

Calvary Sin and Redemption

A Simple explanation

Man disobeyed God and sinned.

This caused a barrier between God and man and destroyed the relationship mankind had with God.

God saw that mankind could not remove this barrier so sent Jesus to do this.

Jesus died on the cross and removed this barrier.

His death satisfied the requirements of God to remove this barrier.

The relationship man had with God was restored and mankind could now be with God in heaven.

On a dark afternoon in 29 AD a man hung on a cross suspended between sky and earth dying an agonising death.

It was perhaps the most significant event in all history. That man was Jesus the Christ and His death obtained the redemption of all mankind.

But why was it necessary to Jesus to die?

And what did it accomplish?

The objective of this book is to answer these questions and to make His death more relevant to you.

Preface

Most people know that we are redeemed by Jesus from the eternal consequences of our sins (rebellion) against God but do not realize why we needed redemption. So we need to understand why Jesus needed to come to earth and die. To do this we need to understand the Gospel of Christ which explains why He needed to come to earth and die to redeem us.

God did not have to do this but Loved us, his Children so much that His integrity made Him do it.

Introduction to the Gospel of Jesus

God is complete in Himself and does not need us for anything. He brought us into existence for our own pleasure and joy. But it also gave Him pleasure and joy to do this and He delights in our having Joy.. We are His created children and He loves us dearly. He weeps over our hurts and rejoices in our joys just as any father would.

When Satan stole us from Him, God determined to restore us to the relationship we had with Him before mankind fell from it. Being Perfect Love by nature, God did all that was necessary for this and is doing all He can for this to happen for each one of us individually so we can have a personal relationship with Him now and later in heaven and do not go to hell.

2 Cor 5:18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

We relate to Jesus as Redeemer when we make Him our Lord by a voluntary decision on our part and not by being forced or pushed by anyone to do so. In other words we want Him to be our Lord because we love Him and obey Him and not because we do not want to go to hell.

The Gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ - back ground

This is mistakenly called the Gospel of Salvation. Salvation is by Faith in and obedience to Jesus. Redemption was secured at Calvary and not salvation. Without redemption we could not go to heaven and be in the presence of The Father and we would have had to suffer the penalty for our sins, which is hell, even though we believed in Jesus and obeyed Him because the penalty would have not been dealt with by Jesus on our behalf. So the Gospel of Christ is about Redemption and not Salvation.

Jesus did not have to die for you. There is nothing that requires God to do anything for you.

It is only His Love, Mercy, Grace and Compassion that sent Jesus to die for you and His longsuffering that keeps Him patient with your wrongs against Him so that He does not stop trying to help you get to heaven.

Because Jesus is God, His death covered all time and space so He only had to die once and not regularly for our sins.

From before creation Jesus knew He would have to come to the earth He had created, to teach and demonstrate what God required of us and then die an agonising death to restore mankind to the relationship they originally had with God in the Garden of Eden

He knew the agonising death He would suffer if He created us with free will but still went ahead with creation: not for His sake, but for ours! Even though He knew it would give Him much grief and sorrow, He still created us with free will because He valued our love for Him so much and desired it to be freely given and not forced on us or He would have made us robots programmed not to sin and also to love Him.

Jesus gave up being in control of The Universe, then was born as a man, lived as one and was put to an agonising death by the people He had created, even though He was innocent of doing anything wrong against God or man.

Jesus gave up control of the universe to do this so we should not complain about the sacrifices we need to make for him.

He came to redeem us. To satisfy once and for all time God's requirements of punishment for sin. Because He is God, He satisfied the requirements of God for the punishment of all who have sinned in the past, are now sinning or will sin any where in the universe.

His sacrifice on the Cross satisfied God's requirements for our punishment and removed the defilement of sin that prevented us relating to God on a continuing personal basis and which also prevented us from entering The Kingdom of God.

When The Father looks at us now He sees in us no sin, or its defilement of it, in us as it has been dealt with by Jesus at Calvary. This means we can approach God at any time because all the defilement that made us unholy and prevented his has been removed.

God now sees you as a redeemed person in a correct relationship with Him. He sees you as a citizen of His Kingdom and as an adopted child of His and treats you as one. He treats you the same as He treated Jesus on earth.

Satan will try to have you to see yourself as a sinner so you will not be free from guilt, shame or condemnation and try and cripple your faith through this as well as hide God's forgiving Love toward you. However, God says, "*My Grace is sufficient for you*" and overlooks your failings if you repent (stop doing the wrong thing), using trials to mature you into the likeness of His Character.

If you deliberately rebel against Jesus, you remove yourself from his Kingdom and the redemption that belongs to salvation and you risk going to hell if you do not repent of this rebellion (Rev 3:5). Remember that salvation is through faith and maintained through wholehearted, voluntary obedience and that redemption is what makes your personal salvation relationship with God possible.

All Glory, Honour and Power be unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Why you need Jesus

In the beginning God created everything including mankind.

God and mankind walked together as friends in a personal relationship with each other in a wonderful garden God created for mankind to live in. He walked with them every day as they were His Children and they had a personal relationship with Him.

The relationship would have lasted forever if mankind had not sinned!

He built a beautiful Garden for them to live in. It was part of His Kingdom so it was perfect and undefiled. In this Garden there was no death and decay. All was perfect. God was King of this garden.

In this garden God and man had a close personal relationship, walking and talking together as close friends would. Man had everything He needed except a wife. So God gave man a woman to be with the man forever as his wife and partner. She too enjoyed this close, personal relationship with God. This marriage relationship of the first man and woman was designed to be forever. As there was no death there would be no separation through death so that they would live forever together.

God was King of this beautiful, perfect, place they were in. But they rebelled against their ruler. (They rejected His rule over them). This is called treason which is punishable by death or banishment from the kingdom of the King rebelled against.

Mankind (consisting then of only Adam and Eve) rejected God. They both disobeyed God and by this rebelled against him because they listened to His enemy, Satan, and decided not to obey God. They were defiled spiritually by this sin. So God removed them from His Garden (Kingdom) and placed them in the kingdom of His enemy, Satan (the only place left for them to go). This was because nothing defiled could stay in the garden. They had not physically died so Satan could not take them to hell but they were placed on the earth that Satan ruled.

The man and the woman both suffered this fate of being cast out of the garden into the kingdom His enemy ruled because they had chosen to follow His enemy and not God. They were cast out of the garden into the only other place available for them which was the enemy's kingdom on earth and they would now die physically.

They were cast into a place of imperfection God had prepared for His enemy: Satan, the devil. This world they were in also started to decay and no longer was perfect. They were now in a place ruled by the enemy of God.

The man and the woman would both die: physically, because they now had a body that would die physically, then spiritually, because they would be forever separated from God after their death in the place His enemy ruled.

Whoever king you serve when you die is the one whose kingdom you go to when you die. If God is your King you are restored to all that the man and the woman lost through their rebellion. If you do not go to be with God you go to the only other place left, called hell, where Satan is king and he hates people so that he really causes them to suffer terribly.

