

The Salvation Process

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[0 : 00] Hallelujah! Thank you for tuning in to this powerful message by David Entry at Karis Phase 2, our Christ-centered youth services. You can never find Christ outside of the open Word of God.

May Jesus Christ reveal himself to you as you listen. Amen. Alright, listen now, let's get into God's Word. Are you looking forward to hearing God's Word?

Amen. Amen. It's going to be amazing. Ephesians chapter 2, verse 4 to 10.

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherein he loved us, for his great love wherein he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, has quickened us together with Christ, by grace are ye saved, and has raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness towards us, through Christ Jesus.

[1 : 27] For by grace are ye saved through faith, and not of yourselves. It is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are the workmanship of Christ, we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, unto good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them.

Here ends the reading of God's word. Father, what we don't know, teach us. Who we are not, make us. Where we are not, take us all to the glory of your name. In Jesus' name.

Amen. Last week, we spoke about grace. The week before, we spoke about mercy. That it is by his mercies we are not consumed.

We found out that there is a difference between saving grace, and functioning grace. And we see, we saw, in chapter 2, verse 5 of Ephesians, it said that, in fact, let me take, let me put it this way, let me just, start from verse 1.

It says that, and you who, and you has he made alive, who were dead in your trespasses. The process of salvation, the first aspect of what God did, is to make us alive.

[2 : 52] So there are steps, in elevating us. The first step is, he made us alive. Then, verse 5, by God, who is rich, in mercy, verse 4, which, because of his great, love, of which he loved us.

Verse 5, even when we were dead in trespasses, that's where it starts from, made us alive together with Christ. Say, made us alive. Made us alive. Together with Christ.

Then he says, by grace, are you saved? Or have you been saved? Verse 6, he didn't just make us alive.

After making us alive, what did he do? He raised us up together. So the first step, of the salvation process, is made us alive.

And second, he raised us up together. Now there's something, I need you to, take notice of, here. Jesus Christ, was raised from the dead, 2000 years ago.

[4 : 06] You got born again, just a few days ago. A few weeks ago. A few months ago. And there was a circumstance, where you raised up together.

In the economy, and in the mind of God, and in the plan of God, even though you were not, born again, or you were not even born, you have already been raised together.

And it manifests in time. It talks about, 2 Timothy chapter 1, verse 9.

How we have not been saved by our works. Right? Who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his, his own purpose, and grace, which was given to us.

Where? Where? Where was it given to us? Where? In Christ Jesus. When? Before time began.

[5 : 11] This thing was given to us, in Christ Jesus, before time began. So, at what point in time did he become a reality? Look at the next verse. But has now been revealed, by the appearing of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who has abolished death, and brought immortality, life and immortality to light,

through the gospel.

So, what happened, and what God did, before the world began, has been manifested, in these last times.

Okay, do you understand that? So, he said, but now has to be revealed, by the appearing of Jesus. But, whatever we are receiving, which has been revealed, was already done.

It's, it's, it's, accomplished fact. In the English Standard Version, Luke chapter 1 verse, I think, 78, or 68.

78, or 68. It talks about, he has, accomplished. Yes, that's the one I'm looking for. That's 68. Yeah.

[6 : 22] 68. Blessed be, the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited us, an accomplished redemption. Redemption, is an accomplishment.

If something, for something to be, an accomplishment, it has to be, something that you embark on. It's, there's a starting point, and series of process.

This happened, this happened, then you get it. You know, you accomplish it. So, now you are a PhD holder. That's great accomplishment. But, you didn't just, one day you, I'm going to get PhD.

Then you got it. No, it takes a process, to accomplish something. So, God accomplished salvation.

Now, this, is now taking me, a bit further and off. But that's okay. God, planned salvation.

It's his, his plan. Before the world began. when Adam fell, salvation had already been planned. So, the fall of Adam was not a surprise to God.

[7 : 33] Because he said, the Lamb of God, who was slain, from the foundation of the earth. And, 1 Peter, chapter 1, verse 19, you are saved by the precious blood of the Lamb, who was slain, the precious blood of the Lamb, 1 Peter, chapter 1, verse 19, of the Lamb, as a Lamb, without, blemish.

