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We are so glad that you chose to download this eBooklet as our gift to you. Jesus taught us in Acts 20:35, “It is more blessed to give than to receive,” and we aspire to follow our Lord’s teaching. The Apostle Paul also understood this concept, “What is my reward then {for preaching and giving the gospel away freely}? *Verily* that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge” (I Corinthians 9:18). Paul came to realize that to serve the Word *without charge* was both a blessing to those who received the Word and to himself personally because he understood that God Himself is the reward, “*I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward*” (Genesis 15:1, and see Hebrews 11:6). When you have God in your life as your *exceeding great reward*, then being *with God* you will have everything you need to begin enjoying the more than abundant life. Our prayer for you is that you come to know experientially that “with God all things are possible” (Mark 10:27).

Enjoy, and God Bless You!

Introduction

There is nothing greater or of more value in this life than receiving one's own salvation. Salvation comes to us by our belief and confession, as we will see in the first Bible study, "The Belief of Our Confession." So many tens of thousands feel that salvation is truly unobtainable, but it is not! Salvation is the easiest thing in the Scripture to receive from God. God's healing Word makes it plain and simple for anyone to receive from Him. Salvation presents humanity with everlasting life. In this e-booklet, we will be looking at our *Most Precious Salvation* from the seven church epistles, starting in Romans and ending in Thessalonians.

Salvation is woven into the living tapestry of God's healing Word, and it is our joy and privilege not only to receive it, but also to thoroughly know with understanding that we continuously have it.

The Scripture used throughout this study is quoted from the King James Version unless otherwise noted. Any explanatory insertions by the author in any of the Scripture verses are enclosed in {braces}.

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One:

The Belief of Our Confession

Almost everything a person receives in this life revolves around two important key elements, 1) confession, and 2) belief of that confession. The greatest thing in this life that a person can receive from God is salvation! Nothing in this world is above or greater than obtaining one's own salvation because salvation is what carries a person into the next life, into eternity, and into eternal bliss.

Romans 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.

Two key aspects are revealed to us in verse 9, and that is the heart and the mouth. First, we must confess with our mouth, which means to say it, to admit it, and to proclaim the thing we want. Secondly, we must believe in our heart, which means in our innermost being we must believe the outer confession we made, and then it is truly ours. These are the two keys to receiving anything, including salvation. The next verse repeats this same process of receiving, only this time it is written backwards to show us why and how one receives from God.

Romans 10:10:

For with the heart man believeth unto {God's own} righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto {your own} salvation.

The result of following the instruction recorded in Romans 10:9-10, is that “. . . thou shalt be saved,” and thus we shall absolutely receive salvation. However, if and only if we will first confess and secondly, if we believe, then we shall assuredly receive our desired result — salvation, which also means that when we believe and confess, then we can receive complete “spiritual wholeness” from God.

I pray that you have believed and confessed in the greatest thing that God has ever given to humanity, for with your belief of confession you have received eternal life. With these same keys of believing in your heart and confessing with your mouth that gave you eternity, God will also provide for all of your life's needs, desires, and concerns (Mark 11: 23-24 and Philippians 4:19).

Two: The Spirit Within

Once we have received our salvation, it can never be lost or taken away for any reason, contrary to how some think and teach. Romans 10:9–10 shows us how to receive our eternal salvation, while the rest of the Bible basically shows us how to enjoy our salvation.

II Corinthians: 1:22:

Who {God} hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit {the free gift of holy spirit} in our hearts.

When God seals a man or a woman, they are sealed for life, for all of eternity, and it is God alone Who securely seals men and women. What God has sealed up, stays sealed. God placed “the earnest of the spirit in our hearts,” from where we made our confession unto salvation. An earnest is like a token, or a guarantee of even more to come (much more). The earnest of the spirit is a deposit given to men and women by God, and what He has given cannot ever be taken away (Romans 11:29). God only gives good things (like the spirit) to those of us who ask Him (Matthew 7:11).

We have the sure guaranteed token of the spirit to enjoy now; and the sheer enjoyment of learning about the earnest of the spirit, and the subsequent life with God that accompanies it is a daily adventure. We can currently enjoy our spiritual life with God until our total redemption into the heavenlies. Then men and women will receive the full endowment of the earnest to become completely clothed with their new indestructible eternal bodies (I Corinthians 15:54). We will receive these new bodies at the gathering together (I Thessalonians 4:13–18); however, today God has sealed us as heaven’s holiest. We have the earnest of the spirit in our hearts, and the future assurance of so much more to come from our heavenly Father.

