

The Corrugated Christian

Good morning church, I want to welcome you to our service today. If this is your first time joining us here on Sunday Online, we would like to welcome, you to our service today and invite you to join us every Sunday for a weekly message.

Let us pray

Introduction

Our reading today comes from **Romans 10:9-13** *⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

I have been a Christian for many years and have spent many hours studying God's word and learning it.

It is only during the last few years that I have started joining the dots together.

Once I start to see the big picture come into focus many other things that I had learned started to make more sense, especially how many scriptures made more sense.

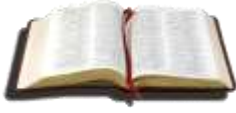
I used to take scriptures as a "faithful student of the word in context to the situation and then assimilate other scriptures on this topic which I had read in the past, trying to understand them as they relate to one another.

And only believe it to be Biblically correct if I could find at least three scripture that spoke of this same concept and topic.

In reality, when I first started my journey, these scriptures were islands of information, a verse here and a few verses there, pet verse for this and that but they did not form a whole or so I thought.

I knew that Jesus Christ died for me and my sins. And it is a fact that He died for the SIN of the WHOLE world, all of mankind that have ever or will ever live on this earth, Jesus Christ died for their SIN!

I knew God loved me, and I loved Him. I had accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour in May 1986, but somehow through tradition or other wrong beliefs I fought with some of the concepts of Grace and Mercy, mostly applying what I have learned from other Christians, but most of us do not understand what Jesus Christ did for us at Calvary and I hope to prove this in this series, that Jesus Christ paid the complete price for our sins.



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As I never fully understood what Jesus Christ did for me and that cross with me but had poured out all His wrath which my sin deserves on Jesus Christ at Calvary.

I lived the corrugated Christian life. One day up and on fire for God and the next down in the dumps and far from God because of sin and failure.

I based my righteousness before God through my feelings and actions and many people have this problem today! My faith as their faith was based on our works, our deeds, and our performance and not on the finished work of the Cross of Calvary.

Whenever I did something wrong, I felt condemned and not welcome in God's presence. I knew I was going to heaven but somehow when I was doing His work, I felt more of a saint than at other times.

Slowly through reading God's word and letting it soak into my life, my being. I started to learn that Jesus Christ did it all on the cross and that my works are not going to help with my salvation, it was already DONE at Calvary!

There was nothing I still needed to do, my only response to the Gospel was to do what **Romans 10:9** says: *"**If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**"*

- To confess with my mouth that Jesus Christ IS LORD
- To believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead
- And put my faith in God's word that I have eternal life

There was nothing else to do because Christ had done it all for me.

Eventually, I got before God and said Lord You have to help me and show me what is right and what is wrong.

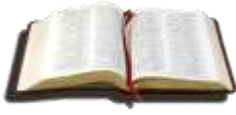
I decided to switch from head knowledge to God's knowledge. I decided to allow God just to minister His love to me through His Word and what He has already done for me, and I also allowed Him to minister to me through the sermons I was hearing at church.

I purposely took my mind, my will, my emotions anything that would hinder me; I put it aside and allow the message to just come inside me.

I decided to say "Shut up head, I am being led"

I decided to put my faith in Him and His Word, that I could know the Truth and this Truth would set me free, free from what, my SIN, my guilt, my shame, my inadequacies.

John 8:32 "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free"



Slowly the Word of God started making sense, as I joined each dot in the puzzle, I started to understand more and more to a point where I am absolutely convinced that God is not mad at me;

The TRUTH is that God has never been cross/mad with anyone, He has always been cross/mad at sin, why can I say that because Jesus Christ has reconciled mankind to God through His death and resurrection. **2 Corinthians 5:18** *“¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ”*

It is an amazing work of grace and mercy that none of us deserves but He did it anyway. He chose to take Jesus Christ's sacrifice on Calvary as COMPLETE, FULL payment for all our sins and thereby removing the issue of our sin for anyone who will call on the Name of Jesus to be saved from their sin.

My prayer for you is that when I finish these sessions with you, you will also be convinced in your heart that God is not mad at you either! And that you will stop living this corrugated life of up and downs.

Jesus Christ did not die for us to live under our circumstances but for us, to have a new life in Him that is far superior to the way we are living now that is why it is called the supernatural life because we are living a life above any circumstances we might face because our sin is dealt with, and we now have peace with God through Jesus Christ.

Passover

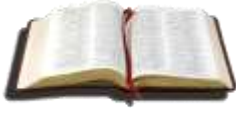
This is what we celebrate during Passover, that God sent Jesus Christ to this earth to become a man, the God/Man – Immanuel , **Matthew 1:23** *“²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).”*

The Perfect Man, who lived a complete life here on earth with all its temptations and issues and remain without sin His entire life so that He could be the ultimate Lamb that takes away the SIN of the world and destroy the head of the serpent from **Genesis 3:15**.

John the Baptist said this when Jesus was come to be baptized, **John 1:29** *“²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”*

Good News

What is the Gospel, the Good News? **John 3:16-18** *“¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.”*



The Good News, the word Gospel means Good news, this good news is that God so loved the world, he love you individually so much that He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, who came to this earth to live the perfect life we could not and to sacrifice His Perfect Life to pay the FULL PRICE our sin deserves, the price for the SIN of the entire human race, so that whosoever/anyone who would believe in Him, Jesus Christ will have their sin accounted for and removed!

What will you do with Jesus Christ?

The question I need to ask you today is what will you do with Jesus Christ? After hearing what He did for you personally, and also, He did for the entire human race, what will you do with Jesus Christ?

You see, you either accept Jesus or reject Jesus there is no other answer to this question. If you accept Him as your Saviour then your sin is accounted for and your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life, if you do not accept Him then you must give an account for your sin and your name is not in the Book.

When you die the first thing that happens is you are judged on one thing, did you accept or reject Jesus Christ, planning to accept Him, thinking it is a good idea does not count because a search will be made in the Lambs Book of life and if your name is found there, you go to heaven, if not you will go to a place of eternal punishment called Hell.

Hebrews 2:3 says it this way *"³ how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him."*

*The writer of Hebrews says that we cannot escape Hell if we ignore such a great salvation or as Jesus clearly said Himself in **John 14:6** *"⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

There is no other way to Eternal Life with God but through Jesus Christ, all other ways lead to death and destruction in a place called Hell

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