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FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVER-LASTING LIFE.
JOHN 3:16



JESUS IS LIKE A LIFE GUARD, THE BIBLE LIKE A RESCUE BOAT

When God made Adam and Eve, they were perfect beings (see Ecclesiastes 7:29). However, when Satan came to earth and caused Adam and Eve to break God's commandments, mankind was in bondage to the devil (see 2 Peter 2:19). As a result, all humankind became subject to death. Christ then offered to pay the wages of sin for us through the plan of salvation. Christ was born to a woman so that He could take on human nature, yet without sin. God loved us so much that He sent us His only Son that we might be delivered from the curse of sin, and have the choice to live eternally through Jesus. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. The Bible describes man's natural condition as born in sin with a darkened understanding, a heart full of evil and spiritually dead. We cannot change ourselves.

Because Christ came to this earth and died for mankind, God can offer us salvation. Everyone must repent, for everyone has sinned. The law shows us that we must repent of all known sin and be baptized. Repentance is a gift from God because in His kindness He leads us to repentance. Repentance brings godly sorrow that leads to eternal salvation and leaves no regret. When we experience true repentance, we will confess our sins to God, the only one who has the ability to forgive. Confession prepares the way for forgiveness, worship, fellowship, and reconciliation. When we confess our sins, Jesus forgives us and guilt is removed, so we can freely worship God in humility. Confess your sins to God, and your faults to one another.

If you have offended your friend or neighbor, admit it and ask for forgiveness. Then you are to seek the forgiveness of God, because the brother you have wounded belongs to God. In offending him you have sinned against his Creator. Confessing past wrongs helps us to grow in Christ, and receive a peace that only God can give. When the individual recognizes his

sinful state, confesses his sins, and decides to change his life, Jesus and all the heavenly hosts rejoice. We are no longer guilty, because Jesus has forgiven past sins and remembers them no more. Jesus then sanctifies us by making us holy and changes our characters into a loving Christ-like witness to others. In our quest for salvation, we must study the Holy Scriptures, always look to God, believe in the gospel of Christ and look for His soon return, because He is our only hope.

TRUE OR FALSE (CIRCLE ONE)

1. We were all born good and holy.
Read: Psalm 51:5; 58:3; Romans 3:23; 5:12.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

2. God's goodness leads sinners to repentance, whom he came to save.
Read: Romans 2:4; Mark 2:17.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

3. There are many ways to be saved.
Read: John 14:6; 3:16; Romans 6:23; Acts 4:10-12

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

4. The law directs us to our need for repentance.
Read: Romans 7:7; 3:20.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