II Corinthians 5:5:

Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing {our salvation, heaven, and our new bodies given to us at the return of Christ} *is* God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit {the holy spirit}.

So today, please enjoy your eternity, for God sealed you, and guaranteed you the complete fulfillment of His promise, because you have the earnest of the spirit within your very hearts.

Three:

The Grace of our Lord

Galatians 6:18:

Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.

Heaven's greatest gifts and holiest spiritual blessings accompanied with divine grace belong only to those who have obtained salvation. Galatians 6:18 is the closing salutation to the book of Galatians. The first word is "Brethren . . ." and is used because God's Word is talking to all those who belong to Him, and when they are God's children, they are His sons and daughters, and members of His family. Every child of God is important to Him (Luke 15:10), and to each other (Ephesians 4:14-16).

Jesus, during the Gospel period was known to his disciples as their "master" (John 13:13) while to Jesus Christ, his disciples were known to him as his "friends" (John 15:13-15). This is still true today, along with another dynamic dimension, and that is that Christ is also our big brother. For as he is a child of God (Mark 1:11) we are also the children of God, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Jesus Christ (Romans 8:15-17a).

The next phrase in Galatians 6:18 is ". . . the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit." "Your spirit" here means the inner you, not only what is in your heart but in your emotions and in your feelings and in all that makes you – you. After our salvation and introduction into God's household, the very next thing that He gives to His children is "grace," the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is our Lord and Savior, for he was raised from the dead, and because he was resurrected, he has been the foundation of all true Christianity. In Romans 10:9-10, we learned that we must believe and confess that God raised the Lord Jesus from the dead; this is how we obtained our salvation. Then, we have free access to all the grace that came with Jesus Christ (John 1:17). Grace means unmerited and undeserved favor from the God of all love, and today the wonderful grace of God in Christ is ours to discover in the New Testament Scriptures, and to enjoy in our lives.

The last word in Galatians 6:18 is ". . . Amen." This means, "So be it." In other words, the last word fills up the thought and content of the subject. Thus the grace of our Lord Jesus is permanently and presently with you and in you because you are the brethren of Jesus Christ and the children of God. Amen and so be it.

Four:

The Gift of God

We receive gifts at certain times of the year, on our birthdays, Christmas, and even at special occasions. Yet of all the gifts we have ever received, nothing will be as everlasting as the gift of God. The gift of God is our salvation. A gift is never worked for, earned, or even necessarily deserved. Gifts are simply given to bless and make us happy. Many of the gifts that we have received as early as last year are already gone, used up, or spent, but the gift of God is eternal. God's gift is given to men and women by His divine grace, unmerited and unearned, yet eternally present and we can gratefully accept it and daily appreciate it.

Ephesians 2:8:

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is the gift of God:*

"Through faith" is the faith of Jesus Christ himself rather than through your own faith, for the Bible says that it is "not of yourselves." We were saved through the faith of Jesus Christ, for it was his own personal believing action to give his life for you and me; this made our salvation possible (this is his personal gift to us). Now we can genuinely and honestly receive the actual gift of God, our salvation, without any works on our part. Another reason why Ephesians 2:8 says "and that not of yourselves" is because we did nothing whatsoever to earn it, nor can we do anything to lose it, for it is something that God through Christ made available to us and freely gave us. God's grace, His divine favor of love is manifested to us through His gift of salvation.

Ephesians 2:9:

Not of works, lest any man should boast.

No one is more saved in God's eyes, we believed unto God's own righteousness (Romans 10:9-10) which gives us complete salvation along with total access into His grace and family (Romans 5:2 and Ephesians 2:19). However if we could become saved by our own merits, then someone else could be more saved than we could, and that action would take works. If works (like some today still believe and futilely practice) was the only way to get into heaven, then God's grace would

be totally worthless and most of us would never make it. However, because we do not base the gift of God on works, but as the Scriptures reveal, salvation is by God's grace, we can simply believe to receive it. All we need to do today is bask in God's wonderful grace and eternity (however, it is perfectly OK to boast in the works of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ). Becoming humbly thankful for the gift of God is a wonderful way to start your day.

Five:

That I Might Know Him

Jesus Christ is who makes known the heavenly Father to His children (Matthew 11:27b and John 1:18; 14:6). The more we learn about Jesus himself, the more he can introduce God to us.