God does not send people to hell. They go there because they have chosen to follow Satan and rejected what God required of them. This is because they have done something which they know is wrong and refuse to give it up. Because they are defiled by sin they cannot enter heaven where all is undefiled.

So man was in this predicament. God required a punishment for their rebellion and mankind was not able to meet it as God is infinite and man is finite so that the rebellion required an infinite punishment for restitution to God and mankind is finite so could not meet this requirement.

God saw that mankind was not able to restore this relationship, and that this prevented them once again walking with God as His friend and that He alone could do something about this situation.

God is Love by nature so He sent Jesus to die on Calvary and meet both requirements of mankind's punishment for every one that ever lived if they decided to wholeheartedly try follow Jesus as their King and meet the requirements of God so they could be able once again to relate to God on a continual personal basis now, and in heaven after they died.

Jesus did not have to die for us but loved us to do this.

This is what the Gospel (Good News) of Jesus is: that Jesus broke down the barrier separating us from God through meeting the spiritual punishment for our sins that we should have suffered, so we can now approach God continually without the need for a person, except Jesus, to be a go-between between God and us (Jn 14:6) and that through faith in whom Jesus is: God come to earth, born of a virgin, risen from the dead, ruler of all; and that through obeying His requirements, we can have eternal life with forever Him in heaven.

Jesus died on the cross to remove the barrier that stopped us relating to God as His personal friend as well as meeting the punishment for our rebellion (sins) against God. Because Jesus is an infinite God the effects of Calvary covers all places in the universe, all time and eternity and all sins we repent of so that the spiritual consequences our failings are dealt with before we even do them. There is no more shame, guilt or condemnation for sin. These now come from Satan. You just need to repent (turn from the wrong you are doing) and to continue to try and wholeheartedly obey Jesus in all you do. You may still have the physical consequence of these failings but God can help you in them and deal with or heal any injury that results from them.

So Jesus met the requirements of God's punishment and mankind was once again able to have God as a close, personal, friend and to go to the beautiful place called heaven when they die where the original perfection of the garden exists, where there is no death or decay and all is perfect.

You will not go to hell because you tried to obey and failed. You will go to hell because you knowingly stopped trying to obey and so rejected Jesus.

What must you do to get to heaven?

You must believe Jesus is Lord of all, that He is God, that He died for you on Calvary, redeemed you so that you can now enter heaven and then you must try wholeheartedly to obey Him in all He asks you to do which means you need to study His guidebook, The Bible and find someone who can teach you what it means to be a Christian and not just preach to you once a week in church and that you also need to find a group of Christians you can socialize with and learn how to live as a Christian, people who can who can encourage, guide and teach you in your Christian life.

You also need to learn how to be guided by The Holy Spirit so He can tell you what God would like you to do.

Two things happened at Calvary

Firstly, our sins were remitted forever when Jesus redeemed us by taking our place and removing the punishment for our sins so that we are no longer considered by God to be defiled by sin, and can enter The Kingdom of God and have The Holy Spirit's presence in us in us. The punishment for all sin was met there by Jesus so that there is no further punishment for sin. We have a new start and as Jesus has taken on Himself every sin that we have, are doing or will do there is nothing to break our fellowship with God except to not repent of something we know is wrong which means we are rejecting God, His Love and His Lordship.

Secondly, Satan was defeated and taken captive (Eph 4:8) so he has no right to leave his prison (hell) and roam the world freely. He has no legal rights in creation as he and his demons are prisoners and prisoners have no rights. So they can be evicted from people or creation, sent back to prison in Jesus' Name as well as punished for leaving their prisoner and also for what they did after they escaped from their prison.

Note also that because of Calvary we have a hope of better things after death in a beautiful paradise created by God for His People. God does not need a place to live in but has made one purely for our benefit.

In Summary.

Why do we need Calvary?

As a result of Adam's sin man became spiritually separated from God. Man died spiritually and not just physically. Man could not restore the relationship with God. Only God could. At Calvary Jesus did what was necessary to remove everything that separated man from God through taking the punishment we should have experienced for our sins and placing it on himself.

What happened at Calvary?

Jesus died and met God's requirements for the punishment of our sins. This means we are no longer polluted by the defilement of sin and can relate to God on a personal basis and enter His Kingdom, providing we follow Jesus as our Lord and Saviour and accept what He did for us at Calvary.

Sin resulted in physical and spiritual death. (Spiritual death is eternal separation from God and from all He has prepared for us in heaven). Jesus was sinless so should not have died. Death was part of the punishment for Sin and Jesus had not sinned so should not have physically died. This is why God resurrected Jesus from the dead. Jesus was resurrected and was given a new body to replace the defiled one he had on earth (defiled by being in a fallen creation and not by sin), a body that was eternal and would never die

What were the results of Calvary?

Jesus removed everything that stood between mankind and God so that mankind could now relate to God on a personal basis and enter The Kingdom of God which contains heaven. The Father was then able to adopt us as His children with all the rights, roles, responsibilities and rewards that come with this relationship. We are able to become citizens of The Kingdom of God and be used by Him to do the work of The Kingdom.

How should we respond to Calvary?

As Jesus has redeemed us (paid the price of our redemption through his life) we should:

Set ourselves apart for His purposes (Holiness)

Dedicate Our Life to Serving Him As Our Lord and King.

Tell others that Jesus has done for them out of love for He and they

Love is behind The Gospel

The whole point of The Gospel is that God loved us sufficiently to do something to help us when we were unable to do anything to restore the relationship to God man originally had in The Garden of Eden which was lost through mankind's rebellion against God.

God's Love is expressed through Calvary.

Two components of God's love are Mercy and Grace.

God's Mercy means He does not destroy a person when they sin but makes it possible for them to deal with sin's consequences because of what Jesus has done at Calvary.

His Grace means that He does this without requiring anything from us except our love and obedience, both of which should be a natural result of our appreciation and thanksgiving for what Jesus has done for us at Calvary

The Gospel of Redemption

First a warning.

You cannot use modern bible translations for these verses as some will be missing either in part or in whole. This is because they mainly are based on three codices.

Mark is based on Codex 2742, which has been proved to be a forgery: Codex Sinaiticus is used as a Major text for the New Testament and has been shown to be a forgery because two witnesses saw it being forged in the early 1800's as well as one seeing the pages being aged with lemon juice: and Codex Vaticanus fails the test of being used as a reliable document for translation as it belongs to the later than sixth century and not the fourth. So modern Bible versions have no real basis for making the changes they have made to the traditional King James, which is where the following verses are taken from.

Remember, God had to do nothing He has did below or give us an explanation of it but out of His Love for us, His Children, he did both.

Now for the Gospel as it has been understood for over 18 Centuries Using the King James Translation.

Any Gospel not based on the revealed truths of the Bible or that adds to it or subtracts from it in any way is heresy and belongs to the teachings of demons!

