your faith in the Word of God when satan throws sickness at you; and/or
- 5) you not taking the covenant and Scriptural measures for your healing.

That a believer is sick does not negate the truth that salvation came along with divine health.

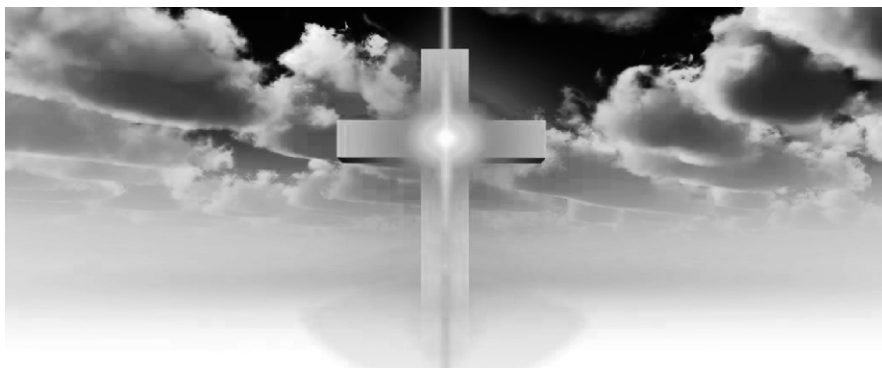
You have divine health. If you are sick, then heal the sickness by exercising the authority Christ has given you.

How Do You Enjoy It Today?

You need to know that divine health is your portion and it is possible to experience it before you go to heaven.

Speak health always. You are not to say you are sick.

Follow scripture provision for your divine health and maintain personal hygiene. Eat healthy food and learn to occasionally take rest.

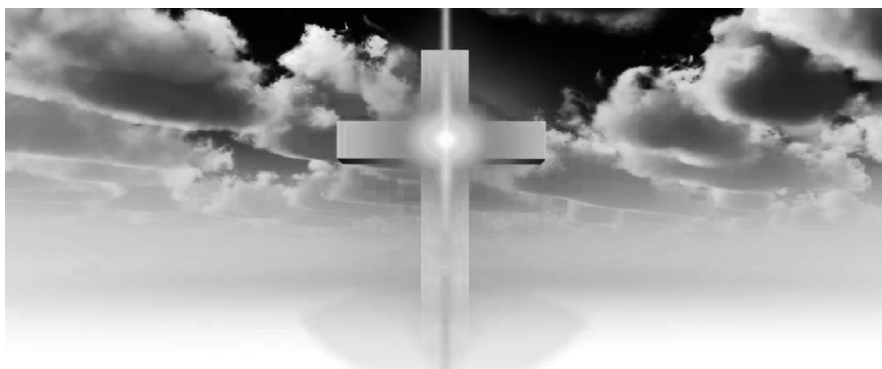


Part Three

Now That You Are Saved

But, beloved, we are persuaded better things
of you, and things that accompany salvation,
though we thus speak.

Hebrews 6:9



Chapter Thirteen

YOUR MISSION NOW

But, beloved, we are persuaded better things
of you, and things that accompany salvation,
though we thus speak.

Hebrews 6:9

There are things that accompany salvation. Knowing them makes you to be responsible in keeping your salvation and to spread the good news of the salvation Christ has brought to us.

Now that you have known all these blessings that accompany the salvation in the name of Jesus Christ what is supposed to be your next step of action? What is supposed to be your commitment? Many people get excited about their salvation and keep it to themselves. I am not saying that one should not rejoice about his

salvation in Christ Jesus, the Scripture reveals that the joy that accompanies our salvation is unspeakable and full of glory (1 Pet. 1: 8).

But we should go beyond excitement to doing something as a result of the salvation that we have received and the numerous blessings that accompany it. Jesus Christ told us exactly what we are supposed to do as soon as we get saved by grace.

Matthew 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Knowing the blessedness of the salvation we have in Christ, we are required by Christ to commit ourselves to the great commission. And this is dedicating ourselves to preaching the Good News of Salvation to the people of the world.

