

The Fall and Redemption of Man (Sanctification)

Deliverance from sin through Jesus Christ

“For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man.” (Romans 8: 3)

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.” (Ezekiel 36: 26, 27)

Jesus did not only come to forgive us our sins but he came to put our sinful nature to death.

Romans 6: 1 – 7, 11

- We were baptized into the death of Christ, buried with him and united with him in his resurrection.
- Our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin may be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin.
- Count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God

The crucifixion of the consequences of the fall

1) Man gains sight of the Kingdom of God

“Jesus declared, ‘I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.’” (John 3: 3)

2) Self is crucified – become Christ centered

“I have been crucified with Christ and I know longer live, but Christ lives in me.”
(Galatians 2: 20)

3) The lust of the flesh is crucified

“Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires”
(Galatians 5: 24)

4) Worldliness is crucified

“May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.” (Galatians 6: 14)

5) Weakness is often not removed but grace is given to overcome it.

“But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’”
(2 Corinthians 12: 9)

The walk of salvation (sanctification)

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“I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and spirit.”
John 3: 5

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.”
Romans 5: 1 – 2

The narrow and wide gates – Matthew 7: 13 – 14

We need to enter by the small gate and walk on the narrow road

The walk of salvation (sanctification) is a journey along the narrow road

The forgiveness of sins along this road – 1 John 1: 9

The Gospel is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes – Romans 1: 16 – 17

The message of the cross is the power of God for us who are being saved – 1 Corinthians 1: 18

THIS WALK OF SANCTIFICATION IS A WALK OF FAITH IN THE FINISHED WORK OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS.

Say no to sin, self and the world and live self-controlled, upright and godly lives – Titus 2: 11 – 14