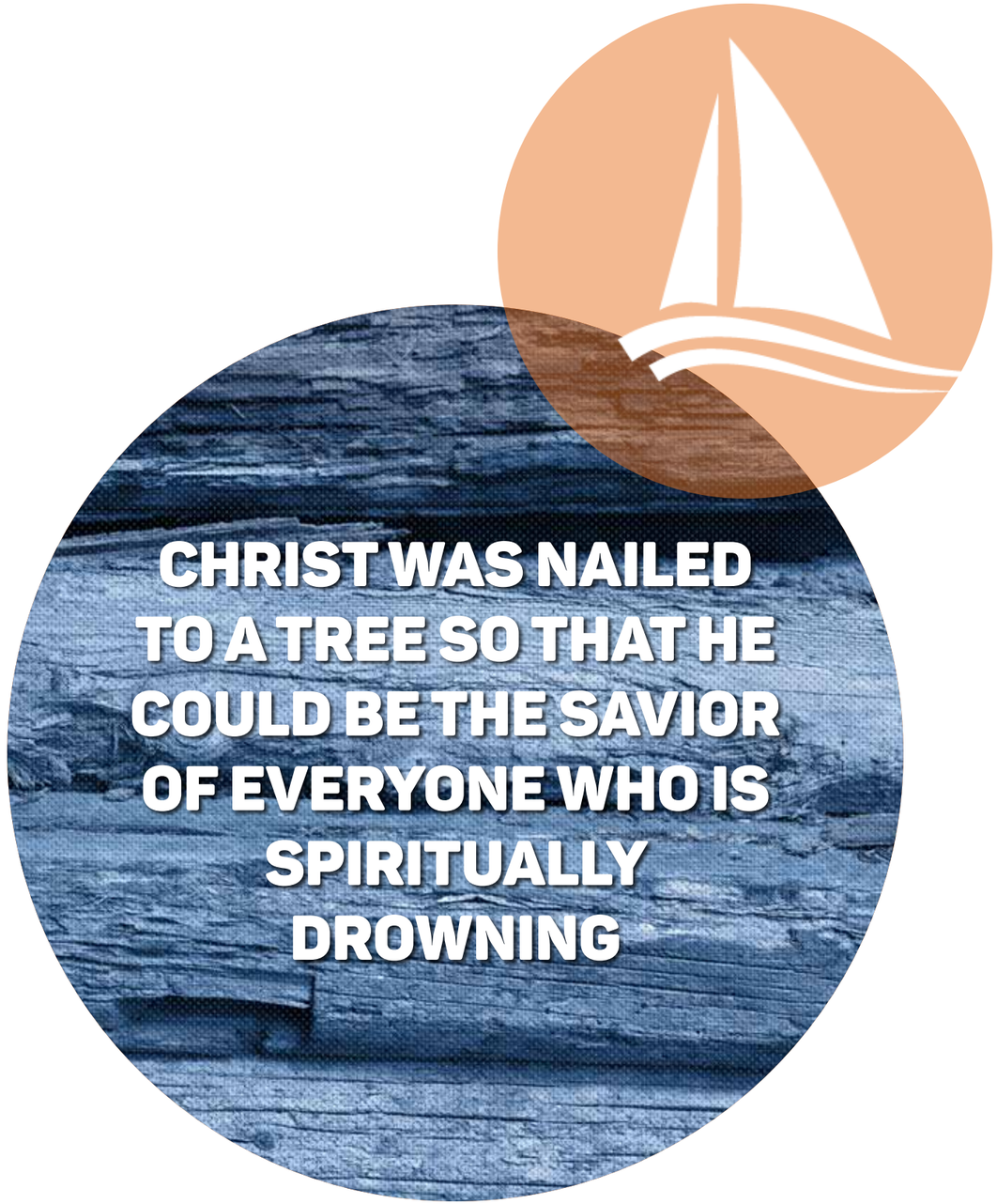
5. We can forgive someone for wronging us, but only God can both forgive and wash away sin.
Read: Matthew 9:6; Luke 5:21, 24; 1 Timothy 2:5.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

UNDERLINE THE FOUR CORRECT ANSWERS

6. Confession prepares the way for:
Read: 1 John 1:9; James 5:16.

- Forgiveness
- Secret sins
- Reconciliation
- Guilt
- Cleansing from unrighteousness
- Answered prayer



ALL OF US HAVE SINNED AND ARE IN NEED OF A SAVIOR



FILL IN THE BLANKS

7. What kind of sorrow generates repentance to salvation?
Read: 2 Corinthians 7:10.
"_____ sorrow." (KJV)

8. What must accompany true confession of sin?
Read: Proverbs 28:13.
"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and _____them shall have _____." (KJV)

When you sincerely confess and forsake your sins, are you thankful that they are forgiven?

YES_____ NO_____

THE PRIESTLY INTERCESSOR

All of us have sinned and have a need of God.
Romans 3:23: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
Psalm 51:5: "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me."
Psalm 58:3: "The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies."
Isaiah 48:8: "Surely you did not hear, surely you did not know; surely from long ago your ear was not opened. For I knew that you would deal very treacherously, and were called a transgressor from the womb."

The wages of sin is death. All of us received our parents' heredity of Adam's rebellion, so we automatically stand guilty before God and are supposed to receive the sentence and the wages of sin. No person can evade this punishment and no person can do absolution for another. Since the fall of man there has not been a single person who has not had the need of an intercessor. All are sinners. The Bible declares that all of us need an intercessor to reconcile us with God.

JESUS IS ABLE TO SAVE TO THE UTTERMOST

Your best behaviour is like filthy rags when offered to God; it remains an abomination in His eyes since it is riddled with sin. That is why we need an intercessor.
We have a Friend in the Sanctuary and our success lies in the fact that Jesus stands before the Father in our place, and with Jesus there, we are reconciled with God. Christ's work of intercession is an encouragement to His children.
Hebrews 7:25: "Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them."
Zechariah 6:13: "Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD. He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule on His throne; so He shall be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both."

