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Hebrews 5:9: Once made perfect, Jesus became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him. (NIV)

THE SALVATION OF THE WORLD

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Father God, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, we give You thanks, praise, and bless You Lord, for Your Divine plan for eternal salvation. Father, even though we are all sinners and fall short of Your Will, You still Love us. Lord Jesus, thanks for Your ultimate sacrifice on the cross, for the sins of the world. Father, please teach us how to be more thankful and grateful for the price, Your Son Jesus paid for our sins. Lord, may we rejoice in the glory of our risen Lord, Christ Jesus. Father may Your grace, love, and mercy, be with us during these dark and evil times. Lord Jesus, please keep us safe, and protected, in Your faithful loving Arms. Father, I ask this prayer in the name of Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Hallelujah, Amen!

This month's inspired message has to do with Eternal Salvation. When I say, "The Salvation of the World", what is the first thing that comes to your mind? In order to answer that question, we must first understand what the meaning of salvation is. Salvation means in all intent and purpose, deliverance, from sin, and its consequences. Also, it means preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin or loss. When Jesus died for the sins of the world, He delivered all who believe in Him, from sin and its consequences. Also, He helped to preserve and deliver us from harm, ruin or loss. The deliverance I am talking about, is not harm to our physical being, ruin of all our accomplishments in life, or loss of family members, friends, property, health, and so on. It is the harm, ruin, and loss of our eternal soul!

I believe that the greatest challenge in life is to be able to overcome all the temptations, trials, and the snares of the evil one. Jesus is the greatest example of rising above sin and darkness, while living in the flesh. His death and resurrection, was no walk in the park, as it is written. Jesus was in great agony as He prepared for His death. See **Luke chapters 22 & 23** for all the details of Christ tragic death on the cross for our sins.

Although Jesus cried out to God, asking to be delivered, He was prepared to suffer humiliation, separation from His Father, and death in order to do God's Will. Jesus human life was not a script that He passively followed. It was a life He chose freely. **John 10:17,19**. It was a continuous process of making the Will of God the Father, His own.

Jesus chose to obey, even though obedience led to suffering and death! Because Jesus obeyed perfectly even under great trial, He can help us to obey, no matter how hard obedience seems to be. Christ was always morally perfect. By being perfect, He demonstrated His perfection to us, not to God or to Himself. In the Holy Bible, perfection usually means completeness or maturity. By sharing our experience of suffering, Christ shared our human experience completely. He is now able to offer eternal salvation to those who obey Him. See **Philippians 2:5-11** for Christ attitude as He took on human form. The “eternal salvation” Jesus has offered us, means the elimination of a verdict on our sin, the setting aside on judgment and the reward of undeserved membership into the family of God. It is a change in destiny, an awakening of hope, an overcoming of death. Salvation turns a person toward heaven and inaugurates a life of discipleship with the living Christ. It is God’s vote for us, God’s invitation for us and God’s energy invested in us. Salvation is the reason we can smile in the morning, and rest in the evening. God loves us and we belong to Him. The Bible tells us in **John 3:16-17**; “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. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. (NIV)”

It is my hope that you understand that, God’s Salvation is all about love for us, period! The more we become like *little children* by doing God’s Will, the more we will become aware of His Divine Presence!

Also, when it comes to Eternal Salvation, Jesus tells us that He is the Light of the world. Jesus also tells us that, His followers will not walk in darkness, but will have the *Light of Life*. **John 8:12**. In **Revelation 22:5** it is written; There will be no more night. [People in heaven] will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign forever and ever. It is also written in **Acts 4:12**; Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

Well my brothers and sisters who are into the Lord Jesus Christ, may we all take a good look at what Jesus has to offer us. Then take a good look at what the world and the flesh have to offer. It is real simple from an eternal stand point, to understand the ramifications of living for the world, the flesh, and devil. Living for the world, the flesh and the devil, is only a temporary state of mind that leads to eternal damnation. While living your life according to the will of God, reaps eternal salvation for all who follow Christ!!!

Let us pray: Father, thank You again for this months inspired message. Lord, may we take some time out each day to give thanks and praise. Father, may we never forget what Your Son and our Savior Christ Jesus did for the entire world. Lord Jesus, Your shed blood is our only chance we have, to escape the perils of our sins. Father, thanks again for Your unwarranted forgiveness for all out sins and weaknesses. Lord, may we come to know You and love You more and more each day. Father, may we all some day come to realize what it really means to live in Your Divine Presence. Lord, please continue to bestow Your love, grace, and mercy upon Your people. Father, I ask this prayer in the name of our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus, Amen, Amen, I say!

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The Spiritual Corner

By Christine T. Palma



THE UNTAMED TONGUE

What is a reaction? Reaction is an action performed or a feeling experienced in response to a situation or event. Every action has a reaction!

We often don't realize that what we say or do, can greatly impact those around us. Not just our friends and loved ones, but everyone we come in contact with. A kind smile or a small gesture can brighten someone's day. On the other hand, a harsh word or a spiteful act, can add unnecessary stress to someone's already troubled day. How we speak and act, tells a lot about someone's character. Proper speech is not only saying the right words at the right time, but it is also controlling our desire to say what we shouldn't.

An example of saying things that can cause a change of reaction are; Things like gossiping, putting others down, bragging, manipulating, false teaching, exaggerating, complaining, flattering, and lying etc! So before you speak period, ask yourself, is what I want to say true? Is it necessary? Is it kind?

(Bible Study Challenge) To better understand what God and the Holy Bible has to say about an untamed tongue, read **James, Chapter 3.**

PROVERBIAL WISDOM FOR SEPTEMBER 2013

Proverbs 3:5-6: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; Lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.
(NIV)

Proverbs 3:11-12: My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline and do not resent His rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those He loves, as a Father, the son He delights in. (NIV)



The Ministry's Daily Prayer List

Please join hands with this ministry and pray daily for; Sandy Tesi, Joe Magee, Joe Lakes, John Carlson, Terry Chando, Bernice Gibb, Denise Lathrop, Dennis Wilkerson, Jonathan Baker and Family. Sal Talamo, Bill Schlupp, Janelle Owens, Dennis E. Palma.



May we all pray daily for the United States of America. May we pray for all the sick, the poor, the homeless, the helpless, the fearful, the hopeless, the brokenhearted, the poor in spirit, the lost souls, the lame, the persecuted, the addicted, etc. May we also pray for the prideful, the greedy, the corrupted, the hateful, the violence, the wars, the lustful, the fornications, the murders, the false idols, etc.

Lord, may Your love, grace, mercy, and healing Hand, shine upon the United States of America. I ask this, in Jesus name, Amen.

Well my brothers and sisters, that about does it for this month inspirational journal. If you enjoyed this month's inspired message, please pass it on to your family and friends! May the Lord richly bless you and your family! Check us out @ makethespiritualconnection.com (Bing or Yahoo Search)