THE SALVATION OF GOD THE PATTERN OF OUR SALVATION #2

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READ:

John 3:14-18

READ:

1 Corinthians 10:1-14

READ:

Hebrews 4:1-3

The well-spring of God's Salvation

"Behold God is my Salvation"

Nothing else but the free love of the Father is the beginning of our salvation, the very essence of....]

Commentary

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Christ is He in whom our righteousness and salvation dwells

Faith is the instrument or means by which we apprehend it,

[Take hold / lay hold of]

Everlasting life is that which is set before us to apprehend

[Take hold / lay hold of]

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.

" ...should not perish...."

" ...God so <u>loved....</u>"

The lost'ness of man

The love of God

"...believes in Him...."
Faith towards God

Lost man's response to the Love of God

Believes in Him

1 John 4:16

= FAITH

And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

John 3:14-15

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,......

"that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

READ: Numbers 21:4-9 [8-9]

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Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten,

when he looks at it, shall live."

The Pattern of our Salvation

'FAITH' Believes in Him Looking to / upon "God is my Saviour"

THE PATTERN of WORSHIP - How we enter God's Presence!
Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the

Holiest by the blood of Jesus,

Blood of the Lamb of God

Hebrews 10:19+20

BELIEVING IN (FAITH) In the finished

THE PATTERN of our SALVATION work Jesus' shed BLOOD for the atonement of our sin

READ: 1 Corinthians 10:1-14

(1) "....all our Fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea."

All who had sprinkled the BLOOD on the door post of their homes were saved from the angel of death by GRACE – through FAITH in the sacrifice of the PASSOVER LAMB

Ephesians 2:8-9

- (2) ".... all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,...."
- (3) ".... all ate the same spiritual food,...."
- (4) ".... and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.,...."

They all came out of Egypt and all experienced how God destroyed their enemy in the sea.... Picture of our salvation – The power of sin, the world and the devil, is broken over our lives as we come through the waters of baptism; We are baptised into Christ's death, burial and resurrection so that we would have power to live a new life in Christ.

(Romans 6: 4)

"Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life......"

(5) ".... But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.."

WOW! With most of them God was not well pleased.......

Hears the deal! It was after they had truly tasted of The LORD's goodness and grace and His supernatural acts of Redemption and deliverance. Had experienced the miracles

'PASSOVER' UNLEAVENED FIRST FRUITS PENTECOST

DEATH BREAD RESURRECTION HOLY SPIRIT

of Jesus BREAD of Life Of Jesus New life

Had witnessed supernatural provision of BREAD & WATER

The all received God's Law and witnessed a demonstration of God's PRESENCE & POWER and Mt Sinai

Exodus 20:18 ".... "Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off...." [READ verses 18-21]

Hears the deal!Having seen and tasted of the goodness and grace of The LORD's supernatural acts of Redemption and deliverance they did not want God to rule over them – They wanted to be the master of their own destiny......

Many desire the benefits of the salvation of God but do not want the Lordship of Jesus over them.... The will of the Father

Hebrews 6:4-6"....

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, & have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

Enlightened...... See, understand and know the truth
Experienced...... The Love of God and His Saving Grace
Enjoyed God's active, supernatural gifts, transforming
power and His active presence in their lives

Also compare Hebrews 6:4-6 with Hebrews 10:26-29

The person described in the Hebrews passages is one who had been an active, truly born again, Spirit filled Christian who, having fallen into sin, wilfully turns back to practice a lifestyle of sin having rejecting the continues, loving discipline and rebukes and exhortations of the Lord.

"...If they fall away, to renew them again to repentance...."

Hebrews 10:26, 29....

For if we sin wilfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment,....

(29).... Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

Back to our Text: 1 Corinthians 10:1-14 we read verse 6, 11

- (6) Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.
- (11) Now all these things happened to them <u>as examples</u>, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come......

Israel, like us, were saved from Egypt and Pharaoh's power by GRACE through FAITH but how did they respond? Israel continually rebelled against Moses' Leadership

READ: Numbers 14:2

"And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness!"..... After the 12 spies had returned

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Numbers 14:2

""but truly, as I live, [declares YHWH] all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.

In spite of what Israel does or we think or do; all God purposes shall be fulfilled and He knows those who are His Numbers 14:21-24 And HE WILL SAVE THEM!

"....because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have <u>put Me to the test now these ten times</u>, and have not heeded My voice,.....

"they certainly shall not see the land of which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it.

"But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me whole-heartedly, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.

The Pattern of our Salvation John 20:29-31

'FAITH' Believes in Him

Looking to / upon "God is my Saviour"

"Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

- (30) "And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;.....
- (31) but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

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NB: Greek has a "present continuous" tense for verbs which is not easy to translate into English – It means to be continually doing something – In order to translate the sense into English it is necessary to add 2 little words = GO ON

"...that you may GO ON believing that Jesus is the Christ..."