And, the 20 says what? The 20, he was, indeed, he was foreordained, before the world was founded. The Lamb of God, was foreordained, preordained, or preset, before the world was founded.

So, I'm about to say something very powerful, and very important. The salvation of, the salvation accomplished by Jesus, was not a plan B.

It wasn't plan B. Oh, God said, stay in the garden, don't eat the bad fruit, and they ate apple.

Please, it's not apple. They ate it, and then God said, oh, they have, saw my plan, okay, what's the next thing I will do?

No. It's not plan, it's the main plan. Because, he was slain, from the, or before the foundation of the earth.

[8 : 59] Revelation chapter 13, verse 8. The names are written, in the Lamb's book of life.

The Lamb, book of life, the book of life of the Lamb, slain from the foundation. Slain, that means, slain, that means, executed, killed, slotted.

Slotted, from the foundation of the world. So, these things were planned. God has saved us, according to his own purpose, and grace, which was given to us, in Christ Jesus.

Can you imagine, before the world began, something was living to you. Think about it. You, your, your, your great, great, great, great, great, great, great, grandfather, was not even conceived.

And yet, God knew about you. The Bible says in Romans, chapter 8, verse 29, for those he foreknew. You are not saved by, I'm trying to say something.

[10 : 06] You are not saved by accident. And maybe, maybe, okay, let's pray to God, maybe he will receive it. No, no, no, no, God has already planned to save you. Before he sent you on the earth.

That's why your birth is not an accident. Your father never planned it, but God did. I don't get what I'm saying.

Nobody ever gets born by accident, so don't abort. God had you in mind before the foundation of the earth.

In spite of how life has been complicated, because you are a unique statement from above. God. It says that, for those he foreknew, Romans, chapter 8, verse 9, those he foreknew, he also predestined.

[11 : 11] Do you know destination? You join the bus because he tells you the destination. My Bible school used to be in Northern Hillgate, bus 12 from Beckham.

My early days, I was going to Bible school. I didn't understand the bus system. I jumped on the bus, but the final destination of that bus 12 was Westminster. You know, sometimes the bus doesn't go further.

It was Westminster. So, it stopped there, and everybody came down. I was still sitting, upper deck waiting. The driver said, everybody that's there.

I said, why? I'm going to West, I'm not in Hillgate. Why here? I said, no, this bus is stopping here. There's another one coming. You have to wait for it.

That will take you there. So, destination. So, when we talk about destination, where this train, this bus, this plane, where it's going.

[12:11] Now, so, last stop, how, where it, where it's meant to be. Destination. Predestination is that before it starts, it has been pre-planned, that that's where it's going.

And Bible said before, for those he foreknew, he also predestined. What was the predestination about? He predestined to be conformed into the image of his son.

So, you being born again, it's not because you are so smart. It's because God has planned it already. That's why your parents gave birth to you.

They might not know, but God doesn't have to consult your parents. He never consulted my parents before sending me. And when the time came for me to be born again, I, I, I, I accepted Jesus.

Because for those, watch this, this is very important theology I'm teaching you. For those he foreknew, he also predestined. And your, your destination in life is to be conformed into the image of Christ.

[13:19] So that when Satan sees you, you say, ah, that's another Jesus. That's another Jesus. You are talking about tiny P, that you are joking. Tiny Jesuses.

Satan sees you, that is your, listen, that is God, your destiny. Your actual destiny in life is to be conformed into the image of God.

Sorry, image of his son. So that you are, when God, oh, oh, oh, oh, when God looks at you, who is born again, he doesn't see anything different between you and Christ.

and those he predestined, he called. Those he called, he justified. Just he justified, he glorified.

So the glorification started from before. For those he foreknew. God doesn't start working today.

[14:22] There's a reason why that boy broke your heart. would have driven, would you have come to church if, by now you would have been in France or Morocco.

Yeah. You would have been in Spain with a guy. We can't. Go on. Right. Now you are in church in the ashes. How did that happen?

The boy broke your heart. Guess who was behind it? God. So God make him, make him break my heart.

