

How is One Genuinely Saved?

What does it mean to truly follow Jesus?

Selected Scriptures

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INTRODUCTION

1. In our last message, I talked about “Who is Genuinely Saved” from 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
2. If you remember, Paul didn’t want the Corinthians to be deceived about who is righteous and who is not
3. He gave us a list of 10 types of unrighteous people in verses 9-10
4. He then contrasted that list with who the Corinthians were now and said they have been washed, sanctified and justified in the name of Jesus
5. Before we move on to verses 12-20, I want to ask a second question, “How is one genuinely saved?”
6. The Scripture uses various terms when addressing this issue
7. Some terms clarify others

8. So I thought it would be important for us to look at this this morning
9. When talking about salvation, the Bible uses terms like: believe, confess, repent, flee, come, deny yourself, follow
10. I believe all these terms explain exactly how one is genuinely saved
11. In fact I have taken all those terms and grouped them into three areas
12. They are repenting and fleeing God's wrath, and believing and coming to Jesus

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Listen to the True Gospel

THE TRUE GOSPEL IS ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

It about His:

1. His Preexistence

1. John 1:1, 14

2. 1 Peter 1:18-21 (NASB) knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. 20 For He was **foreknown before the foundation of the world**, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you 21 who through Him

are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

2. His Virgin Birth

1. Genesis 3:15 (NASB) And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and **her seed**; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.”

2. Matthew 1:18-23

3. Luke 1:26-33 (NASB) Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a **virgin** engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the **virgin's** name was Mary. 28 And coming in, he said to her, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” 29 But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. 30 The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, **you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.** 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; 33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.”

3. His Righteous Life

1. Acts 10:38 (NASB) You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and

how He went about **doing good** and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

2. 1 Peter 2:21-23 (NASB) 21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, 22 who **committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; 23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats**, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously.

4. His Sacrificial Death

1. John 15:13 (NASB) Greater love has no one than this, that one **lay down his life for his friends**.
2. 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NASB) He made Him who knew no sin **to be sin on our behalf**, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
3. Hebrews 9:28 says that “Christ...having been **offered once to bear the sins of many**.”

5. His Glorious Resurrection

1. The Angels said in Matthew 28:6 (NASB) He is not here, for **He has risen**, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.
2. Acts 2:22-24 (NASB) “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know— 23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands

of godless men and put Him to death. 24 **But God raised Him up again**, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

BEFORE ONE BELIEVES HE NEEDS TO KNOW IN WHOM HE IS BELIEVING

1. Jesus asked His disciples in Matthew 16:13-17 (NASB) "...Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**" 17 And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven."
2. When Jesus died on the cross, the centurion said in Matthew 27:54 (NASB) Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, "**Truly this was the Son of God!**"
3. Jesus is the Son of the living God
4. The Bible also teaches He is God in Hebrews 1:8 (NASB) But of the Son He says, "Your throne, O **God**, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of His kingdom.
5. So to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ is to believe that He is the Son of the Living God...very God, second Person of the trinity

6. After the Philippian jailer asked how to be saved, Paul said in Acts 16:31 (NASB) They said, “**Believe in the Lord Jesus**, and you will be saved, you and your household.
7. He must also believe in Jesus’ preexistence, His virgin birth, His righteous life, His sacrificial death, and His glorious resurrection
8. Then and only then can he fulfill Mark 12:30 which says to **love** God with all his heart, soul, mind and strength

THE TRUE GOSPEL IS ABOUT SIN

1. The Bible says every person is a sinner in need of salvation
 1. Psalms 51:5 (NASB) Behold, **I was brought forth in iniquity,**
And in sin my mother conceived me.
 2. Ecclesiastes 7:20 (NASB) Indeed, **there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins.**
 3. Galatians 3:22 (NASB) But the Scripture has shut up **everyone under sin**, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.
2. Jesus came to save sinners
 1. 1 Timothy 1:15 (NASB) It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**, among whom I am foremost of all.
 2. Matthew 1:21 (NASB) She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for **He will save His people from their sins.**”

THIS THEN MUST BE THE CONTENT OF THE GOSPEL HE IS TO HEAR

1. He must learn who Jesus is
2. He must understand the gravity of his sin and why Jesus died for him (2 Cor.5:21)
 1. 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 (NASB) 1 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.
3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; 7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; 8 and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.
3. It is at this point that every person must understand what God requires of him?

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Repent and Flee God's Wrath

UPON HEARING THE GOSPEL HE IS TO REPENT OF HIS SIN

1. The Gospel is a call to repent from sin
2. Sin is to be:
 1. Confessed – Proverbs 28:13 (NASB) He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
But he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.
 2. Mourned Over – Psalms 38:18 (NASB) For I confess my iniquity;
I am full of anxiety because of my sin.
 3. Hated – Proverbs 8:13 (NASB) “The fear of the Lord is to hate evil;
Pride and arrogance and the evil way
And the perverted mouth, I hate.
 4. Departed From – 2 Timothy 2:19 (NASB) Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness.”

HE IS TO FLEE GOD'S WRATH

1. The Gospel is a call to flee the wrath of God
 1. Matthew 3:1-10 (NASB) 1 Now in those days John the Baptist *came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, 2 “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” 3 For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Make ready the way of the Lord, Make His paths straight!’” 4 Now John himself had a garment of camel’s hair and a

leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then Jerusalem was going out to him, and all Judea and all the district around the Jordan; 6 and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8

Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance; 9 and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father’; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham. 10 The axe is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

2. 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10 (NASB) For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. 9 For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, 10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.
3. John 3:18 (NASB) He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because

he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

4. John 3:36 (NASB) He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

3

Believe and Come to Jesus

REPENTING IS BELIEVING

1. If you never repent, you never will believe
2. If you believe, you will repent
3. John 3:16 (NASB) “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever **believes** (pisteuo, pres.act.part.) in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.
4. John 2:23-25 (NASB) 23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, observing His signs which He was doing. 24 But Jesus, on His part, was not **entrusting** (pisteuo, imperf.act.ind.) Himself to them, for He knew all men, 25 and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man.
5. Jesus said in Matthew 11:28-30 (NASB) “**Come to Me**, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

6. To come to Jesus you have to come on His terms
7. What are His terms?
8. What we have just stated!
 1. Listen to the true gospel about Jesus – His preexistence, virgin birth, righteous life, sacrificial death, and glorious resurrection
 2. Repent of your sin and flee God’s coming wrath
 3. Believe and come to Jesus

CONCLUSION

1. If you never listen you won’t come
2. If you never repent you won’t come
3. If you never believe you won’t come
4. So who is genuinely saved? Those who listened to the true gospel, those who repented and believed in Jesus
5. Romans 10:9-13 (NASB) that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed.” 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; 13 for “Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.”
6. Let’s pray.