

Lesson 101 **Glorious Day**, August 22, 2012

08/22/12 MEETING:

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Introduction

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What does it mean to be saved? The definition of the word **saved** means to rescue from danger, harm or injury; to keep safe, intact, or unhurt; safeguard; preserve; to keep from being lost. In the biblical sense, "being saved" means being rescued from an eternity without the Lord. Therefore it could be said when speaking in the positive that it means **living eternally with our Lord in His Kingdom**. This is what it means to be saved. The day this happens, that day, will indeed be a glorious day, a day for rejoicing just as the Lord said.

Now that we understand the definition, we of course, want to know the process. Jesus himself answered the question on who are saved. He said this:

Luke 13:22-30 *And He went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are **saved**?" And He said to them, "**Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.** When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open for us,' and He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know you, where you are from,' then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.' But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.' There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out. They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God. And indeed there are last who will be first, and there are first who will be last."*

Salvation, we see, comes by entering through the narrow gate. But what exactly is this narrow gate. Well, the narrow gate is Jesus himself. Let me explain, we are saved when we believe in Him, in Jesus, and confess this belief to another in our own words. This is the narrow gate.

John 14:1-6 *"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to*

*Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.” Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**”*

Yes, Jesus is the way. He is your rescue from danger, harm or injury. He will keep you safe, intact, and unhurt. He will keep you from being lost. In other words, He will rescue you from an eternity without the Lord. It all comes through Him.

Romans 10:9-10 ... if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Jesus is indeed the way. Through Him we are saved. And that day is a glorious day. It most definitely is a day for rejoicing. In fact the Lord says each day that a new soul is won, each of these days is a **Glorious day, a day of rejoicing, new souls won and saved.**

Speak

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Jesus has been speaking of winning souls for quite a long time. He sent his twelve out and He sent the seventy-two out as well. They were all sent out to the harvest, to make disciples, winning souls for the Lord.

Matthew 10:5-7 *These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them saying: “Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”*

Luke 10:2-3 *Then He said to them, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Go you way, behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves.”*

Matthew 28:18-20 *“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

You can feel the value the Lord places on each individual just through all His words we have read thus far in this lesson. Each soul is important to Him. Each confession is important. The harvest is still plentiful. We, like the first disciples, are still to reach out. The ground has been prepared. It is time to plant the seed.

Speak to those I bring to you. Speak from your heart. Speak sincerely. Speak openly.

Did you catch that? The Lord said that He would bring them to you. Yes, the Lord assures us that He will prepare them and then He will bring them. Faith is an important factor here. I think you can agree that, that same faith, you had in the Lord to accept Him as your Savior, is needed to believe and accept the fact that He will bring people to you. We do not have to set out on our own even though we often want to. Allow Him to direct you. Don't let self get into it.

The Lord will guide you. He will move you to speak at the moment that is correct. He will bring them to you when their hearts have been prepared. And when He does bring them, and He

will, He said that we are to speak openly to them from our heart with sincerity. Much like Paul spoke of in:

2 Corinthians 2:17 *For we are not like a lot of folks who go about huckstering God's message for a fee; on the contrary, we speak out of a sincere heart, as people sent by God, standing in God's presence, living in union with the Messiah.* CJB

Therefore, we can agree, we like Paul are to speak out of a sincere heart, led by the Lord, in union with Him. Allowing Him to lead.

Inspiration

As I read and reflected on the Lord's next words the thought of inspiration came to my mind. I think this was because after He had spoken of the glorious day of winning souls, and after He had spoken of a sincere heart, He motivated me to look at people, to see them, as He sees them. He encouraged me to feel for them as He feels, to love as He loves. He said it like this:

Have My love, My same love for all men. Know that I made them all, even those who are not seeking Me. Try to see them as I do.

I realized, after some thought, that the Lord was inspiring me. He was inspiring Me to put on Christ.

Romans 13:8-10 *Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, you shall not covet", and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.*

Consequently, when we put on Christ we are putting on love because love is the fulfillment of the law. Christ fulfilled the law, we are to do the same.

1 John 4:7-16 *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

We cannot see others as Christ sees them if we do not have His love in our hearts. This is the reason for His inspirational words:

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Righteous Judgment

The Lord's inspiration, however, did not stop there. He encouraged us further by reminding us to follow His example. He said it this way: **Be holy as I AM holy. And Be pure as I AM pure.** These steps of putting on Christ are important because ultimately they will lead to us becoming the person He would have us be. They will lead us to *walk worthy of our calling*.