2Jn 1:10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

Man was made to relate to God on a personal basis and when man is not in this relationship He is not living the life God desires him to live and is not placing Himself in the way of all the good things God desires to give him (Eph 2:10)!

In the beginning God created everything and because of this He owns everything.

(Genesis 1:1) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

God created people male and female in His Image. When we look at people we are seeing a reflection of God's (Spiritual) Nature. And it is to this spiritual nature that He desires us to mature into. God is a pure spirit and has no physical form we can be a reflection of.

Gen 1:26-27 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air; and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

God created people in His Image as male or female. For spiritual purposes there is no difference between them in the eyes of God. He gave them different temperaments and characteristics for their roles on earth. Yet they both express the character/image of God. When we look at people we are seeing a reflection of God's (Spiritual) Nature and it is to this nature that He desires us to mature into. God is a pure spirit and has no physical form we can be a reflection of. So it can only be His Character and Personality that we can be a reflection of.

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Gen 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

God expressed His personality when He created mankind as maleness and femaleness. Yet He is neither but contains their character as a part of His which is why He is able to give it to them.

If God did not want to give them different personalities so that each reflected a part of His nature, preparing them for the different role men and women had on earth, He would have needed only one gender.

To obtain the fullness of the character and personality of God requires a combination of maleness and femaleness. This really only occurs in marriage when both partners are led by The Holy Spirit so that they work as one with God and each other, each providing their maleness or femaleness to the unity they have as husband and wife. This shows the importance of marriage in that it reflects more fully the nature of God.

This partnership of opposite sexes can occur temporarily when non-married people work together with The Holy Spirit. But its fullness is expressed best in marriage! This is probably because the souls of the married people are united as one through sex. Their spirits are already united through The Holy Spirit in them both.

Gen 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

It is as the character of God is expressed through both parents that allow the children to be raised in a Godly way in a Godly home and begin to understand the Character of God!

Originally all creation was in harmony with God. It was probably on the day of rest that Adam and Eve sinned as the first six days were 'good' but the Seventh was not described as such. It shows the danger of sinning that can occur when we relax.

Gen 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Mankind walked in a face-to-face relationship with God in the park He had created for them

Gen 2:15-17 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

A man (Adam) disobeyed God and deliberately rejected God's rule through eating what He had told them not to eat. This resulted in mankind being separated from God. This is what spiritual death is. It is a separation from The Presence of God (Heaven) and placement in the kingdom of His enemy (Hell).

Gen 3:5-8 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

Gen 3:9-11 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

Physical death resulted from this rebellion as spiritual death had already occurred through Adam's sin. Man had separated himself from God through deliberately rejecting the Authority of God which is spiritual death. But physical death was also required as the whole man was to die for their rebellion and not just the spirit of the man.

Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: Jesus was the one promised to defeat Satan and reconcile man to God!

Note the woman is stated to be Satan's enemy and not the man. The man was at fault and allowed the woman to be in a position to sin so he had excluded himself from being used because He was not deceived but sinned voluntarily. The woman did not sin voluntarily but was deceived because the man did not protect her so has the privilege of being used to destroy Satan and his works. A woman was going to be used to be the mother of the baby Jesus who would be used by God to completely defeat Satan at Calvary.

Mankind's relationship with God was broken as a result of their rebellion (sin). Because of this rebellion (sin) man was cast out of the place where he used to walk in a face-to-face relationship with God and was no longer able to communicate with God.

(Gen 3:24) So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

All have voluntarily sinned (have chosen to do that which is evil and wrong) breaking God's Law of Love and by this have fallen short of God's Glory (His perfect moral requirements) and are unable to save themselves from the punishment of rebellion (sin) against God. The rebellion is an offence against an infinite God and is infinite in the way it needs to be dealt with so that God and man can be reconciled.

(Romans 3:23) For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

(NEV) All have deliberately disobeyed God at some time and not met God's standards:

The result of Sin is spiritual death (separation from God) and physical death. But through Jesus, God gives us the gift of eternal life (Spiritual life in His presence) which is the restoration, (through the redemption Jesus obtained for us at Calvary, to the type of fellowship mankind (all two of them) had with God in the garden.

(Romans 6:23 The results of sin is death, but God gives us eternal life because of what Jesus did for us at Calvary.

Unworthy as we are of God even considering us as possible citizens of His Kingdom, Jesus died for us out of God's love for us so we could enter into a relationship with Him, The Father and The Holy Spirit. He did not need to do this but loved us so did it.

(Romans 5:7-8) Very few people will die to save the life of someone else. Although perhaps for a good person someone might possibly die. But God shows his great love for us in this way: Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

We die once and then are judged for our sins - there is no second chance.

(Hebrews 9:27) Just as everyone must die once and be judged,

Jesus is the only way to God's forgiveness and the reconciliation that results from accepting the redemption God gives us in Jesus.

(John 14:6) Jesus answered, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. The only way to the Father is through me (what I did at Calvary).

Jesus has broken down the barrier that separates us from God and has reconciled (made peace between) God and us. Through the death of Jesus on the cross, the punishment for our sins was remitted (removed as if the sins had never occurred) so that this punishment no longer is required to be given to us. This is because Jesus took our punishment on Himself. If we had been only forgiven our sins at The Cross the punishment of our sin would have still been there. But because our sins were remitted this is no longer there to affect us. It was this defilement and its punishment that prevented us entering The Kingdom of God and relating to God on a personal basis.

The remitting of the sin meant the punishment for our sin no longer needed to be given to us and God's requirements for our sins had been satisfied so that we were no longer defiled by them and could enter heaven. The death of Jesus met the punishment for our sins so that we no longer had to be punished for them.

Matt 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Note: Remission and not just forgiveness.

If something is remitted it is as if the thing remitted had never occurred. If it is only forgiven, we still have the act recorded against us as well as any consequences of that act. But if it the act is remitted, then the consequences of that act are also removed and it is as if the sinful act had never occurred.

Eph 2:14-18 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

There is only one way to God and that is Jesus. Only one man that can restore our spiritual relationship with God and that is Jesus. Anyone else who says they are a spiritual mediator between God and mankind are deceived by Satan (the opponent of Jesus who tries to destroy mankind).

(1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

Jesus can deliver what He said He would (Phil 2:9-11) as He now rules all creation and eternity.

Eph 2: 9-11 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

It requires you to believe in what Jesus taught and did.

Joh 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

You must declare Jesus to be your Lord and Saviour and believe Him to be so and show this by your lifestyle of obedience to Jesus. You must also tell others what Jesus has done for you as well as what He can do for them. You must also believe God has raised Jesus from the dead to a new life in heaven so that you also will be raised from the dead after you die and have this new life in heaven. Your lifestyle will demonstrate what a citizen of The Kingdom of God is and can do!

Rom 10:9-10 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. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

If you have done these things and wholeheartedly try to obey Jesus as your Lord in all you do, you now have eternal life in Jesus and have been restored to a personal, intimate relationship with Him! This will result in a new lifestyle in which you reject all that was wrong in your old lifestyle.