CHRIST OUR SUBSTITUTE

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."
John 5:24: "Most assuredly,

TO THOSE WHO ACCEPT JESUS, DEATH IS LIKE A SLEEP

I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."
Christ is our substitute. Only He, as a perfect person/intercessor, can comply with the requirements of the law. Only He can be perfectly obedient. The previous texts also tell us that, although the Intercessor is exclusive and we can only be saved through Him, grace is still available to all.

A HEART OF FLESH REPLACES A HEART OF STONE

CONVERSION IS REQUIRED

Acts 3:19 says: "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."
John 5:24: "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."

Conversion is required, and we should experience a daily need to turn our back on sin. In other words, we should nurture a desire to become part of the heavenly family because the commission is given to us:

Matthew. 5:48: "Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect."
It is a choice to make a decision in favor of eternal life. Why? Because the Bible repeatedly confirms that sin will never again be allowed in the universe. Sin also cannot exist in the presence of God because it is an abomination in His eyes. When I come to repentance, I lay down the old man of sin in the watery grave and start on a new path with Christ. Now I am able to 'wear' Christ's robe of righteousness when I approach God's throne of grace. Only in this way can I stand before God as though I had never sinned. 1 John 5:12: "He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."

Here the repair of a broken relationship is the issue. Here favor is also the issue and this concurs with the concept that the work that Jesus does is done through the Holy Spirit. We must be in Jesus (justification) and Jesus must be in us (sanctification).
Philippians 1:6: "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."
Take note that it is God's work and my contribution is to allow God to work. This agrees with the symbolism of the Sabbath where Hebrews 4 confirms that we must enter into Christ's rest and rest from our labor and lay claim to the work of Jesus in our lives.

CONFESSION IS NECESSARY WHEN WE ARE CONVICTED OF SIN

Proverbs 28:13: "He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy."
Isaiah 59:2: "But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear."

The Bible confirms this magnitude of God's mercy and love for us in the sense that the Lord's eye is blind to our past when we ask forgiveness for our sins. Isaiah 59:2 however also shows us the contrary. Should we delay, then God turns His back on us, because He cannot tolerate sin. Furthermore, in Matthew 18:15-17 Jesus describes the steps we must follow in order to solve problems between brothers. The prodigal son remarkably illustrates the turnaround back to friendship with the father that we ought to emulate in our Christian lives.

Luke 15:20-21: "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son."

I AM NOT ASHAMED TO SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH OTHERS

Romans 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."

HE WHO KNEW NO SIN BECAME SIN FOR US

A NEW HEART IS PROMISED TO YOU

Ezekiel 36:26-27: "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them."

The new relationship between the Creator and His creature is also seen in changed behavior. You will proclaim the gospel without uttering a single word. Your deeds will speak volumes, the greatest sermons will be preached by your life and your life will be an object lesson to the universe. The best news is that this 'work' is not ours, as pointed out earlier, according to Philippians 1:6. It is the work of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.
We are living in a time when few things are steadfast. It is a time when promises by politicians are meaningless, where the moral values of society are disintegrating by leaps and bounds. It is a time when the economy is sound the one moment and weak the next. Even the most stable occupations no longer provide security. Life is unstable, uncertain and changeable. These days, life is characterized more by change than by stability. In

NO EARTHLY POWER CAN UNDO OUR SALVATION

the midst of it all, mankind has a yearning for constancy and security. There is only one Source that can offer you this. There is only one Source that we can trust through all the storms and instability that life may bring. That Source is Jesus Christ. What a wonderful assurance it is that, if we surrender ourselves to Him daily, our salvation is secure with Him and no earthly power or politics or crisis or whatever can undo it.

Let us place ourselves under the banner of prince Immanuel and persevere in prayer for one another, to find our security in Him day by day, and to fix our hope on Him alone. Yes it is possible in this life for us to experience Immanuel, "God with us". Jesus can be a daily reality to each one of us and precisely herein lies our success as coworkers with Christ.

KEY TAKE AWAY

Jesus, the Son of God, died the death humanity deserved, so that we may live. He became sin for us.

Anyone can have eternal life, as long as they accept Jesus in their hearts, and seek His strength to live a better life by following what the Scriptures say.

When we surrender to Christ, He gives us strength to overcome sin. That's when the 'back to the garden of Eden' process, or sanctification, begins.



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