

LIFE IN THE KINGDOM

12. SALVATION

“ to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God’s people, who are set apart by faith in me’.

Acts 26:18 NLT

Our Eternal Father designed a wonderful plan for humanity in which everything on Earth works as it does in heaven.

How does it look?

- Without fear, shame, accusation and without envy or jealousy
- A lifestyle without betrayal, criticism and gossip
- In peace and harmony
- A society in which no one needs anything nor is there misery or scarcity
- Everyone shares what they have with others and everyone prospers.

In this plan, humanity lives in obedience in His Kingdom; recognizing that He did everything well and believing in each of His promises. Therefore living the way He established it. **The Kingdom of Heaven on Earth is where our God, (who is love), lives among us and we all receive and give of that perfect love. In this Kingdom, we are a family; His family.**

On the other hand our enemy the devil, has deceived human beings from the beginning with the purpose of separating us from the love of our Father and making us doubt Him; in order to destroy God's plan and establish his own plan of chaos, death and destruction. Through this way, the Kingdom of Heaven is prevented from being established on Earth and the devil can govern with all its characteristics.

It is not difficult to look around us and realize how the world is worse than the day before. Although there is more convenience and technological advances, there is also less compassion and less mercy. In simpler words, there is less love of God.

The human being is tripartite. A single being that consists of body, (the physical part), soul, (thoughts, emotions, feelings and intellect), and Spirit (the same Spirit of God). As we all know, when someone dies their body is still physically there however, everything that the person was, (charisma, emotions, feelings, decisions, etc.), is no longer there; and that is why we say that, “the person is gone.” Although we see their body, their soul is no longer on our natural or earthly plane since it went to the invisible plane, (the spiritual plane), and continues to exist there eternally. As long as a person is alive in their body, they still have hope of defining their eternity. Your eternity depends on whether you choose to accept the love and forgiveness of the Eternal Father and choosing to spend eternity as He planned, (together with Him), or apart from His love and suffering eternally.



This is Salvation; the alternative plan that Our Father devised so that we do not remain eternally separated from Him in an atmosphere in which His presence or His characteristics of love, are not present. A place that lacks the love of God is a place of suffering and torment because it is an area full of hatred, loneliness, sadness, bitterness, fear and without any hope of escape. That particular place and that atmosphere is called hell.

Since it was man to whom God gave the authority to rule on Earth and that man gave it to the devil by deciding to trust him, following his instructions and abandoning those of his Father; only a man could pay for sin and only a man could regain that authority by taking it back from the devil.

Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.

Romans 6:16 NLT

That is why it was necessary for God to become man and live as a man among us. He had to die on the cross, pay for our sin and rise from the dead to overcome its power and to recover the life of the Spirit for all of us.

So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son..

John 1:14 NLT

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:16-17 NLT

This salvation is available to anyone who wants it and is received by believing in Jesus.

If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.

Romans 10:9-10 NLT

How do you receive Salvation?

1. Accepting the Lordship, (Kingdom), of Jesus in your life by recognizing and repenting of not having believed or trusted in Him, in His good will and in His Word
2. Recognizing that you have lived in disobedience all your life and for this you deserve eternal death, (separation from the love of God).
3. Receiving by Faith the gift that the Father gives you by putting his Son in your place so that He paid your sin on the cross for you.
4. Believing in your heart that the Father raised his Son from the dead thus conquering death so that you may now be born again in the spirit; conquering eternal death and returning to the right position with your Father.
5. Accepting that thanks to what Jesus did on the cross, you can once again be ONE with your Heavenly Father.

Study Questions

1. Based on what you just read, where do you think your eternity is right now?
2. We invite you to receive the most beautiful gift that your Heavenly Father has given you through his Son; so that you can live within His perfect will and have access to the greatest and purest love and be ONE with Him.
3. If you have any questions about this, don't hesitate to reach out to someone within the prayer groups or church so they can address any questions you have.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, today I decide to accept you as my King and Lord and I accept what you did on the cross for me so that I can receive eternal Salvation. Today I recognize that I have lived separated from the perfect will of my Heavenly Father, from His Word and I have been living separated from His perfect love. I recognize that by living in disobedience, my sin results in eternal death. For this I thank you because you decided that your Son would take my place on the cross and pay for my sin when He had no sin. Today I decide to recognize that Jesus died on a cross for me and paid a very high price for me to have access to the Father again. I recognize that He rose from the dead on the third day, defeating eternal death and once again placing me in right relationship with my Heavenly Father. For this reason, today I decide to accept the Salvation and Lordship of Christ in my life; understanding that making Him King means obeying Him and remaining in a relationship with my Father, being ONE with Him. I give you everything that I was, everything that I am and everything what I will be. I ask that through your Word and your Holy Spirit you always guide me to all truth and to live your perfect will.