(1 John 5:11) This is what God told us: God has given us, eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life, but whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

You are a new spiritual person in Jesus (Titus 3:5) and need to discipline yourself to allow these new attitudes resulting from this new lifestyle to be expressed in all you do.

2 Cor:5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

(ISV) No, I keep on disciplining my body, making it serve me so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not somehow be disqualified.

This newness is because of the transformation The Holy Spirit does to you when you decide to follow Jesus and are changed to become a citizen of His Kingdom.

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

(CEV) Titus 3:5 He saved us because of his mercy, and not because of any good things that we have done. God washed us by the power of the Holy Spirit. He gave us new birth and a fresh beginning.

It will be a battle but remember:

Mat 10:22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

Salvation is a relationship that needs to be nurtured and maintained to preserve it. We have been saved by faith but it is our responsibility to work at maintaining it and to grow in it and all that this means.

(Jn 17:3) And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

Phil 2:12) So, then, my beloved, even as you always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much rather in my absence, cultivate (work at) maintaining your salvation with fear and trembling,

Jesus came to save people and not condemn people. All are redeemed but only those accepting what Jesus offers and who live in accordance with His requirements, are saved.

(John 3:16-17 '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. 'For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

(1 Pet 3:18) For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

Heb 10:10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

We become citizens of The Kingdom of God:

Col 1:12-15 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Jesus rose from the dead and went to Heaven where He now sits at the Right Hand of God.

(Matthew 28:6 He is not here. He has risen from the dead as he said he would. Come and see the place where his body was.

You must believe what the scriptures say about these things

(1 Corinthians 15:3-4) For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

Mar 16:19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

You must show you are a follower of Jesus by doing His work and living as He desires you to live.

(John 14:15) 'If you love Me, keep My commandments.

As a result of your obedience to Jesus you must believe Jesus has prepared a place for you in Heaven and that He will reward your faithful obedience, your trust in Him as well as fulfil His promises to you!

(John 14:2-3) 'In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

(Heb 11:6) But without faith it is impossible to please him :for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

And we must believe we will be with Jesus the moment we die!

(2 Corinthians 5:8) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

You will be given a reward according to your obedience to Him.

(2 Corinthians 5:10) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

(Galatians 6:7-9) Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

You must follow Jesus and defend His kingdom even if it costs you your life:

Mat 10:32-33 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

Mat 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

When you are with Jesus in heaven you will no longer have the problems you had on the earth:

(Revelation 21:4 "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.")

And we will once again walk in face-to-face fellowship with God in heaven as Adam and Eve did in the park called Eden.

Thanks be to God!

The main error in regard to redemption

There is only one basic error in regard to redemption. That the death of Jesus was not alone sufficient to redeem us and that something else is needed:

Something we have to do as well apart from accepting it, a ritual of some sort, anything that is added to the work of Calvary to ensure our redemption is complete,

Someone else helps save us either by themselves or in conjunction with Jesus

If we believe anything else needed to be done, apart from what Jesus did at Calvary then we are in error over redemption. We have added an element that we or another has to do and negated the work of Jesus at Calvary as being alone sufficient to redeem us.

The only reason you would believe that Jesus alone was not able to redeem us is if you believe He was not divine and so not God and unable to meet God's requirements. Unfortunately this is implied in modern Bibles which is why Calvary is emphasized with them as being for Salvation.

Some Concepts Explained

The Blood and Calvary

The Blood, shed by Jesus at Calvary, is the evidence of the New Testament that now exists between God and Mankind as a result of Jesus shedding His Blood and dying at Calvary.

Testaments were given by dead people and the death of Jesus evidenced the commencement of the new Testament (relationship) between God and man. The death of Jesus was God's way of showing when this new Testament began.

Pleading The Blood

Answers to prayer or to obey something as God will not go against His Will, no matter how much you plead Calvary (the Blood) .

Our provision is based on our relationship with Jesus and the degree of Lordship He has in an area we are being attacked in. It is also aided by our delegated authority to cast off demons attacking us or others.

However, if it is pleaded as the evidence of the new relationship we have with God and the authority for something we are going to do for God, then it is the sign of the new relationship we have with Him and all that flows from this relationship.

So plead the blood as a sign but not as a magic formula for something to occur and censurer it is the Will of Jesus or it will not come to pass.

Praying in Jesus Name

This is used as a magic formula at the end of prayers. We can only state this if we know we are praying the Will of Jesus as by saying this we are declaring it is the Will of Jesus and has His authority behind what we are praying so that it will occur in His timing and not ours.

If it is not His Will then why are we praying it?

The Holy Spirit will guide you what to pray for so that you will always pray what God desires to happen. If you do not know what to pray then the promise is that The Holy Spirit will pray for you (Rom 8:26-27)

Boldness to approach The Throne of God!

Because of what Jesus did at Calvary we can approach God unhindered by anything. This is because all the consequences of our sin were met by Jesus at Calvary and God sees us undefiled and in a correct relationship with Him as His Children and because we also desire wholeheartedly to seek to follow Jesus and serve God.

He also calls us His children and what Father does not care for his child.

Any unknown sin we have does not affect our approaching God as it is not sin as it is not deliberately done. Sin is deliberate rebellion against God and does not result from doing something you believe is correct when you do not know it is wrong in the eyes of God.

You are judged by what you know or knowingly reject and not by what you do not know otherwise those who have never heard of Jesus would be judged for not knowing His requirements of them. God does not expect us to admit to sin we do not know we have, or failings that we do not see we have. But once The Holy Spirit shows us these things then we need immediately need to deal with them. Deliverance may be required to do this.

You are also not judged for what another says you should know or do but only for what The Holy Spirit shows that you are to know and do.

King and Ruler of all

At Calvary, Jesus took Satan captive and made him His prisoner (Eph 4:8). After Calvary, Satan has no right to wander the earth so in Jesus' Name he and his demons can be commanded to go back to the Throne of Judgment for Jesus to punish for his escaping from his prison as well as for what he did while free.

Jesus obtained the right, by capturing Satan, to rule all creation so that He is now Lord of all creation!

Because He is Lord of all, in His Name (Authority) is victory over Satan and because we have been given the delegated authority to capture Satan and his demons as well as to destroy or hinder their workings and send back to prison, we are able to do God's work unhindered by them!

Soon Jesus will return to claim the earth and rule it for 1000 years. But He will not do it until after His people are removed so they are not here to hinder Satan so he cannot complain about their hindering his rule. Then Satan will be judged for his rule after they leave as he will no longer have any excuse for ruling the way he did.

The 'Blood' and 'Name' of Jesus

People plead the 'Blood' and 'Name' of Jesus as if they are a magic formula.

The Blood is the evidence of the New Testament, His victory over Satan and all that occurred as a result of Jesus shedding His Blood and dying at Calvary. The phrase is usually used in the context of spiritual warfare, and refers to His victory at Calvary over Satan.