He allowed it. He didn't inspire him. Because he didn't have to inspire him. He would do it anyway. But, I'm trying to say something.

But I'm saying it in a very, kind of a trivial way. But what I'm trying to say is, the circumstances in your life that has led you here, God is away. verse 28 says that, for all things, all things work together.

[15:30] Whatever you have been through, whatever your parents have been through, even your father's absence has worked together for God's purpose. People might think you are unfortunate. But if you can look at it, subspecies, I tend to tell you.

If you can look at it in the light of God's panoramic view, you realize that it's really an advantage for you. You realize that.

So he said, all things work together for good to those who love the Lord and are called according to his purpose. Then look at the next verse. Why does, the next verse, why does all things work?

Because, for, those he foreknew. So really, this is explaining why all things are working. Praise the Lord.

For those he foreknew, he also predestined. So what I'm trying to say is that a lot of the things that God is doing, have already been started before you became a way.

[16:32] Became a way. Anything, the way your heart is feeling as I'm preaching, it was programmed by God before I'm even aware you are. Oh, no, nothing.

God is micromanaging things. Oh, yes. He micromanages every step in the way.

Look at, Jesus' life is a typical example. There's nothing that happened in the life of Jesus that was not controlled by God. God is, and Pontius Pilate didn't want to kill him.

Pontius Pilate was determined to let him go, but he didn't have what it takes. Because God has purpose. Let me show you. In Acts chapter 13, sorry, Acts chapter 3, verse 13, it says that the God of our, the Father Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of

our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, who was, did you see that?

But don't take lightly, that word, who was what? Determined. Pilate has vowed, he said, me, you guys think you are strong, I'll make sure, he says, he will not die.

[17 : 45] He was determined to let him go, but it wasn't within his power. Why couldn't he stop it? Because in Acts chapter 2, verse 23, and Acts chapter 4, verse 28, and Luke chapter 22, verse 22, I think we should start from Luke 22, verse 22.

He said, I'm going to Jerusalem, the Son of Man is going, and you'll be arrested. So why are you going? Why are you going when you know you'll be arrested? Luke chapter 22, verse 22, please. The Son of Man goes, as it has been, as it has been, as it has been. Why are you going to Jerusalem?

It's been determined already. Everything is part of the script. That's why I'm talking about salvation accomplished. It doesn't have just happened. It has every step of the way.

It's minute details. How he even cried on the cross, it was determined. How they put a sword in his side, it was determined. How they didn't break his leg, it was determined. When the thief spoke on the cross, it was determined.

[18 : 57] Everything has been recorded already before it's happening. The Son of Man is going as is determined. So Judas was the one to be used, but it's not that he's innocent.

He said, woe bethires the one who will betray him, even though he needs to be betrayed. But the one who betrays him is responsible for his actions.

In Acts chapter 4, verse 28, it says that they got there together and took counsel. 27 makes sense before you get to 28. they prayed and it says that verse 28, for truly against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were guarded together.

All these people came together. Who were the key players? Herod, Pontius Pilate, the Gentiles and the people of Israel. Four major key players.

At least one of them cannot be deceived and can be coerced into behaving. For all of them, and they were acting unilaterally based on their own volition.

[20 : 15] Without any external influences, their own volition. And yet, God was the one. Look at it. They came together. Look at verse 28. Why did they come together?

I don't hear you. If you are at your hand and your purpose it's time to be called to be done. God's hand and God's purpose have determined before that something must be done.

So, Herod, Pontius Pilate, the Gentiles and the Jews, they came together. Most of these people were even not one. Pontius Pilate and Herod were arch enemies.

So, there's no way they would come together. Not even once. Not even once. Arch enemies, they came together. The Jews don't deal with Gentiles.

They won't come together. Jews and Gentiles for what? But then, it says, Herod, Pontius Pilate, the Jews and the people of the Gentiles and the people of Israel, they came together for what?

[21 : 22] To do what your hand and your purpose have. Come on. Purpose determined before to be done. That's why Pontius Pilate couldn't say, I won't kill him.

