

Zion Chapel Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A.

2022 Vacation Bible School

Adult Bible Study

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Living Out Loud for Jesus!

(Bear Much Fruit!)

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Week Summary:

1. Introduction – Fruit: The Carrier of the Seed for Reproduction
2. The True Vine - Christ
3. The Priceless Value of the Seed – The Word of God
4. The Prepared Soil – Understanding with the Heart  Faith Comes
5. The Miracle of Salvation – Faith + Nothing
6. Abiding in Christ – Our New Identity
7. Pruning – What God does!
8. Types of Fruit

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The Miracle of Salvation

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Group Discussion:

Discuss The Philippian Jailer's Question (Acts 16:30)

What must I do to be saved?

1. Answer his question with what he must do.
2. What does God do if anything?

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The Miracle of Salvation

What must I do to be saved?

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The Miracle of Salvation: What must I do to be saved?

Romans 1:16-17

- ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to **every one that believeth**; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.
 - ¹⁷ For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by **faith**.
1. Faith = Taking God at his word
 2. Romans 4:3 - For what saith the scripture? Abraham **believed God**, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

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The Miracle of Salvation: What must I do to be saved?

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 – The Gospel of Christ

- **1** Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;
- **2** By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.
- **3** For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins** according to the scriptures;
- **4** And that **he was buried**, and that **he rose again** the third day according to the scriptures:
- Saving faith = **Believe the Gospel!** (“Understand with your heart and be converted”).

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The Miracle of Salvation: What must I do to be saved?

1 Thessalonians 2:13

- ¹³ For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

Romans 10:9-10

- ⁹ That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
- ¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

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How does God respond to saving
faith or does he?

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The Miracle of Salvation: How does God Respond to saving faith?

Ephesians 1:12-14

- ¹² That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.
- ¹³ In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,
- ¹⁴ Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Colossians 1:13

- ¹³ Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

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Romans 3:24-26

- ²⁴ Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:
- ²⁵ Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;
- ²⁶ To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.
- Propitiation (def.): God has declared the blood of Jesus to be the "complete and satisfying" sacrifice for all human sin.

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Ephesians 2:4-6 – God has quickened (made alive) us

- ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
- ⁵ Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
- ⁶ And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

Romans 5:5

- ⁵ And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

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Romans 5:8-11

- ⁸ But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, **while we were yet sinners**, Christ died for us.
- ⁹ Much more then, being now justified by his blood, **we shall be saved from wrath through him**.
- ¹⁰ For if, **when we were enemies**, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being **reconciled**, we shall be saved by his life.
- ¹¹ And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the **atonement**.

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Colossians 2:9-13

- ⁹ For in him (Christ) dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.
- ¹⁰ And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:
- ¹¹ In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:
- ¹² Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.
- ¹³ And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

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Romans 8:14-17

- ¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
- ¹⁵ For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
- ¹⁶ The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:
- ¹⁷ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Philippians 3:20

- For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

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Ephesians 2:19

- ¹⁹ Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;
- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- ¹⁹ What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?
- ²⁰ For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

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2 Corinthians 5:17-21

- ¹⁷ Therefore if any man be in Christ, **he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
- ¹⁸ And all things are of **God, who hath reconciled us to himself** by Jesus Christ, and hath **given to us the ministry of reconciliation**;
- ¹⁹ To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.
- ²⁰ Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.
- ²¹ For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that **we might be made the righteousness of God in him**.

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The Miracle of Salvation: How does God Respond to saving faith?

1 Corinthians 12:6-7

- ⁶ And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.
- ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

Ephesians 2:8-10

- ⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
- ⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast.
- ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship (masterpiece), created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

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The Miracle of Salvation: How does God Respond to saving faith?

Summary:

- Sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.
- Translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.
- Justified (declared not guilty) us freely by his grace.
- Redeemed us (purchased us back with the blood of Jesus).
- Quickened us (made us alive) in Christ.
- Made us sit together with Christ in heavenly places.
- Shed the love of God abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.

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The Miracle of Salvation: How does God Respond to saving faith?

Summary (cont.):

- Made peace with us through Christ.
- Saved us from the wrath to come.
- Reconciled (atonement) us by Christ death and saved us by Christ life.
- Made us complete in Christ.
- Forgiven us all our trespasses (sins) past, present and future in Christ.
- Made us children of God.

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The Miracle of Salvation: How does God Respond to saving faith?

Summary (cont.):

- Made us heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.
- Our citizenship is now in heaven.
- We are fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God.
- Made our body the temple of the Holy Ghost.
- Made us new creatures in Christ.
- Given us the ministry of reconciliation and made us Ambassadors for Christ.
- We are now God's workmanship (masterpiece)
- Given each of us a measure of grace (spiritual gift) to profit the body of Christ.

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So where is the miracle?

*The miracle is that God did all of this
for his enemies!!*

*The biggest hindrance to fruit
bearing is that we don't believe
what God has said!*

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The Miracle of Salvation: Why is salvation the greatest miracle?

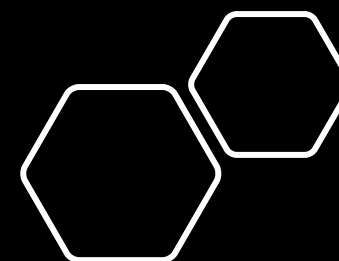
1. We were social outcast like lepers.
2. We were paralyzed by sin.
3. We were spiritually dead in trespasses and sins.
4. We were spiritually blind.
5. We were spiritually deaf.
6. We were spiritually dumb (unable to speak God's language).
7. We were spiritually lost.
8. We were enemies of God.

With all of these reasons not to love us, God demonstrated his love for us in this, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for the ungodly!

Why

WHY SALVATION IS THE GREATEST MIRACLE

1. ...because it is a miracle for *anyone* to be **forgiven**.
2. ...because it is always a miracle for your sins to be *wiped away*.
3. ...because it is always a miracle for someone to **love** a person who has many problems.
4. ...because it is always a miracle for someone to be *released from prison*.
5. ...because it is always a great miracle for **light** to shine into the *darkness*.
6. ...because it is a great miracle for you to go to **Heaven**.
7. ...because it is a great miracle for you to know **Jesus**.



"The greatest of all
Miracles is the
Salvation of a soul."

-C H Spurgeon

-The truth will set you free-

