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If there is anything greatly wonderful and highly important man could ever have in this world,...
IT IS HIS SALVATION!

I. WHAT IS SALVATION?

1. It is God's plan of redemption for sinners through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ *"For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—" Ephesians 1:4-5*

The Bible says, man was created in the image and likeness of God.

²⁶ *"Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground. ²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."* **Genesis 1:26-27**

The very life of God was in him.

⁷ *"Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being." **Genesis 2:7***

Man has three compositions: *spirit*, *soul*, and *body*. The *body* is the visible composition of man, which is formed out of the dust from the ground. The *spirit* is the invisible composition of man, which is created from the breath of God. And the *soul* is the product of the *body*, which is formed from the dust of the ground and the *spirit*, which is created in the image and likeness of God Himself. In these three, the *spirit* is the leader; the *soul* is the servant; and the *body* is the slave. The *spirit* carries the very image, the very nature, and attributes of God manifests as holiness, righteousness, peace, joy, authority, power, dominion, wisdom, and freedom. The sole duty of the *spirit* is to keep a constant unity and intimacy with God. The duty of the *soul* is to make his own will, mind, and emotion. While the *body* is a slave of who is stronger between the *spirit* and the *soul*.

When man has committed "sin", his *spirit* died. Man is then consisted of only two compositions: *body* and *soul*. During this condition of man, the *soul* dominates over his *body*. What the *soul* desires to do is what the *body* is enslaved to do also. The whole nature of man becomes sinful. Not only his *spirit* died because of sin, but his relationship with God is also broken. He is separated from God. Thus, no matter how he strives to call God the Father through prayers, nothing happens.

² *"But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear."* **Isaiah 59:2**

No matter what he does to draw near to God the Father even through education, worthless religion, self-flagellation, or good deeds, everything is useless. This is all because his access to God is broken. Sin has destroyed the bridge between man and God and the bridge to hell is built. And man is going to eternal death into the fires of hell.

²³ *"For the wages of sin is death..."* **Romans 6:23**

⁸ *"But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."* **Revelation 21:8**

Thus, God the Father sent Jesus to save and to reconcile humanity back to Him.

¹⁷ "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:17

The moment man is reconciled with God through Jesus Christ, who is his redemption, his sinful nature is cleansed. And it is transformed into the very nature of God which is holy, righteous, pure, and perfect.

¹⁷ "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

As a result, the bridge between man and God is restored and the bridge that leads to hell is destroyed! This is God's divine plan for man.

2. It is the love of God to His creation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All have sinned.

¹⁰ "As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one;" Romans 3:10

And because of the amazing love of God, He sent Jesus, His only begotten Son, to save humanity.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Jesus is the only way to God the Father.

⁶ "Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

He is the only Savior; besides Him, there is no other.

¹² "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

3. It is laying down the life of our Lord Jesus Christ for us.

Jesus laid down His life for us. He was wounded, bruised, beaten, kicked, spitted, cursed, chastised, mocked, and abandoned for our transgressions. We deserve the crucifixion because it is we who committed sins. And yet He took our place and died on the cross on our behalf, to save us.

²¹ "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Corinthians 5:21

⁴ "who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father," Galatians 1:4

4. It is freedom from the curse of sins, sicknesses, diseases, poverty, death, and all the works of the devil.

Jesus suffered for us so that we will not suffer for eternity.

¹³ "For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." Colossians 1:13-14

¹³ *"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us..."*
Galatians 3:13

⁴ *"Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed."*
Isaiah 53:4-5

¹⁹ *"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:19

5. It is God's abundant grace for the lost.

Instead of judgment, God covers sins with His abundant and amazing grace.

²⁰ *"The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more,"*
Romans 5:20

⁸ *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast."*
Ephesians 2:8-9

6. It is restoration of our true nature, which was created according to God's image and likeness - from sinful nature back to the very nature of God in us.

The nature of God in man which was lost and ruined by sins has been restored through the redemptive work of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross.

²⁴ *"and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."* Ephesians 4:24

The nature of God in us is not just restored, but rather it is more glorious than before!

¹⁸ *"And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."* 2 Corinthians 3:18

7. It is our privilege to live like our Lord Jesus Christ.

There is only one salvation stated in the bible and that is salvation unto perfection. After being saved, one must live like the Lord.

⁶ *"Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did."* 1 John 2:6

II. HOW IMPORTANT IS SALVATION?

1. It is more important than any riches of this world.

³⁶ *"What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"*
Mark 8:36

2. It is more important than food, drink, or clothing.

²⁵ *"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?"*
Matthew 6:25

3. It is more important than what other people say.

⁵ "When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. ⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."
Luke 19:5-7

4. It is eternal.

²⁸ " I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand."
John 10:28

5. It is God's divine plan.

⁴ "For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—" Ephesians 1:4-5

6. It cost the very life of the Son of God.

⁴⁵ "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
Mark 10:45

7. It is the time of salvation.

² "For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation."
2 Corinthians 6:2

⁶ " who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time."
1 Timothy 2:6

III. WHY YOU MUST BE SAVED?

1. To enter heaven.

¹⁴ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going thereto prepare a place for you?"
John 14:1-2

2. To have eternal life.

²³ "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
Romans 6:23

3. To become a child of God.

¹² "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—"
John 1:12

4. To become holy because God is holy.

²¹ " God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."
2 Corinthians 5:21

5. To be free from the curse of sins, sicknesses, diseases, poverty, death, and all the works of the devil.

²⁴ "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

1 Peter 2:24

³⁶*"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."* John 8:36

6. To have the opportunity to live like our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴⁸*"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."*
Matthew 5:48

IV. WHAT MUST YOU DO TO BE SAVED?

1. Repent of all your sins and ask forgiveness to God with all your heart.

¹⁹*"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,"*
Acts 3:19

⁹*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."*
1 John 1:9

2. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and receive Him with all your heart as your personal Lord, God, Healer, and Savior.

³¹*"They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.'"*
Acts 16:31

⁹*"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."*
Romans 10:9

3. Remain steadfast in the Lord Jesus Christ and obey His word.

⁴*"Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.'"*
John 15:4-5

4. Live like the Lord Jesus Christ until His soon coming return.

²³*"May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it."*
1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

⁶*"being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*
Philippians 1:6

Pray this prayer with all your heart:

"Lord Jesus, I want to be saved. I want to enter heaven and to have eternal life. I desire to be set free from all the curse of sins, sicknesses, diseases, poverty, death, and the works of the devil. I ask forgiveness for all the sins I have committed since childhood until now. Forgive me for not making You as my first priority in life and looking for success through ungodly ways. I humbly ask forgiveness also for gambling, drunkenness, smoking, taking prohibited drugs, fornication, adultery, lust and all the vices I have committed which grieve Your heart. Forgive me from lying, deceiving, backbiting, and slandering against anyone. I ask also forgiveness for my anger, resentment, hatred, unforgiveness, jealousy, worry, fear, anxiety, and self-pity. I now forgive myself and those who sinned against me. I believe in You, Lord Jesus. Come into my heart and rule over my life. I now accept You as my Lord, God, Healer, and Savior of my life. I believe that You died and rose again to save me. I receive Your forgiveness and the cleansing of Your blood, shed on the cross of Calvary for me. I promise to remain steadfast in You and will obey Your

word until I become like You. I will love You and serve You all the rest of my life until Your soon coming return. Amen."

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