John 17:26:

And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare *it*: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

When we believed and confessed in the resurrection (Romans 10:9–10) we became totally saved. But saved for what, and from what? The answer lies in knowing our Savior, for when we become saved we automatically have a personal Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. When we first became truly acquainted with him, we believed the Scripture that God raised him from among the dead. Consider what it took to raise and rescue a brutally battered and totally lifeless man from the clutches of the grave and death. Power — enormous power, almost unfathomable might. Yet we believed in it, and the hope of our own eternal life is contingent upon this power.

Philippians 3:10a:

That I may know him {Jesus Christ}, and the power of his resurrection. . .

Why do you suppose that writing this was so important for the Apostle Paul? Because as Paul began realizing the enormous spiritual power that was now in him (as well as in us), he also understood that it was the same power that raised Christ from the dead (Romans 8:11). After our salvation the power of Christ begins revealing the true characteristics and attributes of God to men and women (I Corinthians 1:24).

Philippians 3:8a:

Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord. . .

The more we learn about the power of our personal Lord and Savior's resurrection, the more he begins to introduce the ways of God to us, and then the more we become able to live a life not called the abundant life, but "the more abundant life" (John 10:10b). As we continue learning about our personal Savior's resurrection, power, and the subsequent more abundant life with him that follows, the more Christ Jesus will teach us about his heavenly Father, Who is also now our heavenly Father.

Six:

Speaking With Grace

Colossians 4:6:

Let your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

The word “speech” in the Greek text is the word *logos*. This word is usually translated in the Bible as “word” and is used for the Word of God itself. In the phrase “let your speech be always with grace” we are exhorted to speak kindly and affectionately with the favor and authority of God’s own grace. How often have we heard hellfire and brimstone accompanied with negatives relating to God, or His Word? Here in Colossians 4:6, God exhorts us to speak of His loving favor to others rather than about wrath and condemnation. We can authoritatively speak about the true grace of God because we were saved by grace (Ephesians 2:8).

The phrase “. . . seasoned with salt” means to present God’s grace in a savory and flavorsome way to others as it has been (or at least should have been) spoken to you. God obviously foresaw that His Word would at times be mishandled, wrongly interpreted, and spoken with venomous wrath and condemnation, and even in hypocrisy to others. Salt in the Bible is not only used as a preservative but it also represents one’s commitment and dedication to God. We are saved for eternity and have been entrusted with God’s Word (II Corinthians 5:19). As we ourselves become committed to His Word, He then kindly asks us to speak His Word entrusted to us with grace (I Corinthians 5:18-20).

Then the next phrase in Colossians 4:6 is “. . . that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.” We cannot answer until a question is put forth. As others become aware of our Christian standing and see our excitement, they will without a doubt begin to ask us questions. Some people may be very sincere (perhaps they are searching as we have done in the past), others may ask with other motives, either way God wants us to be prepared to speak of His divine grace. As we answer in the way God encourages us to, others will see our commitment and dedication to Him, which will promote our genuine sincerity as well as placing God in the favorable light due to Him (I Peter 3:15).

This is why the verse preceding Colossians 4:6 states “Walk in wisdom toward them that are without . . .” To walk in the wisdom of God’s gracious Word toward them who are without may be the key factor in someone’s decision to make the ultimate confession in Romans 10:9-10 and live a life with God in His loving abundant grace, as we have.

Colossians 4:6 (The Amplified Bible): **

Let your speech at all times be gracious (pleasant and winsome), seasoned [as it were] with salt, [so that you may never be at a loss] to know how you ought to answer anyone [who puts a question to you].

I Peter 3:15 (The Amplified Bible): **

But in your hearts set Christ apart as holy [and acknowledge Him] as Lord. Always be ready to give a logical defense to anyone who asks you to account for the hope that is in you, but do it courteously and respectfully.

Seven:

The Calling of God

It would be next to impossible to present the grace of God to others enthusiastically while being fearful about our own future. Today we are bombarded from every direction with unimaginable fears about doomsday, Armageddon, and the wrath of God. These fears have been running rampant for years around the world and have scared people, especially Christian people, half to death. However, most about what people say regarding the future for the Christian believer and the world are, simply put — not true!

I Thessalonians 5:9-10a:

For God hath not appointed {or called} us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us. . .

