

“ OUR MUCH MORE SALVATION ” SIN – SON

God’s Heart – Not “sin” but “SON”

My prayer for us as Christians is that we come to see God’s Eternal Plan of Salvation through His eyes. We do have a great and glorious Salvation, but we must see that God’s intention, His Eternal Plan is much greater than “me”. Unfortunately in Christianity today we have made Salvation all about “me”: me getting my sins forgiven, me going to heaven, me living forever, me getting a glorified body.

And most Christians only understand our Salvation in terms of the “sin” issue. We know Salvation as our sins being forgiven, and then some day I’ll go meet Jesus if I try hard here in the earth and do “my best”. And in this understanding we see “sin” as things we do, and we struggle because of the consequences of “sin”: but that view is still all about “me”. But God’s view goes beyond sin, beyond me; and it is focused on SON. This is what I want to talk about: God’s Heart is not on sin, but on SON.

We have not just been called as Christians to stop sinning. **I Corinthians 1:9:** *“God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.”* I want to state emphatically that we have NOT been called into a religion, but into a RELATIONSHIP – A RELATIONSHIP OF ONENESS WITH GOD IN HIS SON. And I want us to understand we do not have our own relationship with God – we have HIS SON’S relationship. We have been called of God and brought into a participation of the relationship that His Son has with His

Father. We must understand that God sees One Son, and this is the relationship we have been brought into. We are brought to the Son relationship with the Father – **by Son, in Son, as Son**. The word “son” means a mature understanding of this relationship, always glorifying the Father and His Name; and God wants those of us who are “born again” to come to the fulness of this relationship – of SON. The Bible speaks of three stages of relationship: 1) Babe – with no understanding. 2) Child – with only partial knowledge, but always centered on “me”, self; not concerned with the Father’s Name. 3) Son – with full comprehension of this relationship; exhibiting Oneness with the Father and focused on satisfying the Will and Heart of the Father. And even though The Father delights when we are Born Again, He does not want us to remain as babies, but GROW in the knowledge of this relationship. **I Peter 2:2:** “*As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:*” And Our Heavenly Father (just as natural parents do) also desires that we mature in this relationship and be “no more children” merely concerned with ourselves getting things from the Father. **Ephesians 4:14:** “*That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;* **15:** *But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:*” God desires that we come to know HIM in SON Relationship.

Now God has brought us to this relationship in His Son and God is always faithful to that Work. And I want us to know that God sees us NOT as sinners, but as SONS – because of The Work of The Cross. Remember we are IN SON – AS SON. **Galatians 4:6:** “*And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.* **7:** *Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God*

through Christ.” Many times we acknowledge the indwelling of the Spirit of God, but we must understand that is the Spirit of HIS SON that is now in our hearts crying out “Abba, Father”. And the indwelling Spirit of this Son in our hearts causes us to know our relationship with The Father not in terms of sin, but in the reality of SON. Now we can “say” we are a son of God (with our mouths), but only The Son in you can make this relationship REAL to you. It is only because of The Son now dwelling in us that we can have this relationship and experience it in our daily lives. So this is God’s Work in us now: He desires that we not only become children of God – born of Him, but that we come to a mature understanding of that relationship – of Son – doing the Will of The Father.

This was the purpose for Jesus coming to the earth in a flesh body: not simply to deal with the “sin” issue, but to bring us to the relationship of SON. **Hebrews 2:10:** *“For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.”* God’s intention was to bring many sons, many who are Born Again from above to Glory: to Oneness, to be partakers of His Life, and function in relationship to God as Father - as Son. This was the essence of Jesus’ prayer to The Father for us in John 17. The Glory He desired was the Oneness of this relationship with His Father – as Son - that He left when He came to this earth. **John 17:5:** *“And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.”* And this is the same relationship He desired The Father to bring a people into. Remember HE has that relationship with His Father – we didn’t! But by The Cross He would bring us into that Oneness. **John 17:22:** *“And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that*

the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.” This relationship was also the desire of The Father’s heart and is the reality of our glorious Salvation now in Christ.

Now in God’s Plan He has to take care of the issue of “sin” because sin does not allow man to come to God. But God’s Plan is not totally focused upon the issue of sin. And to hear most preachers preach, God can’t even get us to stop doing sinful things, so God must accept them because we are “only human”. But that is not God’s View of Salvation and the Truth of The Finished Work of The Cross. His focus has always been, and will always be on His Son, and all provision is in His Son regarding the “sin” issue. But we must set our hearts upon The Son and not on sin and the consequences of sin. Things like disease, bondage, our daily difficulties, death are all associated with sin. But we must look to Him for Life, and this is what Jesus said He came for. **John 10:10:** *“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”* But this is not an abundance of an earthly, sinful life; but the abundance of HIS ETERNAL LIFE: in union with God as Father: the relationship of Sonship.