Be an example for all to see. Be holy as I AM holy. Be pure as I AM pure. Judge only with righteous judgment, the actions not the person, as you do not know all they have been through to get to where they are now.

The Lord teaches us about righteous judgment on the Take His Heart website <http://www.takehisheart.com/insightsjohn1.htm#Spoke> where He reveals the key element necessary for making a sound judgment. It reads like this:

God is talking about standing in His counsel, which is the key element required to make sound judgments and be successful. It's the best way to get understanding. The more you stand in God's counsel the more you learn of God's ways and thoughts. You are then more able to make judgments based on God's will, not man's. **I stood in God's counsel when He took me to heaven and the Lord's counsel on Judging is what I'm sharing here.** Yes, as Christians we are to make judgments but we should be aware of how and on what we base our judgment.

Jesus said,

John 7:24

Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

Jesus also said,

Matthew 7: 1,2

Judge not that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

Put these two together and you can see that Jesus is saying to judge a righteous judgment but do not judge from the appearance because the way you judge is the way you will be judged. We should be careful in our judgments. The truth is we make judgments all the time, not really realizing it. **We should be aware of this:**

Jeremiah 9:23,24

Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he that understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.

God is saying anyone **who really understands and knows, realizes this fact, "That it is God who exercises loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth."** We as Christians

are supposed to do the same, but we must remember it is God and only God who is able to do this perfectly. **It is God who reveals true loving kindness for a situation. It is God who reveals the truth and is the perfect and true judge in a situation. Actually, without His input we just don't know the pure truth. God says we are not to glory in our own wisdom.**

As we put on Christ, as we become more like Him, as we learn His ways, as we learn His thoughts, it is then and only then that we will be more prepared to make a righteous judgment. Judging the actions not the person. All of this is important because the Lord said we have no way of knowing **all they have been through to get to where they are now.**

Remember what Jesus did as He spoke to the crowd about the adulterous woman:

John 8:3-12 *Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?" This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear. So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first." And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more." Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."*

He did not condemn her, merely her actions. We know this because He said, **go and sin no more**. Therefore, He did identify her action as sin. However, He did not condemn her.

At this point, it is important for us to remember that the Lord began His words this day by emphasizing the importance of each person's soul being saved. Righteous judgment came into this area of conversation because the Lord wants us to understand the importance of having love in our hearts for all His children. I believe He wants to make sure we understand the difference between the person, their soul versus their sin, their actions. We can't forget He said this,

Have My love, My same love for all men. Know that I made them all...

You can see that He added no qualifiers in the story of the adulterous woman, in the words above or even when He made the following statement.

John 15:17 *"These things I command you, that you love one another."*

We, like Him, are to love all His children. We are to value them just as the Lord values all His children. Their souls should be equally important to us. This is why our example is so important. Others should be able to see Him through us, His holiness, His purity, His love. The Lord said,

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Me in You

As we read above, and in His final thoughts for this day, the Lord has once again encouraged us to **Teach through example**. We are to live a life of demonstration. Demonstrating not only our faith in Him but His values as well.

Teach through example. Allow them to see Me in you. Do you understand what I am saying? Be the best you can be (fruits of the Spirit),

Through these words He directed us to this verse in **Galatians 5**. It will help us to come to understand what He is speaking of here:

Galatians 5:22-23 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.*

However, there are other values, characteristics we are to put on as well.

Colossians 3:12-14 *Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.*

Through these additional verses you can see how the Lord continually emphasizes the qualities that are representative of love. This is because ultimately love provides the most effective witness of the promises available through Christ.

Be the best you can be (fruits of the Spirit), live these each day so they see Me in you. Then they will want what you have. They will want your peace, your happiness, your joy, My love.

But the Lord goes on to explain why this witness is important. It is important because...

This is what prepares hearts just as much as the footsteps I lead them to take to you. Amen!

As I was working on this lesson today my husband and I were having satellite television installed. We switched from the company we had been using because they did not "meet industry standards". We were led to the new company because of the advertisements they had out but primarily because we had seen their product in a friend's home.

This story can be applied to what the Lord has been talking to us about today. We have the "product" that will be viewed. It is our life with Christ. We are the example others will see. The Lord will use us as such, however, we need to make sure that we are walking it out correctly. Then the Lord will lead them to us. We should be encouraged therefore to "meet industry standards" by being obedient unto the Lord.

Let's look at what the Lord said in it's entirety once more.

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It is our responsibility to be all that we can be, following as the Lord directs. Yes, it's a glorious day, a day of rejoicing, a day the Lord has made.

May the Lord Bless and Keep You,
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