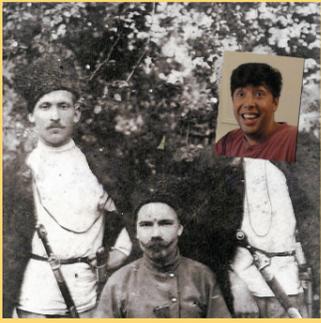


Salvation: Saved From Death



REMEMBER WHERE YOU CAME FROM

You came from your great-great x 10³⁷ grandparents, Adam and Eve. They were created by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit on the sixth day of creation week (Genesis 1:27). You come straight from them.

At the beginning of our world, Adam and Eve lived by God's law without even thinking about it. They were pure and happy. They talked to God face to face.

EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT

"God loved [you and] the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life" (John 3:16, NIRV).

THE HELP YOU NEED

You get saved from death this way: Let God rescue you. Don't try to do it yourself.

"Say with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord.' Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. Then you will be saved" (Romans 10:9, NIRV).

"God is working in you. He wants your plans and your acts to be in keeping with his good purpose" (Philippians 2:13).

DO-IT-YOURSELF
SALVATION

GUARANTEED TO FAIL!

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WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?



Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and they could no longer be in His presence. Their sin infected every human child, including you.

Sin is rebellion. It is "dirt" inside our minds that makes us impure. We cannot get rid of it.

Sin gave Adam and Eve a death sentence. "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). No way around it!

Turns out you have the death sentence too. Aaaaarrrgh! And it's not even your fault. But it is your problem.

HOSTAGE SITUATION

It looked as though all of Adam and Eve's children were trapped on this sinful earth. We are Satan's hostages, doomed to die. Satan was the ruler of this world, and God wanted to rescue us. He had a plan—the salvation plan.

JESUS SAVES THE DAY

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"Jesus gave his life for our sins. He set us free

from this evil world. That was what our God and Father wanted" (Galatians 1:4, NIRV).

Anyone who accepts the death of Jesus for themselves is clean again. The "dirt" of sinful impurity is cleaned out of them. That's called "being saved from sin." That is what salvation means.

What about you? Will you accept the death of Jesus to clean you up? Then you will no longer have the death sentence.

WE ARE STILL HERE

Jesus died to take away your sins. Why are you even here? Because you have a job to do.

After Jesus saves you from your sin, "you must go and make [more] disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19, 20, NIRV).

"We are Christ's official messengers. It is as if God were making his appeal through us" (2 Corinthians 5:20).



YOU ALL NEW

Jesus said, "Be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48, NIRV). That simply means loving others the way Jesus did.

Now that your death sentence is gone, you are all different. "Our sinful nature no longer controls the way we live. The Holy Spirit now controls the way we live" (Romans 8:4, NIRV).

"If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17, NIRV).

I JUST SINNED AGAIN!

You might think you will never sin again. Is that what it means to be perfect now? No.

"Suppose we claim we are without sin. Then we are fooling ourselves. . . . But God is faithful and fair. If we admit that we have sinned, he will forgive us our sins" (1 John 1:8, 9, NIRV).

We still commit sins after we receive salvation, but we wish we didn't! When we confess those sins and ask forgiveness, we are clean again.



LIVE FREE OR DIE

Jesus gave His life "so you could escape from the evil in the world" (2 Peter 1:4, NIRV). You are free!

The rest of your life, Jesus keeps changing you into the loving, happy person you were always meant to be.

Last thing Jesus said: "You can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end [of the age]" (Matthew 28:20, NIRV).

THIS IS REAL

We can't pretend this isn't happening.

- The devil can still make trouble in this world. He's very angry because Jesus made it possible for us to say no to sin and death.



Some people say

- "I don't have a sin problem"
- "I didn't cause my sin problem"
- "Sin doesn't even exist"
- "God is not there" ("The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God' " [Psalm 14:1, NIV]).
- "I'm not having this conversation."

Pretending that the sin problem isn't there doesn't make it go away! Satan wants you to ignore it. That way, you will choose the death sentence.



TAKE THESE STEPS IF YOU DARE



1. Realize that you have sin in you. It needs to be taken out.
2. Repent – which means turn away from sin. Decide to stop!
3. Confess – admit every sin and admit that you have sin in you.
4. Be forgiven – ask for forgiveness for your sin; God will forgive it.
5. Accept Jesus' death for you – you're free of sin.
6. Stay with God – you're now filled with the Holy Spirit and a new person inside.