The 'Name of Jesus' is a statement that you are praying or commanding in accordance with His revealed Will and that it will be done as it is His Will and He is Lord of all.

Calvary is also the witness to the obedience of Jesus to The Father as well as to the Redemption He obtained for us there. Jesus did not obtain His authority over all through His actual death. The authority was a reward for His obedience (Phil 2:9-11) of which Calvary was a part..

To use the Blood and the authority (Name of Jesus) in any other way than declaring the victory over Satan, so Satan must go when cast out, or as evidence of what Jesus did at Calvary, is incorrect.

Unless you are guided by The Holy Spirit or the matter being commanded or being prayed is in The Bible you might not be commanding or praying God's Will and it will not be done by God. Satan will try to answer these prayers though in his way and in that is the danger of praying without knowing God's Will in a matter. Remember, when you do not know what to pray The Holy Spirit prays for you (Rom 8:26-28).

What then are we to preach as The Gospel of Calvary?

Luke 24: 46-47 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

We are to preach repentance (the turning from the things of Satan to the things of God) and remission of sins (removal of sins as if they had never occurred in the first place = redemption) because of the death of Jesus at Calvary. We are to proclaim Jesus has risen from the dead and that we too will rise from the spiritual death to newness of life now and in eternity and beyond.

No one is worthy to be saved but God ignores this because of His Love for us as well as what Jesus did at Calvary.

God does not condemn our mistakes if we are wholeheartedly trying to do His Will and does not judge us for them. He even uses them to teach us things we need to know.

We condemn ourselves by what we say and do (which is an expression of our heart attitudes).

Matt 12:36-37 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

This is why we are advised in Titus 2:8 and Phil 4:8 to have:

Tit 2:8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

Phi 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

And we will reap the rewards of our heart attitudes either in heaven or hell (Gal 6:7-8).

There are no longer any spiritual consequences for our sins, as a result of Calvary, if we wholeheartedly voluntarily follow Jesus as Lord. So we should not look at the past and its failings (Luke 9:62) but to the future God has prepared for us as we walk in the path He has prepared for us from before creation to walk in (Mat 6:33, Eph 2:10, 2 Cor 3:18).

Luke 9:62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

2 Cor 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the LORD.

As a result of Calvary we have responsibility to tell others of Jesus and what He has done for us and can do for them, then be used by The Holy Spirit train them to live as a responsible citizen of The Kingdom of God on earth.

The responsible citizen of The Kingdom of God will be found doing His Master's Work when The Master returns.

Redemption

Rom 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Redemption occurs when someone is paid to take the right of ownership from someone which compensates them for the original reason they obtained this right of ownership. The redeeming person then has control over the thing redeemed..

For example: Someone is owed money. You buy that debt from them and tell the person who owed them money they no longer owe it. The debt has been redeemed.

This is similar to what Jesus did at Calvary.

We were all to face punishment for our sin (spiritual death).

But Jesus took our punishment on Himself so obtained the right to deal with the punishment on our behalf.

To all those that follow Him as their King he does not apply the punishment.

But if you reject Him as King he has to let you suffer because you have rejected what He has done for you in regard to it at Calvary.

This is why it is important to be an obedient citizen of The Kingdom of God, doing the work of this spiritual Kingdom, and not just a churchgoer, serving the earthly denomination.

The right: Punishment of us for our rebellion against God (sin)

The purchaser: Jesus

The payment price: His death on the cross meeting the punishment for our sins

The event where paid: Calvary

At Calvary Jesus met the requirements of God's punishment for our rebellion against God and to all who follow Jesus as Lord, accepting what He did at Calvary, they become acceptable to God because all the punishment for their sins have been dealt with so that there is nothing in them that defiles them (which is what sin does) that stops them entering heaven.

So when they give an account of their life to God Jesus declares they are His, redeemed by Him, so they can enter heaven.

Redemption is about the restoration of relationships:

Firstly with God (Salvation)

Secondly through Him with others (fellowship)

As a result of redemption:

You are justified (All in you or which you have done that stops God accepting you has been removed)

You are declared righteous as a result of this (that is you are in a proper relationship with Jesus and The Father)

You are no longer spiritually defiled and can approach God freely and enter His Kingdom because God considers you as being Holy because all the defilement was removed by the redemption of Jesus.

You are able to serve God and enjoy all the rewards of serving Him.

What are we redeemed from?

Gal 3:13 13. But The Messiah has redeemed us from the curse of The Written Law, and he became a curse in our place, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree",

We are redeemed from the curse of The Law which is spiritual death.

(Tit 2:14). Who gave himself in our place to redeem us from all evil and to purify a new people for himself, which is zealous of good works.

Iniquity is the atmosphere of evil around us that results from the workings of Satan. In a sense the whole world is in iniquity except for those parts that are dedicated to The Kingdom of God and which do God's work.

It is not original sin because that is a man made concept as all are born undefiled from sin. This is why babies that die before they know right or wrong go to heaven.

Iniquity is part of the worldwide smokescreen Satan uses to hide from people Jesus and His Kingdom. It is an atmosphere of wrong truths and deception so that things which seem important are really of no eternal significance. We are kept from the effects and the deception of the iniquity around us through the truths of God and the guidance of The Holy Spirit showing us how Satan works his deceptions and lies. We are under the Grace and the protection of our King who controls everything, including how Satan uses the environment of iniquity around us

Why is redemption so important?

It enables you to be restored to a relationship with God and go to heaven, where He is, and enjoy the lifestyle mankind originally had in the Garden of Eden before The Fall.

Without the Fall of man there would be no need for salvation or redemption so if you do not believe in the fall of man there is no need for your salvation or redemption or the restoration of the relationship lost by man through the sin that resulted in the Fall.

There is also no need for Jesus and the Bible becomes a pack of lies.

You must tell others about Redemption

Psa 107:2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

The first comment about redemption is that you must tell others about it or you are not showing the same quality of love to them that God has shown to you through redeeming you. In fact doing this is a requirement of Salvation (Rom 10:9-10).

Rom 10:9-10. And if you will confess with your mouth Our Lord Jesus, and you will believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall have life. For the heart that believes in him is made right, and the mouth that confesses him has life.

According to how much you value someone or something will be the degree to which you tell others about them and what they have done.

Redemption occurs because of the atonement of Jesus on the cross.

Atonement (What the death of Jesus at Calvary did for us)

Atonement means to be 'at-one-ment'. It is the idea of two separated persons being reconciled to a unified relationship.

Jesus by His death on the cross paid the penalty required by God for our disobedience (sin) and restored us to a relationship with God so that when God sees us, we are accepted because of what Jesus has done for us. He looks upon us as if we had never sinned. This is basically what the Atonement is all about, the restoration to a relationship (union) with God through what Jesus did at Calvary.

