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SALVATION- GOD'S GIFT TO MAN

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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to late Deacon T.O Alabi, who was an excellent teacher of the word.

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Introduction

I am come that ye may have life and have it more abundantly - Jesus Christ.

One of the last words of Jesus when he was about to breathe his last breath on the cross was 'IT IS FINISHED' (John 19:30)

What is finished?

- Sin's dominion
- Satan's dominion e.g. Bondages, Sicknesses, Eternal Damnation, poverty and every works of the devil.

All these and many others are finished through Christ, all you have to do is to open your heart by faith and receive salvation and by faith believe that these satanic bondages are broken in your life.

When the symptoms of a disease come, don't fear, don't lose hope remember Christ said **It is finished**. Isaiah 53:5 'But he was wounded for our transgression, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed' and 1peter 2:24 'Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed'. Note that Isaiah 53:5 is in the old testament (before Christ died), it says ye are healed, 1peter 2:24 is in the new testament (after the death of Christ), it says ye were healed. 'Were' is past.

If you have Christ, you are finished with sin and are eligible to live a good life from now on. Salvation is the answer to the cry of the world.

Chapter One

SALVATION

Salvation is the gift of God unto man; it is not earned by good works. It is a gift unto all who believe and receive his son Jesus Christ. The amazing thing about salvation is no matter how ‘bad/evil’ your life is, when you receive Christ it is blotted out.

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.

3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

3:20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd.

3:21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

John 3:16-21

When you are saved, you’ve passed from death to life, you have dominion over sin.

‘For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace’.

Romans 6:14

This salvation can only be received through faith, believing and confessing the Lord Jesus. We are told in Acts 4:12 that *'neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved'*.

'That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 10:9-13

Christ Died Once For All

'Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die'.

Ezekiel 18:4

'For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord'.

Romans 6:23

Sin leads to death (Physically, emotionally and spiritually). Thus there is need for forgiveness of sins.

In the Old Testament, before the remission/ forgiveness of sins there must be the shedding of blood (sacrificing rams, goats, lambs and turtle doves) but Christ came and died once and for all, thus, we need not shed blood or sacrifices rams again.

For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.

But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.

For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

*Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: **In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.***

Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

*Whereof the **Holy Ghost** also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, **This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.***

Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

Hebrews 10:1-18

From the above scripture we see that Jesus Christ has shed his own blood once and for all so we who believe in him can be finished with sin 'where remission of these is there is no more offering for sin'.

Chapter Two

WHY CHRIST HAD TO DIE

The love of God has been shown towards man even from the beginning. He created the whole world with all the dry lands, seas, greater light, lesser light and animals etc. But out of all these, it is only man he made in his own image.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 1:26-28

God made man in his own image and likeness-spirit. In John 4:24 Jesus said 'God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. Now, man is a spirit, he has a soul and lives in a body.

God commanded Adam to eat freely of every tree but not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for if he does, he shall surely die (Genesis 2:15-17). In Genesis 3:1-24, we see how the serpent deceived eve consequently she ate out of the forbidden fruit and gave her husband Adam from it and he also ate. Genesis 3: 7 says their eyes were opened, they knew they were naked then they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves apron. Physically Adam and Eve did not die but their spirit died, that is their relationship and communication with God was seared; they were disconnected from the ultimate source- God.

Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they sinned and Romans 6:23 says the wages of sin is death, thus through the first Adam sin and death came into the world and

through the death and resurrection of the last Adam (Jesus Christ) we were made righteous.

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: 5:13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

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.

5:16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.

5:17 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.) 5:18 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.

5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

5:20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: 5:21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 5:12-21

When Christ died, we died with; when he was glorified, we were also glorified with him and we shall eventually be with him when he **comes back**. We were restored back to God, that which the first Adam lost was restored by the last Adam (Jesus Christ).

6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 6:2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 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.

6:7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

6:8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: 6:9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

6:10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

6:13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness

unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Romans 6:1-14

Jesus' death destroyed him that hath the power of death-the devil (Hebrews 2:14).