How could he say, God? The Bible said he was determined to let him go by trusting in his power because there is actually the main mastermind above. That's why you shouldn't be afraid when God says he'll bless you.

Get busy walking with God. No one can destroy your life. It doesn't matter how many. Some of you who fear demons a lot. somebody said, I don't want to pray against the devil so that he doesn't come after me.

Whether he pray against you or he doesn't pray against you, he's coming after your piece of flesh. He's your avowed enemy. Whether you pray or you don't pray, he's coming after you.

theology is everything when it comes to work with God. The sermon, that's why during the lockdown I took my time to teach on wholesome words.

[22 : 29] It's one of the classic messages. Wholesome words. Words which accord with Jesus Christ's teachings, the teachings of Jesus Christ. Words, there are some words that accord with godliness.

Some other words don't accord with godliness. godliness. It might not be evil. It might not be bad. But you can't find it in the mainstream of godliness. It doesn't produce godliness. So, God has

always had a plan.

And Pontius Pilate was too small. In fact, the reason why the office was even created is all part of fulfilling gospel. before Pharaoh was born, it has already been said that descendants of Abraham would go into Egypt for slavery.

Way before Pharaoh died as slave they was born. He just came to play. It's a long script. And everybody comes to play their part.

we are playing our part. And everybody will be rewarded and accorded the necessary judgments and rewards or punishment based on the part you play.

[23 : 52] but if I didn't choose what part to play and God chose me to play the part why is he punishing me for playing the part he wanted me to play anyway? Because even if he had not inspired you the way you are you would have still done it.

So, you are still culpable. The sovereignty of God and the responsibility of man they don't conflict. God is sovereign and yet man is responsible for his actions.

So, do you know what? Pontius Pilate will still be judged for executing Jesus even though in his heart he didn't want to do it. It was under his watch the most lawless act of justice was carried under his watch.

He can't say I didn't want to do God but you oversaw it. It's called the providence of God that you have so many enemies.

They hate you. They don't like you. You wrote the exam and they didn't go the way you and then this person marked you down and you didn't get this job and your credit history didn't know they should have taught you in secondary school that it's very important for your future progress.

[25 : 03] They never taught you. They showed you how to use condom and all this this and now you get to a place you realize a lot of things are messed up in your life you can't go forward and then you just turn to God you are praying and it will surprise you that all from the beginning God has been He didn't put it in place but He allowed it to happen it looks like by accident by actually works all things work together nothing takes God by surprise including nothing takes God by surprise praise God so going back to my original text it says that so before you became born again God in His plan has already made you alive in Christ it has happened but it manifested in time so whatever is happening here some things have already happened sometimes you meet some people you say master

I'm not lying but we are sitting I dreamt about this moment I dreamt we were in the same thing some of the years what was it how many of you have had that experience where something happened oh I've dreamt this before deja vu so it means that if it's even real it means that some things have already happened happened sometimes some people who have near death experience or they die they speak about it not knowing they are going to die but they said that's why he said that even if you don't see me don't be worried but why would he say that now he understood it looks like he knew he was about to die he didn't know but the human spirit and the human soul can sense some things because you are not just physical there is a metaphysical aspect of human being that's why don't build all your life around science science cannot tell metaphysical aspects of life science only deals with what is seen what is tangible but there are things in life that are not tangible that are not tangible they are not tangible how come you have never seen your dad never seen your dad but your emotions and when you are angry it's similar to him and one day your mom was looking at you your dad died many years ago before you were born but you are crying when you are crying or emotional things that move emotionally it's the same thing it's something how many of you have seen somebody and maybe he's a relative you never knew but every time you feel like there's something about this person that's not science that's metaphysical something's drawing you something's drawing you to somebody those are not in the realm of science so you are not just a physical being that's what I'm trying to say you are not just so when you have sex with somebody you are having sex with their spirit gone you are introducing your life into a new face of spiritual reality because you are not just physical you are spiritual as well you have a soul how come they can take a dog and representing you and they take it to the what do call it voodoo voodoo dog and then babalau they point to your can you imagine you are in you are in america and someone you woke up in the morning and you call your uncle in the village and say uncle