Rom 5:11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

(Romans 5:18) Because of Adam's sin and the way it affected us we all ended up doing wrong and falling short of God's requirements and were going to be punished but Jesus met God's requirements and gave us the chance to be restored to a relationship with God and eternal life if we accept what He offers us.

(1 Corinthians 1:30) Because of God you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God. In Christ we are put right with God, and have been made holy, and have been set free from sin.

This is a result of nothing we have started or could do, but purely a result of God's actions. Our role is obedient faith. Salvation has always been by faith and we could do nothing (works) to obtain it. But by our lifestyle of obedience, doing the works of God, we maintain our redemptive relationship and salvation.

(Ephesians 2:8-9) For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

CEV Eph 2:8-9 You were saved by faith in God, who treats us much better than we deserve. This is God's gift to you, and not anything you have done on your own. It isn't something you have earned, so there is nothing you can brag about.

Remission of Sin

What is Sin?

Sin is failing to meet God's moral requirements through deliberately disobeying God's law of love. It has to be deliberate disobedience for it to be a sin. If we do not know it is wrong it is not a sin. All sin is in some way against God's Law of Love.

What are the consequences of Sin?

The result of Adam's sin was physical death and spiritual death. Physical death is death of our body, while spiritual death is eternal separation from God and all He made for us to enjoy.

What is God's remedy for Sin?

God's remedy for sin is;

Firstly the Redemption Jesus obtained for us at Calvary. So that we can once again relate to God, and

Secondly a new body in heaven to replace the one we lost when we die on earth.

It is because sin has been completely dealt with at Calvary that we do not need to confess our sins anymore to obtain forgiveness and there is no need for an one else but Jesus to know them or for us to do anything like penance in regard to them to obtain redemption or forgiveness. They were all completely dealt with at Calvary and nothing needs to be done by us except to accept what Jesus has done at Calvary and live a life worthy of His great sacrifice for us.

Note: We must however admit the sin has occurred, if only to Jesus so we can deal with its cause and we are told in James to tell others of weaknesses we have so they can help us deal with them.

Doing penance implies we also need to do something, apart from Calvary, to obtain forgiveness of our sin and that the work of Redemption at Calvary was not complete. This questions the Divinity of Jesus as it implies He was not God as His death did not apply to everyone but applied only to those that do penance or the appropriate work or sacrifice that is needed to 'complete' our redemption.

You may need to deal with any offence you caused to others or of any unforgiveness as well as repent of any sins you have done. You are to tell others of your weaknesses so that you can get help for them. But they do not need to know any sin that result from your weaknesses.

This is not understood by many so I will explain it here.

Mat 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

A blood sacrifice was often used to witness a new relationship. The death of Jesus was to be the witness to the new Testament between God and all mankind. Not just between God and the Jews as The Old Testament was.

The death of Jesus fulfilled the sacrificial law of the Old Testament, which required an animal to die in our place for the punishment of our sins, so that after His death at Calvary this type of sacrifice for sin was no longer necessary. He, Himself, died for our punishment and redeemed us forever by this one act and because of this we are able to approach God and relate to Him on a personal, continual basis!

1 Pet 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

By Jesus taking on Himself all our sin and its punishment for them, all our sins: past, present and future, were able to be remitted (of no further effect on us) by God so it is as if we had never sinned!

Luke 1:77 to give a knowledge of salvation to His people by remission of their sins,

People could now enter The Kingdom of God and live as citizens of it. This was because they were considered undefiled by God as Jesus now carried all their sin and its punishment. They were no longer defiled so The Holy Spirit's presence could now be in them and teach them personally what God desired them to know and do for Him (Jn. 16:13).

Jesus said that The Holy Spirit would guide them into all the truths they needed to understand which includes salvation and redemption, and all that follows as a result, of this (Duet 29:29, Jn 16:13). The Holy Spirit would also teach them personally about salvation, redemption, their relationship to God as well as how God required of them to live and love and would also guide them into what was required of them to serve God. This was only possible as The Holy Spirit's presence could be in them now as a result of Redemption removing sin's defilement from their spirit and because of their voluntarily following Jesus as their Lord.

Without remission of sin we could not approach God let alone enter into a personal relationship with Jesus and The Father (which is what the salvation relationship is Jn 17:3). We would also still be defiled so that The Holy Spirit could not have His Presence in us in us sealing our spirit so that Satan could not take it over..

Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Without redemption we would have salvation and eternal life but not be able to enter The Kingdom of God.

Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Acts 10:43 To this One all the Prophets witness, so that through His name everyone believing into Him will receive remission of sins.

Rom 3:25 whom God set forth as a propitiation through faith in His blood, as a demonstration of His righteousness through the passing over of the sins that had taken place before, in the forbearance of God,

The word 'Propitiation' means to satisfy another. Jesus was God's propitiation (satisfaction and appeasement) for sin and satisfied God in this area. God now 'passes' over our sins as if they had never occurred!

Heb 9:22 And almost all things are purified by blood according to the Law; and apart from shedding of blood no remission occurs.

A blood sacrifice was required by God for sins to be remitted and Jesus was our blood sacrifice for this.

Heb 10:16-20 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

Because of The New Covenant witnessed by The Blood of Jesus, God no longer judges us for our failings of His requirements if we repent and continue to try wholeheartedly to make Jesus Lord of them. We no longer need to make a sin offering to be acceptable to God and can approach The Throne of God without any fear of rejection when we are in a correct relationship with God. When we 'sin' we are no longer defiled by it (as Jesus dealt with this on our behalf) but when we reject the rule of God, through deliberate rejecting His Will or not deliberately not repenting of a sin, we remove our self from the New Testament relationship with God and are left in our defiled state and can lose our salvation if we do not repent (Rev 3:5). If we do not repent we eventually may not be able to repent at all and are going to hell without the ability to repent (Heb 6:6-8). True repentance restores the relationship with God.

I have actually met a person who could not repent no matter how hard he cried to God to do so. So rejection of repentance or deals with the devil will definitely lose you your salvation if deliberately done.

People who are damaged or hurt often sin, not because their heart is evil in them but the Body of Christ is not there to comfort them and demons drive these people to compensate in ways that are wrong. Jesus knows this and that they will repent when the hurts are gone so makes allowance for this. It has to be a deliberate, knowingly, unrepented, continual rejection of God's Will for your life before you lose your salvation and not just disobedience because you are too hurt to know what you are doing or have been tricked by Satan into believing you cannot overcome the sin or weakness.

Through repentance (turning away from that which God says is wrong) we are declaring Jesus is Lord of our life again and that we are following Him as Lord so that He is also our saviour and redeemer.

You lose your salvation through unrepented disobedience (Re 3:5) and/or blaspheming The Holy Spirit (Mark 3:9) or deliberately reject the Lordship of Jesus and not repenting. As long as you have not blasphemed The Holy Spirit or through continued deliberate unrepented disobedience or rejecting Jesus as Lord until you no longer can repent, or made an agreement with Satan for your soul, you do not lose your salvation (Heb 6:6-8).

