

Lord, Heal My Hurts - What Is Salvation? - Lesson 5

Are you in the faith?

We are told to test ourselves and see

Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test? - II Cor 13:5

Many falsely/ignorantly believe that they are saved because of something they have done

Mt 7:13-27

- there are but a few that enter through the narrow gate (13-14)
- Know them by their fruits - good tree bears good fruit - bad tree - bad fruit - cut down and thrown into the fire (15-20)
- Only the one who does the will of the Father will enter heaven - has nothing to do with what you have done on your own (21-23)
- The foundation has to be right - built upon the rock (24-27)

There are very distinct steps that we had to have taken to know that we are truly in the faith

revolves around the crucifixion (death) and resurrection (new life) of Jesus Christ and understand the significance of each

1. **We were dead in our trespasses and sins** (*And you were dead in your trespasses and sins - Eph 2:1*)
 - wages of sin is death (*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Ro 6:23*)
 - Slaves to sin (*knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; 7 for he who has died is freed from sin - Ro 6:6, 7*) (*Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness? - Ro 6:16*) (*Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. - Jn 8:34*)
 - Enemies of God (*For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. - Ro 5:10*)
 - No one is righteous, not one, none who understands, none who seeks God (*as it is written, "There is none righteous, not even one; There is none who understands, There is none who seeks for God; All have turned aside, together they have become useless; There is none who does good, There is not even one."- Ro 3:10-12*) (*And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. - Mk 10:18*)
 - Alienated from God, hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds (*And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, - Col 1:21*) (*Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. Gal 5:19-21*)

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2. Our chains shackled us to sin

- we need to face our sin and see it for what it is
 - Can't excuse it
 - Can't blame someone else
 - Not acceptable because other people are doing it
 - WE ARE GUILTY
- We will stand before a holy God and hear depart from Me
 - Our filth can't come into heaven
 - Try not do it - but we will fail
 - *(Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? - Ro 7:24)*

3. Need to become poor in spirit

- *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. - Mt 5:3*
- Need to see the poverty of our spirit
 - Spiritually destitute
 - Totally incapable of deserving or earning salvation
 - We are totally impotent and unworthy
 - Cannot please God or serve Him
- We are nothing apart from God
 - Our righteousness is like filthy rags - menstruation rags - blood soaked - stained *(For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on Your name, Who arouses himself to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us And have delivered us into the power of our iniquities. - Is 64:6-7)*
 - Did things in His name in our own power *(“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.’ - Mt 7:21-23)*
 - Scribes and Pharisees tried to produce their own righteousness - pious life *(“For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. - Mt 5:20)*
- Helpless, hopeless *(remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. - Eph 2:12)*

4. Need to believe and accept that Christ died in your place

- Came to save sinners *(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. - I Tim 1:15)*
- He was made sin for you *(He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. - II Cor 5:21)*

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- Christ died in your place - He was your substitute - because you were unable to pay for your own sin
 - God was propitiated or satisfied by Jesus' death (*He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification. - Ro 4:25*)
 - He was delivered up for your transgressions
 - Then He was raised up because of our justification (His payment for our sins was adequate for God to declare us righteous and justified in His sight)
- Jesus conquered death
 - Death had hold over man because of his sin
 - Once sin was paid for - death lost its grip
 - The sting of death is sin and the power of sin is the law (*The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; 57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. - I Cor 15:56, 57*)
 - Jesus redeemed us from the curse of the Law having become a curse for us (*Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree” - Gal 3:13*)
 - His death took away the power of sin
 - Sin has been paid in full - death no longer has any power over us (*Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. - He 2:14-15*)
 - We can never be held in Satan's chains of sin because our sin was covered by the blood of Jesus so resurrection is inevitable for a child of God
 - *we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord. - II Cor 5:8*
 - *For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. Phil 1:21*
- You can only be righteous through Him

5. Repent

- You see yourself as you really are and see sin for what it truly is
- You want to be freed from sin - which can only be done through Christ (*So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. - Jn 8:36*)
- You understand that you are unable to free yourself from sin - freedom is only possible through Christ's substitutionary death for you
 - Salvation is by grace alone and faith alone (*But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; - Eph 2:4, 8*)
 - Turned from self - died to self - died to sin - through His death - He nailed our certificate of debt to the cross (*having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. - Col 2:14*) (and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. - I Pe 2:24)

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6. Result

- The Godhead will take up residence in you (*Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. - Jn 14:23*)
- You will be healed of sin (*But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, - I Cor 1:30*)
- No more condemnation (*Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. - Ro. 8:1*)
- reconciled to Him, blameless and beyond reproach (*and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach - Col 1:20-22*)
- You will become a new man - new creature
 - *Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. - II Cor 5:17*
 - *that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth. - Eph 4:22-24*
 - *Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience, and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him - Col 3:5-10*
 - *Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; . . . Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. - Ro 6:4-6, 11*
 - *But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts. - Ro 13:14*
- You will have put on Christ (*I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. - Gal 2:20*) (*For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. - Gal 3:27*)