I don't know why suddenly this sharp pain and he say ah it's working how can you explain that with science these things are real I'm just trying to tell you you are not just a physical being you are also a spiritual being and in the mind of God in the spirit you were raised together so even though

physically it has not happened it's already taking place it's been accomplished and in the process of time that's why you see in the bible and it came to pass and it came to pass it has already been predestined but it came to pass it came to pass it came to pass nothing counts to stay I know you didn't hear what I said that problem your family is going through it came to pass and it came to pass so he says that he verse 6 of

Ephesians chapter 2 he raised us up together when did it happen it's already happened in the spirit he said watch this so long as God is concerned it is a spiritual reality do you understand it's something that is real it's just time before you realize it's like when a woman is pregnant you are not just a human body you are a spirit being 1st Thessalonians chapter 5 verse 24 it says that may the Lord sanctify you holy then he begins to mention the three aspects of your tripartite being every human being is tripartite tripartite and it didn't start from body it didn't start from body it starts so most of you ladies it's all you do is to polish your body and punish your spirit build your spirit you can build yourself up in your most holy faith you can build yourself up build yourself up

Jude verse 20 build yourself up in the most holy faith he said if I speak in tongues he said anyone who prays in a tongue edifies himself in other words 1st Corinthians chapter 14 verse 4 or verse 3 and 4 when you speak in tongues you edify edify means to build up it's like you are in the gym build up I really like big muscles but I don't like the work that brings it so that's what I'm left with I'm a result of my practices but you can if anyone who prays in tongues pierce himself up yes 1st Corinthians chapter he who speaks in a tongue edifies himself but he who prophesies that prophesying there means speaking the word of

[32 : 56] God into a congregation like I'm doing you are building the church so obviously who has more value someone who is helping many people and someone who is helping just himself who is more so he said that he who speaks in tongues is better than he who prophesies is better than he who speaks in tongues when you prophesy it's for the benefits of others when you teach it's for the benefits of others when you speak in tongues just for you but the truth is you can build yourself so in the spirit we have already been first line of first step in our salvation journey is made alive second step he raised us up together with Christ third step and he made us raised up together and made us sit together in the heavenly places in the heavenly places where in Christ that's very interesting watch this we sat together in the heavenly places but in

Christ so it's not like Christ was sitting there we also went and sat next to him no we sat inside him the Christian life is in Christ life in Christ so you see it constantly in the New Testament in Christ in Christ in Christ through Christ in Christ through Christ in Christ that is why the value of your Christian life is at the mercy of your revelation of Christ in Christ to Christ in Christ through Christ in Christ through Christ in Christ through Christ sometimes it says in whom in him in whom he's all talking about Christ in him in whom in him Bible says that in him we live and move and have our being if any man be in Christ I am crucified nevertheless I yet not I but

Christ who lives in me and the life now I live I live by the faith of Christ Colossians chapter 2 verse 10 and we are complete in him praise the Lord so he raised up together in Colossians chapter 2 verse 12 it talks about when we are baptized we are buried with him and we are raised up together Colossians chapter 2 verse 12 buried with him in baptism in which you also were raised did you see that with him that's why you can't it's wrong for you to be a believer and you won't be baptized what kind of believer is this baptism is not salvific okay what does that mean don't worry I'll explain it I knew you'd be here so it needs to be explained because you are not good with math and English baptism is not salvific in other words it doesn't carry it doesn't have saving virtues so if you tell somebody you have to be baptized before you are saved it is not true you don't need to be baptized before you are saved else the thief on the cross in Luke chapter 23 verse 43

Jesus said today you shall be with me in paradise when was he baptized the guys died on the cross he died few hours later he couldn't be saved so baptism does not save but baptism does not save but they asked Peter men and brethren Acts chapter 2 verse 37 what must we do to be saved watch this this is very interesting he said there are two things you have to do and God will also do two things for you salvation is in two major phases and the means to salvation is two major steps Peter said Peter said repent every one of you and be baptized that's all that's all that's all two one repent to be baptized so why is it that you claim you have repented but you don't want to be baptized why don't you want to baptize in baptism we identify with him in his burial that's what we go down we are signifying that we have been buried with