The good news of salvation is the gateway to

receiving the salvation that our Lord Jesus Christ purchased for us through His precious blood on the cross. Preaching or sharing the good news is not just the duty of ministers or pastors alone but rather an absolute responsibility of every believer in Christ Jesus. We must understand that the grace that brings this salvation has appeared to all men (Titus 2:11) and so everyone is entitled to hear it so that they could make a decision for their salvation.

Mark 16: 20

20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.
Amen.

You see; every one of them including the apostles engaged in sharing the Good News of Christ's death, burial and resurrection which brings salvation to mankind. They did this both in their immediate environment and distant communities. And by doing this, many people got saved.

In the Acts of the Apostles 2:47, we are told that as a result of this attitude and commitment to the Great Commission, God kept adding to the church community of believers as many that needed to be saved. Even in persecution the disciples never gave up sharing the good

news but seized the opportunity to take the gospel to places it has not gone to.

Acts 8:1, 4

1 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

As they were persecuted and driven about, they never forgot to share the Good News wherever they went. This was how the gospel moved from Jerusalem, Judah, unto Samaria and to the ends of the earth. The commitment of various believers from one generation to another has brought the Gospel alive to us.

This attitude of commitment to sharing the Good News should become yours. You should be ready to share the gospel to anyone and everyone that you meet as soon as you get the opportunity.

Romans 1:15

15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

This is the testimony of Paul who spoke out his readiness to share the good news to the people of Rome. Throughout the Acts of the Apostles, we see how he moved from one place to another sharing the good news. Someone may say that was his calling. While this is true, we must also know that like Paul we are called to share the Gospel to everyone as our kingdom responsibility. We must use every means to share the Gospel to people. This is not what we should be ashamed of but take great delight in doing.

Paul also said:

Romans 1:16-18

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

The issue of shame should be dealt with. If we shy from sharing the Gospel, we will let the wrath of God to

be revealed on the ungodly people. The power of God is revealed in the Gospel to save and deliver people from sin and satan's grip. Each time you engage in sharing the good news, you make the power of God available to save others.



Chapter Fourteen

KEEP YOUR SALVATION

But, beloved, we are persuaded better things
of you, and things that accompany salvation,
though we thus speak.

Hebrews 6:9

As we have seen, there are great blessings that accompany our salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. I am convinced that we cannot fully comprehend and appropriate all that accompany the salvation the Lord has brought us. They are eternal treasures and the devil knows it. And because the devil knows what our salvation in the Lord entails, he has taken it as a duty to make us let our salvation slip away. But we must not let him.

Hebrews 2:1

1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

Here we are admonished not to let what we have heard, that is, the salvation we have received, slip away. It is your duty to guard your salvation with all diligence and jealousy. You must not give any room for backsliding because in so doing you may let your salvation slip from you.

I have seen people respond to salvation calls, get saved and yet go back to their old way of sin. I equally have seen people responding repeatedly to salvation calls. I do wonder what the matter really is. But the simple answer to this problem is that these people are not keeping their salvation. They have not seen what it means to be saved and the danger of letting go their salvation.

We should appreciate the fact that God does not take a man serious who does not have value for his salvation. So many people are toying with their salvation. And since they place no value on it, the devil takes that opportunity to make them go back to sin.

But for you reading this book, the devil will not succeed in making your salvation slip away.

What You Need to Keep Your Salvation

Let us consider briefly some factors that will help us keep our salvation.

You Need Endurance

Jesus said, “but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved” (Matt 24:13). In keeping your salvation there is what is called endurance. Only those that endure in keeping their salvation amidst the challenges and persecutions in the world will eventually be saved, that is, live with Christ in His return.

Now, because of what this endurance entails and requires, so many people give up on the way. This is why there is a lot of backsliding among believers. They are not ready to endure the challenges that come their way of the salvation that they have received.

Unlike the first disciples, they are not ready to despise the shame while carrying their cross following Christ. Some have allowed the society, their situations and needs make them backslide from this way of salvation.

But the kingdom truth is that, if you must keep your salvation, you must be ready to endure whatever may come your way as you walk in faith. Just like in the words of Jude, you must be ready to “contend for the faith which was once delivered to you” (Jude 3).