2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

2:11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11

Through faith in the name of Jesus, every knee (problems, tricks of the devil, challenges etc) must bow (come to naught).

Chapter Three

SOME BENEFITS OF DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE

These among numerous others are the benefits of salvation.

1. Dominion over sin
2. Dominion over the devil and all his agents
3. Freedom to live a victorious Christian life
4. Healing and good health
5. We are Glorified with Christ
6. We are made partakers with God
7. We are made kings and priests unto God
8. We are made co-laborers with Christ
9. We are made brethren and friends of Jesus Christ
10. We are restored back to fellowship with God
11. We have eternal life
12. We will be with Jesus when he comes back again

In the Old Testament, the prophets prophesied about the coming of Christ and how he should suffer, die and take away the sins of the world. These prophecies were fulfilled in the New Testament.

When Jesus Christ was nailed to the cross and shed his blood an exchange was made. When he hung there the sins of the whole world was imputed on him, my sins, your sins and everyone else' sins were on him that knew no sin and his righteousness was imputed on us. Oh what love! That Christ died for us while we were yet sinners.

On that cross, our sins, short comings, errors, sicknesses, diseases, failures etc were on him and he said 'It is finished' (John 19:30). We are told in *1 peter 2:24* *who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed*. Now it is not

only our past sins, Jesus Christ took the responsibilities and punishments for our past, our present and our future sins, he died once for all (Hebrews 10:10).

Jesus Christ was made a curse for us for it is written 'cursed is anyone who hangs on a tree'. Through death Christ destroyed him that hath the power of death-devil (Hebrews 2:14), Jesus Christ stripped him (Satan) of all his powers and gave us dominion over the devil, his agents and sin.

For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Romans 6:1-14

16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 16:18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Mark 16:17

After resurrection, Jesus said in Mathew 28:18 'And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth'.

When Jesus rose from the dead on the third day after he was crucified he became the first born from the dead (being that we also died with him Romans 6:1-14) and we became his brethren Colossians 1:18.

Communication Between Man And God Restored

23:45 And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.

23:46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

Luke 23:45-46

This account is also recorded in Mathew 27: 51 and Mark 15: 38.

Which veil was torn?

26:31 And thou shalt make a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubims shall it be made:

26:32 And thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of shittim wood overlaid with gold: their hooks shall be of gold, upon the four sockets of silver.

26:33 And thou shalt hang up the veil under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within the veil the ark of the testimony: and the veil shall divide unto you between the holy place and the most holy.

26:34 And thou shalt put the mercy seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy place.

Exodus 26: 31- 34

The veil that divided the holy place and the most holy place was the one torn by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross *Luke 23:45, Mathew 27:51 and Mark 15: 38.*

Read carefully the scripture below.

9:1 Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.

9:2 *For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.*

9:3 *And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;*

9:4 *Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;*

9:5 *And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.*

9:6 *Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.*

9:7 *But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:*

9:8 *The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:*

9:9 *Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;*

9:10 *Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.*

9:11 *But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;*

9:12 *Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.*

9:13 *For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:*

9:14 *How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

9:15 *And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.*

9:16 *For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.*

9:17 *For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.*

9:18 *Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood.*

9:19 *For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people,*

9:20 Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.

9:21 Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.

9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

9:23 It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

9:24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

9:25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;

9:26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Hebrews 9: 1-28.

From the above, we see that the priests went always into the first tabernacle that is the holy place but the most holy place went the high priest alone once every year not without blood which he offered for himself and others or the errors of the people.

Because this veil was torn on the cross, we have access to God, we don't have to wait for a pastor or prophet to talk to God on our behalf, we ourselves when we are saved can boldly talk to God and receive whatsoever we desire according to God's will Matthew 7:7.

Thus the communication and relationship seared by the first Adam has been fully restored by the last Adam- Jesus Christ the son of the living God, our High priest.

We are now made kings and priests unto God through the finished works of Christ Revelation 1:6, we were also made co-laborers with him.

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