Tests for Sin

Bible is the Supreme authority

All must obey it

Use of comments to change the meaning of a bible verse does not negate what The Bible says

The Law of Love is the basis of The Bible

All must be related to this test

The principle of The law and ten commandments are a guide to how this law applies

Sin is a deliberate disobedience to the Law of Love which does one of the following:

Give God's Glory to another

Does something The Bible forbids

Breaks the Law of Love

Breaks another principles of The Bible

To take Glory away from God you will either:

Give credit to another for what He does. For example attributing Miracles to Saints when we are told The Holy Spirit empowers us (Acts 1:8) to do these things

Share credit for something that Jesus alone does. For example, Mary being called co-redemtrix as if she had done something to redeem us.

Attribute to another something Jesus does. For example calling The Pope the spiritual head of the Catholic Church when we are told Jesus is (1 Pet 2:25).

All these are idolatrous as they replace Jesus with someone else or ascribe to another what He does.

Obedience is required to keep your Salvation

Rev 3: 5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

The people in this church were saved (their names were written in The Lamb's book of Life). They were in danger of losing their salvation through disobedience (giving in to the pressures of Satan around them). If they persevered in obeying God and rejected what Satan offered them and did not become conformed to the lifestyle of Satan's world around them or did not knowingly remain in constant rebellion against God (repented) then they would preserve their salvation.

To lose your salvation, the rebellion needs to be deliberate. The person's heart must be set on rebellion. This is different to a person who does not want to sin but is so damaged emotionally that they have trouble not sinning.

Jesus said in Matt 24:13 that only those that persevered in their Christian walk would obtain salvation. He requires you to wholeheartedly try and continue trying whether you succeed or not. It is the heart attitude that saves you and not success.

Matt 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Our victory in this is a result of:

The delegated authority of Jesus correctly applied

Our testimony of Jesus and His teachings and works

The willingness to give up all for His service, including our life - Lordship.

Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

A Christian has a responsibility to work at their part of maintaining their salvation through obedience and trust in God. If they do not do their part of the maintaining of salvation they will lose it. Do not confuse the obtaining of salvation through faith with the maintaining of it through perseverance and obedience.

God requires you to wholeheartedly try and obey Him and to wholeheartedly continue trying if you fail (repenting as necessary for any wrong attitudes you have had). He looks at the heart attitude and not what you do (the result of your heart's attitudes).

Mat 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Phil 2: 12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

God does not keep you saved by forcing you to do things or maintaining your salvation on your behalf. This would go against your free will. It is your choice to accept salvation and to voluntarily maintain it. All God can do is provide all you need to maintain it and He does this, which includes giving you The Holy Spirit to guide you in this. You must decide to maintain the salvation given to you through obedience and perseverance in your Christian walk and if you decide to do this then God has done, is doing and will do all He can to help you in this endeavour.

How should we live in view of God's redemptive Love

What does Jesus desire you to do?

As a result of Calvary Jesus desires you to do certain things out of love for Him and appreciation of what He has done for you. He desires you to minister as He did and be used by The Holy Spirit to draw people to Him and His Kingdom.

The mission statement of Jesus for ministry, declared near the beginning of His ministry, was as follows:

(Luk 4:18) The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me:

to preach the gospel to the poor;

he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted,

to preach deliverance to the captives,

and recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty them that are bruised,

To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Or as the CEV says it:

Luk 4:18-19 "The Lord's Spirit has come to me, because he has" chosen me to tell the good news to the poor.

The Lord has sent me to announce freedom for prisoners, to give sight to the blind, to free everyone who suffers, and to say, 'This is the year the Lord has chosen.

His example was as follows (Matthew 4:23):

And Jesus went about all Galilee, Teaching in their synagogues, And preaching the gospel of the kingdom, Delivering people from the effects of Satan on them And healing all manner of sickness And all manner of disease among the people.

This is what our ministry objective should be! To preach, teach and demonstrate The Kingdom of God, drawing people to Jesus and The Kingdom and being used to free them from the consequences of the kingdom of Satan in their life.

Remember, Jesus always taught about spiritual things as His Kingdom was not of earth so that He is talking about the spiritual state of people here and not their physical state.

Jesus will help you in this as He said that anyone who wanted to know what to do to serve Him would be taught this by The Holy Spirit.

(Joh 16:13) Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of him-self; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

But you must be desiring and willing to do His Will for Him to be able to teach it to you.

Jn 7:17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

And you must desire to understand it so that you can teach it to others. The Bible states:

2Ti 2:2 (Literal Version) And what things you heard from me through many witnesses, commit these things to faithful men, such as will be competent also to teach others.

The last words of Jesus to His people can be summarized as follows:

"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and that

repentance and remission of sins should be preached in My name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

*And these signs shall follow them that believe;
In my name shall they cast out devils;
they shall speak with new tongues;
They shall take up serpents;
and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them;
they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover
and, remember, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.*

The main sign of our being a follower of Jesus is our love for Him expressed in the way we desire to spend time with Him, to serve him, to live in obedience to His Will for us as well as express His love to all around us through ministering to them on His behalf.

Obedience results in The Holy Spirit being sent to help us in this:

Joh 14:15-16 Jesus said to his disciples: If you love me, you will do as I command. Then I will ask the Father to send you the Holy Spirit who will help you and always be with you.

This obedience will result in The Kingdom of God manifesting in and through our lives and we will demonstrate it and His authority over Satan as Jesus said in Mark 16:17-18 we would do. Jesus said the signs in these verses would be performed by His followers who really believed in who He is:

They shall cast out devils;

They shall speak with new tongues;

They shall take up serpents and not be harmed by them;

They shall drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover

So if you are not even trying to do these then ask if you really believe in who Jesus is.

We will be rewarded for our obedience and one of the requirements of faith is that we must believe God will reward us for our loving service of Him:

Heb 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

We must endure to the end to receive our rewards and not be concerned about dying in the service of Jesus.

1 Cor 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Math 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Remember that evangelism is really telling what Jesus has done for you and others in the kingdom of Satan and how He has affected your life as a result of your accepting what He has done for you of which Salvation and Redemption are key events.

The demonstration of the authority of Jesus over Satan and His Kingdom is also a part of evangelism and without this demonstration is it just empty preaching at times, doing nothing to show that Jesus is worth following more than Satan.

It is only as the superiority of Jesus is shown over Satan and his new age will you have any chance of reaching these people for Jesus.

Preaching salvation without repentance, Lordship and redemption does not preach the good news. Without the demonstration of the authority of The Kingdom evangelism is just words of man's wisdom.

1Co 2:4 (LITV) And my word and my preaching was not in enticing words of human wisdom, but in proof of the Spirit and of power;

If you love others as Jesus Loves them, you will go and tell them what He has done for them so they can enjoy what you have received as a result of your accepting what He has done for you. To be saved from going to hell and then knowingly not telling others going to hell how to avoid going there is hypocrisy and callousness and is not of God whose nature is love and who desires all to be saved.