To be appointed for an office or a position someone needs to call and appoint us. God has called us to Himself even before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4 and I Thessalonians 2:12). Contrary to popular thought, belief, and doctrine, our calling is to obtain salvation rather than wrath. We have the God-given right and privilege of obtaining this calling based entirely on the completed work of our Savior who died for us. In the Greek text, the word saved is *sozo* and means to be made spiritually whole (through the receiving of the gift of holy spirit), and to be saved from eternal death (into the lake of fire), and judgment (at the last day). Because Jesus gave his life for you and for me, we are truly saved from the wrath to come. Jesus already passed completely through the judgments for us. This is all included and given to us in the calling of God.

I Thessalonians 1:10:

And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, *even* Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

Our deliverance from the future wrath is thankfully based on the completed work of our heavenly Father, Who raised Christ from the dead. Yes—there will be wrath coming in the future; however, the believers are totally exempt from wrath and will be rescued by “. . . His son from heaven,” who will take us back to heaven with him (I Thessalonians 4:13-18). Not only will we be delivered from the wrath to come but Jesus has also “. . . delivered us from this present evil world

(Galatians 1:3-4).” Life with our Savior began by our belief and confession of Romans 10:9-10, and from that moment onward we have the privilege and the responsibility of learning and living in the true grace and calling of God, being made free from any and all of the wrath and judgments to come upon this world. Have a great day, God bless you!

“GOD BLESS YOU!”

Benediction:

Romans 10:9-10 (The Amplified Bible): **

-9: Because if you acknowledge *and* confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and in your heart believe (adhere to, trust in, and rely on the truth) that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

-10: For with the heart a person believes (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Christ) and so is justified (declared righteous, acceptable to God), and with the mouth he confesses (declares openly and speaks out freely his faith) *and* confirms [his] salvation.

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A Bonus Chapter

Rejoice and Be Glad In Salvation

(This free study is from our e-Booklet titled: Rejoice and Be Glad In Your Heart, enjoy.)

In Habakkuk 3, we see the subject is on struggling through days of trouble and hardship, not unlike today when at times things may not seem perfect. Yet even when times are rough, our God can give to us rejoicing and gladness in knowing that we also have salvation, just as He did for the Old Testament believers.

God is always with us; we only need to trust in Him. Did you know that when you become saved by confessing Romans 10:9-10 that you are saved even today? It is true, even today, we are already on the journey of eternity, and we may enjoy living with the knowledge that we will live throughout eternity.

Habakkuk 3:18-19a:

-18: Yet {through difficult times} I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. {Whenever life seems too difficult, a wonderful key is to look to our God through Christ rather than focusing even more negative attention upon a currently awful situation.}

-19a: The LORD God *is* my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' *feet*, and he will make {cause} me to walk upon mine high places. . .

A hind is a mother deer that first checks the rocky cliffs with her front feet to insure that her back feet will land safely on solid ground. This is the promise to believers: our God can watch our steps like the hind, so that even through a difficult time we do not fall. Thus, the lesson here is to still rejoice in the LORD through a difficult time and we will be brought to our high places, to the place where the desire of our hearts will take us. And now, God in Christ in us is like that hind, checking our steps before we ever walk into danger and placing our steps on firm ground, up on high.

Psalms 37:4:

Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Galatians 6:9:

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

We can dispel darkness by focusing of the light of God's Word, rather than on a current dark event. In Philippians 4:12-13 Paul taught that whether he had to endure lean times or times of abundance in his life he always looked to God and the strength that his Savior Jesus Christ gave him, as Christ strengthens us today and we are blessed.

Matthew 5:11-12:

-11: Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

-12: Rejoice and be exceeding glad {and this is why}: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Well, we certainly are in good company! And God gives us great expectation of receiving a great reward in heaven, for looking to Him and confessing His healing Word.

Psalms 40:16-17:

-16: Let all those that seek thee {God} rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually: The LORD be magnified.

-17: But I *am* poor and needy; *yet* the Lord thinketh upon me {Can you imagine, you are upon His mind and in His thinking, see: Jeremiah 29:11.}: thou *art* my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying {come to my aid speedily}, O my God.

As the Psalmist prayed for God's speedy deliverance, so can we, and we can be assured that God hears our requests (Philippians 4:6-8). Our God truly loves us; we are forever in His thoughts. He has given to us salvation, today, in the here and now to comfort our souls through life's difficult times. He is with us, so: Rejoice and be glad in His salvation.