Sanctify the Lord in Your Heart

In keeping your salvation, you must be ready at all times to give positive response to any one that would want to challenge your confidence in Christ. The apostle Peter admonished us on this by saying:

1 Peter 3:15

15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:
and be ready always to give an answer to every
man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is
in you with meekness and fear:

From this verse, there are two things to be done by everyone that is ready to keep his or her salvation. First, you must continually sanctify the Lord God in your heart. No one can keep his salvation if he is not sanctifying the Lord in his heart.

Your continual sanctifying of the Lord in your heart keeps your relationship with the Lord afresh and anew. It helps maintain a holy living before the Lord. It helps you uphold the value of the kingdom of God and guard your life in accordance to the Word of the Lord.

The reason some believers continually fall back to sin is because they are not sanctifying the Lord in their hearts. And as a result, they backslide.

Commit Yourself to Studying the Word of God

The second thing is to be ready to give answer to everyone that ask you a reason of your hope in the Lord. This calls for your addicted study of the Word of God. Many believers leave the study of the Word of God for their pastors and prophets. And as a result they are lacking in the knowledge of their salvation.

We are admonished to study the Word so that the Word of God will dwell in our heart with all its riches.

Colossians 3:16

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom;

You cannot keep your salvation while you remain ignorant of God's Word. Keeping your salvation requires adequate knowledge of God's Word on your part. You need the knowledge of God's Word to ward off every attack or temptation that would want to make you compromise your salvation. Lack of knowledge of God's Word has kept so many people under the captivity of sin.

But just like Jesus did, it will require you taking the Word to disarm the devil over your salvation. When the devil came to Jesus, Jesus simply ward-off his attacks by saying "it is written" that is using the Word (Matt. 4:4, 7, 10). Now supposing He did not know what was written?

We are in times where satanic attacks on the believer is increasing immensely. In all sphere of life, satan is sending arrows of temptation to believers with one objective: that they may lose their salvation.‘

Check the media, fashion, politics, schools, business and streets, even in the homes; you would see the attack of satan on believers' salvation. But you can overcome them all by giving yourself to studying and living by the Word of God.

Psalm 119:9-12

9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

12 Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes.

We must take heed to the Word and allow the Lord to teach us in order to overcome sin and keep ourselves pure before the Lord.

Be Prayerful

You can keep your salvation by staying prayerful. In

other word, commitment to your relationship with the Father through prayer is key to keeping your salvation. Jesus taught us severally to pray lest we fall into temptation.

Matthew 26:41

41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Mark 14:38

38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.

Until you are committed to prayers, you are not sure of keeping your salvation. Temptation will come, but what will help you overcome it is your prayer. You must therefore engage in a buoyant prayer lifestyle, not the one you will be reminded to pray before you do. As holy as Jesus, the devil tempted Him. This means, holiness does not prevent you from being tempted. You will be tempted. But prayers prepare you for victory.

Beloved, learn to spend time in the place of prayer as you watch over your soul so that your salvation will be kept until the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. And I know your salvation will not slip away.

While praying to maintain your salvation in Christ, also take time to enjoy the things that accompany salvation. This is why I wrote this book to you.

Grace to you.

SALVATION PRAYER

If you are not saved, now is the time for you to receive your salvation in the Lord. To be saved and rededicate your life to Christ, please pray this salvation prayer:

“Father in heaven, I come unto You through Your Son Jesus Christ. Forgive me all my sins and wash me with the precious blood of Christ that was shared for my sins. I receive Christ as my Lord and Saviour. Now I am born again, and so I am a new creature. I am now the child of God and I am made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. Thank You Lord.”

If you have made this prayer, please attach yourself to a Bible believing and teaching Church where Jesus is exalted and where you will be nurtured to grow in the Lord. Also write us so that we can talk with you and send you materials that would help you in your journey of salvation.

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ENJOYING GOD'S FULLNESS

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God's greatest blessing upon mankind is the salvation which His only begotten Son wrought on the Cross at Calvary. In the death, burial and resurrection of Christ Jesus, those who believe are made new creatures and are brought into a new relationship which God the Creator and therefore privileged to be partakers things accompany salvation. Rev. Emamuzo has in this timely book established need for man's salvation, the price and the things that accompany this great salvation which we have received in Christ Jesus.

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It is the believe of the author that through the knowledge you will get from this book you will be propelled to walk in the victory which Christ has won for all believers on the cross.

Be blessed as you read.



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