To be delivered and not tell others of the deliverance Jesus offers them from the effects of Satan on them is also unloving and does not minister the Love of Jesus to them.

People may not like you or what you preach but that is no excuse for you not doing it if God tells you to do it.

Remember that trials are a sign of His Love as He uses them to mature you to His character or guide you back to where you should be, amongst other things.

(Rev 3:19) As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

The key to victory over Satan and his plans are to put the things of Jesus before your own values and purposes and be faithful to His Calling of you until you die. Then you will gain everything you lived for.

You must hold that what God wants you to do as being more important than your own life and its purposes. Jesus said:

(Mat 10:3) Those who try to gain their own life will lose it; but those who lose their life for my sake will gain it.

You must offer yourself to Jesus to use and focus on His Things (Rom 12:1-2 and Col 3:1-4):

(Rom 12:1-2) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Col 3:1-4) If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

God promises to supply all your needs in this life (and not your greeds) for those who seek to be in a correct relationship with Him and His Purposes:

Mat 6:31-34 Don't worry and ask yourselves, "Will we have anything to eat? Will we have anything to drink? Will we have any clothes to wear? Only people who don't know God are al-ways worrying about such things. Your Father in heaven knows that you need all of these. But more than anything else, put God's work first and do what he wants. Then the other things will be yours as well. Don't worry about tomorrow. It will take care of itself. You have enough to worry about today."

He also promises to never test you above what you can cope with:

*1Co 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also **make a way to escape**, that ye may be able to bear it.*

To become a follower of Jesus will cost you all that you have (which you cannot keep anyway and which you are only a steward of on behalf of God) but in return you will gain riches unimaginable in the world to come (which you can never lose or obtain any other way).

Mat 19:29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

God will remove relationships that hinder your relationship with or ministry for Him. The promise of God is that He will replace these with far better and more numerous relationships. In fact, in heaven, everyone will be a relation as all in The Body.

What Happened at Calvary – a recapitulation

You are not saved by Calvary. You are redeemed at Calvary. Calvary is about the punishment for our sins being dealt with and not salvation being obtained. At Calvary Jesus removed everything that made you unacceptable to God and that hindered your relationship with God.

At Calvary all the spiritual consequences of our sin (the disobeying of God) we had were dealt with by Jesus so that there is now nothing we have done or that is in us to stop God accepting us, except for our not accepting His Lordship and what Jesus has done for us. The requirement for being acceptable is to voluntarily and wholeheartedly follow Jesus as Lord in all you do because you love Him and appreciate Him for what He has done for you.

Faith in Jesus as Lord of all, saves you, and what happened at Calvary allows you to live the lifestyle faith requires you to live as well as enter The Kingdom of God in heaven.

At Calvary all your sins were forgiven so you do not need to ask for forgiveness for them anymore. The redemptive work of Jesus at Calvary was complete and does not need to be repeated again. However, you do need to admit to God only that you have sinned (fallen short of His requirements) and then wholeheartedly turn away from the thing causing you to sin and try to do His Will for you (repentance). However any weaknesses you have problems in dealing with that give rise to sin you probably need deliverance from.

However, admitting weaknesses but not sins to others may be necessary to obtain help to overcome these weaknesses that result in sin.

You are redeemed (the spiritual consequences of sin in your life are dealt with) if you have accepted the salvation God offers through faith in Jesus and believe He has done this.

By this redemption you are made righteous to God (All in you or which you have done that stops God accepting you has been removed)

The result of this is a correct relationship with Jesus and The Father which is what eternal life is!

You are also sanctified by God (God declares you are His and marks you as His with The Holy Spirit)

Remission of sin means God treats you as if you had never sinned. He does not see you as defiled by sin as He has removed its consequences from you as they have been dealt with by Jesus. He sees them now on Jesus. This means you can boldly approach Him without any hindrance preventing you from doing so.

Salvation

This results from faith in Jesus: who He is and what He did and taught. In The Old Testament it was faith in God that saved you. Now it is by faith in Jesus (who is also God).

By faith you accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour. This results in:

Transference from Satan's kingdom to that of God's Kingdom (Salvation) because you are now in a correct relationship with God

God sanctifies you (He marks and declares you as His and by this sets you apart for His service)

Because of this you are Holy to Him (set apart for Him) and should live a holy life, obeying His requirements of you to the exclusion of all Satan offers you in his world system.

You become His adopted Child and enter into all the rights, responsibilities, rewards and relationships of a citizen of The Kingdom of God and that His Child has. (The redemption that allows this and which resulted from Calvary is automatic when you follow Jesus as Lord).

What is the essence of The Gospel then?

Luke 24: 46-47 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Repentance (the turning for the things of Satan to the things of God) and remission (forgiveness of sins as if they had never occurred in the first place), as well as the reconciliation with God that results from this redemption, and that because Jesus rose from the dead, we too shall one day, and because He is now Lord of all, He can save us from the kingdom of Satan and do all He said He would do for us.

Epilogue

I asked the Lord as I was nearly finished writing this booklet:

“Knowing 1/3 of angels and many of mankind would reject you, why did you still make us?”

He replied: “It was for the sake of those who would accept My offer of Lordship and Salvation.

He told me that the fact He would be rejected by many was not a reason to not create angels and mankind. If He had not created them then they would not obtain the benefits prepared for those who followed Him as Lord.

He said that all would be given every chance to follow Him as Lord and if they rejected Him they would have only them self to blame. He also said that He was impartial, influencing none but giving everyone all the truths they needed to know to accept or reject what He had offered them.”

Salvation is an expression of our free will and a result of choices we make for or against Jesus and this choice is shown by the kind of life we live. By our fruits we will be known and if Jesus is truly Lord we will bear the fruit in one way or another of one who is saved!

Postscript

Deut 14:2 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.

Titus 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

1 Pet 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;

As I finish this book I am struck by the emphasis on holiness. The defilement of sin is removed so nothing pollutes us to stop us relating to God as He desires us too. Sanctification is the result of redemption and the attitude of Holiness a requirement for all those that follow Jesus as Lord.

They are cleansed so they can be a citizen of The Kingdom of God, set apart (sanctified) for His purposes. They are holy (wholly) belonging to Jesus and this is shown by their rejecting all that defiles them and embracing all that keeps them sanctified and in a righteous (correct) relationship with Jesus and The Father.

This is possible because of The Love Jesus showed them at Calvary.

These three things mark the Christian life:

God's quality of Love in you expressed to others

Sanctification (being set apart to serve God and His Purposes, to do His Will)

Holiness (seeking all that keeps you sanctified and holy) and rejecting all that Satan offers you which would destroy these things in your life

These should be attitudes of our Christian life and they are all seen or founded in the act of redemption – God's example of His Love for us.

*When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.*

*See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*His dying crimson, like a robe,
Spreads o'er His body on the tree;
Then I am dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*