**Salvation, the Theme of the Gospel**

Religion’s theme: Confess your sins so God will accept you and give you eternal life. An unholy man can’t fellowship with a holy God.

It is very much geared to the concept that God is sin and commandemnt conscious. If you don’t confess your sins, God will be forced to sentence you to hell. Sin is a violation of the law of commandments.

**Ephesians 1:3-14** We have obtained an inheritance, that we should be to the praise of His glory, after we have heard the word of truth **V13**, the gospel of your salvation.

What is the word of truth about the gospel of our salvation?

**Salvation By definition**: rescue, liberty, freedom to experience a God quality of life.

Rescue from what? Freedom from what?

God’s theme is restoration, restoration of man to his God given position and identity as a son of God.

Salvation is the theme of the Gospel. God wants to save us **[rescue, set free]** from the disqualifying condemnation that comes from the enemy.

***Psa 106:4*** *Remember me, O LORD, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people:* ***O visit me with thy salvation;******5******That I may see the good of thy chosen****, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation,* ***that I may glory with thine inheritance****.* ***10*** *And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.*

**Genesis 1:27-28** God created man in His image and gave him dominion over all of the works of His hands

**Isaiah 14:13**-14 Satan is jealous of our position. He wants to be like God. In fact, he wants to exalt himself above God.

Satan’s objective is to sever our relationship as a son and joint heir that has been destined to take dominion

***Ephesians 6:12*** *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places*

**Spiritual wickedness in high places Strong’s** To corrupt that which is sound**Dictionary** to separate the component parts of a body so it becomes weak

***Ephesians 6:10*** *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.* ***Amp In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with him]***

Two opposing seeds:

God speaks concerning His seed and Satan’s seed after the garden incident

***Genesis 3:15*** *And I will put enmity* ***[opposition]*** *between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed;* ***it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.***

**Thou shalt bruise his heel-Strong’s** *lier in wait-*one who tries to sabotage another’s position by underhanded tactics

Satan is called an angel of light and a wolf in sheep’s clothing. **Matthew 7:15; 2 Corinthians 11:14-15**

Adam and Eve lost their sense of identity and when the focus was shifted from God to self. When works become the focus of attention, everyone falls short of the glory of God. Condemnation attached to our works says, “You are NOT like God.” You do not deserve your inheritance.

God’s focus is restoring to us what is rightfully ours. He is going to accomplish that! **[He shall bruise his head Genesis 3:15]**

***Isaiah 14:24*** *The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:* ***25*** *That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.* ***26*** *This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.* ***27*** *For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?*

***1 John 3:8*** *He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*

***Acts 26:16-28*** Jesus manifested himself to Paul for a purpose!

***Acts 26:18*** *To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them, which are sanctified by faith that is in me.*

God’s purpose is to destroy the works of the devil so that we can walk in our inheritance. The Old Testament concept concerning the “year of jubilee” presents a type and shadow of this.

***Leviticus 25:10*** *And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his ancestral possession [which through poverty he was compelled to sell], and each of you shall return to his family [from whom he was separated in bond service].*

***Ezekial 46:17*** *But if he gives a gift out of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his until the year of liberty [the Year of Jubilee]; after that it shall be returned to the prince; only his sons may keep a gift from his inheritance [permanently].* ***18*** *Moreover, the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by oppression, thrusting them out of their property; what he gives to his sons he shall take out of his own possession, so that none of My people shall be separated from his [inherited] possession.*

God wants to save us so that we can walk in our true identity! We are sons of God, created in the image of our father, full of His power and might, destined to rule, reign and to take dominion