Christ buried with him through baptism but raised with him again buried with him in baptism in which ye also in baptism you also were raised with him through faith in the work of God who raised him from the dead so when God was raising him he wasn't raised alone you were also part of the resurrection in Romans chapter 6 verse 5 we were buried with him and raised with him verse 5 says that for if we have been united together with him in the likeness of his death certainly we also shall be in the likeness of his resurrection so how are we united with him in the likeness of his death you read the verse before verse 4 verse 4 tells you that therefore we were buried with him through how are we buried with him how are we buried with him into death why the reason why we need to die is so that just as

[38 : 52] Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the father even so we also should walk in newness of life we were raised with him so first of all he quickens us secondly he raises us together with him and thirdly and made us sit together with him in heavenly places in Christ that's very interesting it's not only in heavenly places but in heavenly places in Christ so we are actually seated in Christ and in heaven and Christ is seated in heavenly first Ephesians chapter 1 verse 20 Ephesians chapter 1 verse 20 he raised him up and sat him sat him Ephesians chapter 1 verse 20 who worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand where is seated at the right hand of majesty Hebrews chapter 1 verse 2 seated at the right hand of majesty Hebrews chapter 12 verse 1 and 2 at the right chapter 1 verse 2

Hebrews chapter 1 verse 2 it says that this last day has spoken by his son who has appointed the earth through whom he also made the world verse 3 is the one I'm looking for look at verse 3 this is very interesting who being the brightness of God glory and the express image of God person and upholding all things by the word of his power when he had by himself purged our sins sat down sat at the right hand of the majesty on high why is he seated at the right hand of majesty on high when he said right hand doesn't mean God has left hand right hand that's that's what theologians call anthropomorphic language I'll break it down I'll break it down when we talk about uh anthropomorphic it's talking about human form so when we say anthropomorphic is in the language or in the form of humans so when we say something is an anthropomorphic terminology or anthropomorphic language it is using human terminology so when we say God has left or right or God who sits in heaven doesn't mean he has backside you think God has no God who he who sits in the heavenly shall laugh that's an anthropomorphic language so we know that the government has to sit so we can understand but God is a spirit John chapter 4 verse 24 he says spirit a spirit has not got a form God is a spirit so when he sat at the right hand of majesty on high when he says someone is my right hand man doesn't mean every time he sits on your right hand so when you are driving where will he sit okay or if the car you are driving is right hand drive where will the person sit no way for the person to sit or if you if

I join if you are driving and I come and sit in your car your car is left hand drive I guess I come and sit in your car obviously I will sit on the right side right and and if my right hand person like my wife is coming then where will she sit because she's always supposed to sit on my right hand man is not someone who sits on your right hand it's like someone through whom everything happens for you that's why I said nothing was made without him that was made if you want to get to go to Christ don't bother with Mary it's a waste of time so Jesus Christ sat at the right hand of majesty Hebrews chapter 12 verse 1 looking unto Jesus the sin that we are surrounded with let's go to verse 2 let's go to verse 2 it says looking unto Jesus the author and the finisher of our faith who for the joy that was set before him and despising the shame and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God has sat down now where is Jesus seated in the heavenly places on the right hand of God Ephesians chapter 1 verse 20 again it tells us that which he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at God's right hand in the heavenly places now Bible says we are seated with him he didn't go there alone but when were you born again for you to have joined him when he was going he went with you in the spirit you have already joined before you even became born again a reality that's a very interesting point and we are not seated just with him we are seated in him but there are some interesting words in this text because verse 6 says he raised us up together and made us sit together together we sat together sitting together means side by side and yet our side by side is in

[44 : 43] Christ we sat together with Christ we sat together in the heavenly places not with Christ in Christ that's the reality of who you are you don't need to be a millionaire to have this godly status that's why in church we are in Christ we are all one whether you have money you don't have money

it doesn't matter the oxygen ratio brief is not different from the oxygen we brief hallelujah he made us sit together in heaven places did you receive something thank you for choosing to listen to this message by David Entry we hope you are blessed by it you can connect with David Entry on all relevant social media platforms including

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