

Outline for Lesson 2: Salvation – A Relationship Transformed

Introduction: A Divine Rescue Mission

- **Illustration:** Picture a person drowning in a stormy sea, utterly helpless until rescued by a strong hand.
- **Key Verse:** “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” (Luke 19:10)
- **Purpose:**
 - To explain that salvation is God’s divine rescue of humanity.
 - To demonstrate the transformative impact of salvation on our relationship with God.

1. A Compelling Question: What Does It Mean to Receive Christ?

- **Salvation is Exclusive:**
 - “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)
 - Jesus is the only lifeboat in the storm of sin.
- **The Promise for Believers:**

- “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.” (John 5:24)

2. The Urgency of This Moment

- **The Reality of Judgment:**

- “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.” (Hebrews 9:27)
- Every heartbeat is one step closer to eternity.

- **The Glory of the Gospel:**

- Jesus bore God’s wrath and paid sin’s penalty.
- “Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” (2 Corinthians 6:2)

3. The Heart of the Matter: A Relationship Restored

- **Separation Caused by Sin:**

- “But your iniquities have separated between you and your God.” (Isaiah 59:2)
- Sin disrupts fellowship with God.

- **Reconciliation Through Christ:**
 - “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” (John 17:3)
 - Salvation is about restoring fellowship, not just escaping hell.

4. The Weight of Glory

- **The Power of Salvation:**
 - “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.”
(Romans 1:16)
 - Salvation liberates from sin and brings eternal hope.
- **A Call to Decision:**
 - “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Romans 10:13)
 - Delay is dangerous; today is the day of salvation.

5. Two Spiritual Families

Key Truth: Every person belongs to one of two families: Satan’s or God’s.

- **Born Into Satan’s Family:**
 - “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.” (Romans 5:12)
 - “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.” (John 8:44)
 - The family of Satan is destined for eternal destruction (Revelation 20:15).
- **Adopted Into God’s Family:**
 - “Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.” (Colossians 1:13)
 - Spiritual birth is required: “Ye must be born again.” (John 3:7)
 - Privileges of God’s family:
 - “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.” (Romans 8:16)
 - Eternal security: “And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish.” (John 10:28)

6. Entering God’s Family

Key Question: What must I do to be saved?

1. Realize God Loves You:

- “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son.” (John 3:16)

2. Recognize Your Sin:

- “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)

3. Understand Sin’s Penalty:

- “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life.” (Romans 6:23)

4. Believe in Christ’s Work:

- “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

5. Call Upon the Lord:

- “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Romans 10:13)

7. The Transformational Impact of Salvation

• A New Creation:

- “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

• The Holy Spirit’s Indwelling:

- “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you?”
(1 Corinthians 6:19)
- **Eternal Life Begins Now:**
 - “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.” (John 3:36)

8. Misconceptions About Salvation

- **Not Everyone is in God’s Family:**
 - “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:26)
- **Salvation is Not Earned:**
 - “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”
(Ephesians 2:8-9)
- **There is Only One Way to Heaven:**
 - “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6)

9. Practical Questions for Believers

- **Will I Still Sin After Salvation?**

- Sin persists, but forgiveness is assured: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us.” (1 John 1:9)
- **How Does Sin Affect My Relationship with God?**
 - Sin disrupts fellowship but not sonship: “For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth.” (Hebrews 12:6)

- **What Should I Do When I Sin?**

- Confess and repent: “Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit.” (2 Corinthians 7:1)

Conclusion: Salvation is a Relationship Transformed

- **Key Verse:** “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Romans 10:13)
- **Challenge:**
 - For the unsaved: Call upon Christ today.
 - For the saved: Rejoice in your relationship with God and live to reflect His grace.

Final Exhortation: Salvation is not just an event but a journey of transformation and eternal joy in God’s presence. Live as His child and proclaim His salvation to a lost world.