We must understand that Adam came short of Glory: he came short of what God planned: he never came to Spirit Life and Oneness with God. **Romans 3:23:** *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”* And “sinned” here means “missed the mark, the goal”. But even before Adam “sinned” by eating the fruit, he was not the fulness that God desired. God would walk in the garden and talk to Adam. He would “visit him”, but there was no oneness, no union, no partaking of God’s Life. And our Salvation is NOT taking us “back to the garden” before Adam sinned. God’s Plan was for a man to

partake of the Tree of Life and live as One with Him. And because of Adam's sin we know that he and that whole first creation man were put out of God's presence. **Genesis 3:23:** *"Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken: 24: So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."* That Adamic man was relegated to an earth life, and sentenced to death - "separation from God", and that state - because of "sin" came upon all men. **Romans 5:12:** *"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:"*

But even though Adam came short of God's goal, God kept the Way of The Tree of Life and He would have His desire fulfilled by and in Another Man, a Greater Man. And in Romans 5 we read about "one man... one man": Adam and Christ and the "MUCH MORE" of Christ. **Romans 5:15:** *"But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many... 17: For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) 18: Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. 19: For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. 20: Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:"* You see, God had something greater than sin. Now I know we think that sins (and the consequences of sin) are all powerful, but God had

something that was greater and took precedence over sin: His Love, His Grace, His Word, His Plan – His Son. **GOD'S SON AND HIS SALVATION IS MUCH MORE THAN SIN!!!** God's Love made known by His Son would prevail over sins and the man of sin because The Son is the desire of God's heart.

So into this world, unto the man of sin – the one who sinned, God sent His Son – out of His Love: not just to forgive sin and deal with it, but to bring **Life and Salvation!** This is the “much more” nature of our God! **John 3:16:** *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17: For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”* God's Love was for all mankind. And God gave His Son: The Son is the answer to the “sin” issue and God's Plan was that whosoever believes on Him – The Son should not perish, but have Eternal Life. And notice this is “everlasting life”. Adam never had this: never had God Life, never had Oneness with God. But notice God didn't send His Son to condemn the world, (even though that whole creation was under the judgment of God); but that mankind through HIM might be saved. The Son came – not an angel to deal with sin according to God's view – **by The Cross.** **Hebrews 2:14:** *“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15: And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16: For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. 17: Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.”*

And we have to honor what The Son has done at The Cross. In God's View the issue of "sin" has been dealt with by His Son at The Cross. **Hebrews 9:26:** "*... but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.*" This sacrifice is His Death on The Cross. But we must understand that Jesus didn't put away "the bad acts or sins": He put away Adam, the first man, the man who came short of God's glory and never would fulfill God's Plan. That was His first appearing – as sin: for a purpose – to put away sin so that we could be brought to the relationship of SON. But then Hebrews 9 talks about another appearing – a different appearing. **Hebrews 9:28:** "*So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him (to those who are saved) shall he appear the second (time) **without sin** unto salvation.*" In this scripture the word "time" has been added, but this does NOT mean He appears again as the first, as a flesh man. He appears AS Second, AS Spirit – without sin: not dealing with sin unto full Salvation. And that Full Salvation is the fulness of Son – of Christ. So by The Cross the "issue" of sin to God has been settled at The Cross. Now He is making Himself known – in Life – as Life – to those who desire to know Him.

And this is where I feel we have a lot of our problems because sad to say many Christians spend their time now – even though they are "saved" with a SIN consciousness rather than a SON consciousness. They are focused totally upon "not sinning" and "trying to be free from sin" and "behaving like a good Christian"; rather than being SON conscious and living in the peaceful rest and joy of the New Life that we have been given in Christ; in the Reality that Christ, The Resurrected Son of God is now our Life. They have not come to understand the Finished Work of The Cross: that the MAN OF SIN has been dealt with, not just the acts of sin. So we are attempting to put off "the acts" rather than "the old man who did those acts" and

reckon him to be dead by the Judgment of The Cross. **Colossians 3:9:** *“Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 10: And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.”* The reason we are still living with a “sin” consciousness is that we have not fully embraced The Death of The Son of Man on The Cross because it is only by THAT death that we can be “free from sin”. **Romans 6:6:** *“Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. 7: For he that is dead is freed from sin. 8: Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: 9: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. 10: For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. 11: Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

