

Topic: Salvation dissected!

Acts 16:25 - 32 (NASB)

²⁸BUT PAUL CRIED OUT WITH A LOUD VOICE, SAYING, "DO NOT HARM YOURSELF, FOR WE ARE ALL HERE!" ²⁹AND HE CALLED FOR LIGHTS AND RUSHED IN, AND TREMBLING WITH FEAR HE FELL DOWN BEFORE PAUL AND SILAS, ³⁰AND AFTER HE BROUGHT THEM OUT, HE SAID, "SIRS, WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?"

³¹THEY SAID, "BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS, AND YOU WILL BE SAVED, YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD." ³²AND THEY SPOKE THE WORD OF THE LORD TO HIM TOGETHER WITH ALL WHO WERE IN HIS HOUSE.

1. Saved from what?

Answer: Sin, death and hell. (*Habitual sin, eternal death and the Lake of Fire!*)

ROMANS 6:23, "THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH." DEATH = HELL = ETERNAL PUNISHMENT.

1. *Jesus saves us from all past sin by His death on the cross.*

Acts 3:19 (NASB) ¹⁹"Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

2. *Jesus saves us from present sin by the gift of the Holy Spirit:*

1 JOHN 1:9 (KJV) ⁹IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE US *OUR* SINS, AND TO CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

3. *Jesus saves from future punishment.*

1 COR 15:51 - 55 (NLT)

⁵²IT WILL HAPPEN IN A MOMENT, IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE, WHEN THE LAST TRUMPET IS BLOWN. FOR WHEN THE TRUMPET SOUNDS, THOSE WHO HAVE DIED WILL BE RAISED TO LIVE FOREVER. AND WE WHO ARE LIVING WILL ALSO BE TRANSFORMED.

⁵³FOR OUR DYING BODIES MUST BE TRANSFORMED INTO BODIES THAT WILL NEVER DIE; OUR MORTAL BODIES MUST BE TRANSFORMED INTO IMMORTAL BODIES.

WE ARE BORN SINNERS:

Psa 51:5 (NASB) ⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

Eph 2:2 - 3 (KJV) ²Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

³Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

WE WERE\ARE VERY DEPRAVED:

Psalm 14:2, 3: "The Lord has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one."

Job 15:14 & 16 (NASB) ¹⁴ "What is man, that he should be pure, Or he who is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?"

¹⁶ How much less one who is detestable and corrupt, Man, who drinks iniquity like water!

Jeremiah 17:9 says that "the heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it."

Ecc 9:3 (KJV)

³This *is* an evil among all *things* that are done under the sun, that *there is* one event unto all: yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness (insanity) *is* in their heart while they live, and after that *they go* to the dead.

Monday Morning Moment

When He is brought into the picture, God makes all the difference.

Rom 5:7 - 8 (ESV)

⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—

⁸**but God** shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

But God" Verses: ***"But God..."*** *These two words signal a change, a contrast, or a clarification is coming next. "But God." What follows this significant transition is intended to **challenge our faith and change our life.***

- But as for you, ye thought evil against me; **but God** meant it unto good ... to save much people alive (Genesis 50:20).

WHAT IS REALLY CONSIDERED SIN?

1 Cor 6:9 - 10 (NLT) ⁹Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, ¹⁰or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God.

Gal 5:19 - 25 (NLT) ¹⁹When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, ²¹envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. ²²But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! ²⁴Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. ²⁵Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

Eph 2:1 - 5 (NLT) ¹Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. ²You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. ³All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. ⁴But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)

James 4:17 (NLT) ¹⁷Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.