We also need to understand that Adam was NOT forgiven: he was judged and brought to a death, and reckoned dead and separated from God. The word “dead” means “separated from God”. But in our minds we are still trying to get God to “forgive Adam”: to forgive the old man who still lingers in my imagination and God never will! But THE SON is forgiven, and now because of the Work of The Cross, there is forgiveness in The Son, and now as those who are knowing God we can go to God, confess our sins and receive forgiveness and cleansing so that we do not have to live with a “sin consciousness” and under condemnation. It is because we now are IN CHRIST, The Son. **Ephesians 1:6:** *“To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. 7: In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;”* And now because of our relationship with The Son, we can go to The Father for

forgiveness. **I John 1:7:** *“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 8: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* God always honors The Blood of His Son that was shed at The Cross, and now when we “fall short”, when we “mess up” and “miss God’s goal”, we can go to Him for forgiveness and cleansing and have the assurance that He will forgive us and cleanse us.

But I hope you can see this is because of The Son and our walking daily in a comprehension and acknowledgement of The Son of God and what He has done, rather than focusing upon our sinful acts and shortcomings. And this is something that The Old Covenant Law of commandments and rules and regulations could never do. **Romans 8:2:** *“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 3: For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”* And in order for us to walk in this liberty we have to focus on The Son, and not on our sin and our flesh. **Romans 8:1:** *“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”* This is living daily in the Reality of what Christ has done by The Cross: resting in The Son, as One with Him.

And here we must see the Love, Grace, the Mercy of God’s Plan and the greatness of the Son. Look at the condition of Adam; what we were before we came to our Salvation in Christ. **Ephesians 2:1:** *“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in*

trespasses and sins; **2:** *Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.*" This is the man who came short of God's Glory: dead in sin to God and unable to do anything to help himself or change himself. And he couldn't even bring an end to himself! This is "sin": missing the mark of what God planned. However God had the answer. **Ephesians 2:4:** *"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."* **BUT GOD!!!** No matter how bad Adam was and how dead he was: God's Love and Mercy is much more than sin! And may we never think that God's Plan did not fully accomplish this; and we can be assured that His Grace will always be greater than our sin. **Romans 5:20:** *"Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: 21: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."* We see God's Grace by which we are saved **in Christ. John 1:17:** *"For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."* It is God's Grace shown by The Son who provided a death for Adam at The Cross. Adam who was dead IN sin could not become dead TO sin... but Christ came and IN THE SON we now can become dead to sin but alive unto God. **II Corinthians 5:21:** *"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."* This was God's Plan: this is what The Son became so that we could come to a Son relationship with God also. This is the Reality of our Much More Salvation.

So now that we are “saved” – what is God doing in us? What is HIS purpose for our Salvation? This is the CHALLENGE the Lord is bringing before us. It all is centered in HIS SON. **Romans 8:28:** *“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29: For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be **conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.”* God’s Eternal Plan was to have a people who are Born Again by The Seed of His Son who would be partakers of His Divine Nature, and who would be the manifest presencing of His Life here in the earth. This is The Church: The Body of Christ in whom The Son dwells and who are functioning in this relationship with The Father – with the nature, character, mind, will of The Son. And this is all so that The Father would be glorified because The Son is only concerned with bringing Glory to His Father and exalting His Name. This was the Apostle Paul’s prayer for believers: **Galatians 4:19:** *“My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,”* And the heart of The Father is that His Son, the Indwelling Christ be FULLY formed in us: and that we would be transformed in our minds and souls into His image so that He would have a presencing here in the earth. What pleases The Father is not a people struggling with the “sin” issue, but resting and living daily by The Son, and making His Life known in the earth. This is God’s View of our Salvation. My prayer is that it also becomes our view, and the Truth in which we live every day.

We often sing the song “Grace Greater Than Sin”, and I pray we will really come to see the Truth of that. God has settled the “sin” issue by Christ and The Cross. And Hebrews 10 tells us how MUCH MORE His sacrifice was. It was **ONCE – FOR ALL – FOREVER!** **Hebrews 10:10:** *“By the which will we are*

*sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all...** 12: But this man, after he had offered **one** sacrifice for sins **for ever**, sat down on the right hand of God; 14: For by **one** offering he hath **perfected for ever** them that are sanctified."*
May He settle that issue for us also so that we can focus our hearts upon The Father's Heart –not on "sin" but on His Son.

AMEN