

# YOU AND GOD

Fundamentals of a Very Personal, Meaningful and  
Productive Relationship with God

## ***Fundamental 3***

The Greatest Provision: Salvation by Grace Alone,  
Through Faith Alone, Totally Apart from our Works

This Fundamental is the most important and consequential

- It is here that you will come face to face with a personal relationship with God
- It is here that you will choose
- Your choice will determine how you live the rest of your life, and more importantly, where you spend eternity
- How you got to this point is not nearly as important as how you come out
- Fundamental 1? A rejector of God

- The funnel is wide at the top, including all of us
- Yet it leads all of us to the same indictment
  - We are all ungodly sinners
  - Spiritually bankrupt
  - On enemy territory before God
  - Without excuse or defense before Him
  - Deserving of His wrath and Judgement
- But now is your moment of truth
- You're about to find out how to enter into a very personal relationship with God

- Let's first get familiar with some terms
- Salvation: From what, to what? From sin and its consequences, to eternal life
- Redemption: The price paid to make a purchase, setting us free from everything that is against us
- Justification: To be declared Righteous
- Propitiation: The complete satisfaction and appeasing of God's wrath against sin and sinners
- Now back to the spiritual condition of every human being, and God's provision for the way out

- Romans 3:23...and then verse 24!!
- The topic is Justification: Being declared righteous by God
- *THAT* is the only way to enter God's presence, and be fully accepted by Him
- Leading to 3:23 is 3:20 – NO WORKS
- 3:24 – Being justified FREELY; John 15:25
- How does God do this?
- Only two ways: By grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

- Grace: God's Riches At Christ's Expense
- All that God is free to do for us because of what Christ did for us on the cross
- Heaven is not a reward for good people but a free gift for bad people/sinners...justified freely, by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus
- Ephesians 2:8-9 Grace, Faith, Gift
- Not of ourselves, not of works
- Titus 3:5 Even works of righteousness!

- Human unrighteousness, human righteousness, and God's righteousness
- Romans 1:18-32
- However, Titus 3:5: Works of righteousness/Law works
- Galatians 2:16 Justification: NOT by law works BUT by the faith of Jesus Christ
- Galatians 3:10 Seeking to be justified by law works can only result in being under God's curse
- Christ did not come to fling the doors of heaven open, He BOUGHT heaven for us!!

- God's good news: The best of us NEEDS to be saved, the worst of us CAN be saved

## Christ's final words as He hung on the cross

- Consider what Christ endured as He neared His crucifixion: ridiculed, mocked, falsely accused, betrayed
- Experienced extreme violence, was mercilessly beaten, tortured, tormented
- All at the hands of the people He came to save
- Nails spiked into His wrists and feet; bones came out of joint: He struggled to breathe: for 6 hours!!



It is during the worst of it that He spoke, not thinking of Himself, but others

- Luke 23:33-34 Father forgive them, for they know not what they do
- Luke 23:39-43 Today you will be with me in paradise
- John 19:25-27 Woman, behold your son; son behold your mother
- Matthew 24:46 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
- John 19:28-30 It is finished!

# Fulfillment of Messianic Prophecies, Promises, and Pictures

- Genesis 3:15 The Seed of the woman punished
- Genesis 22 Abraham's offering of his son Isaac
- Book of Psalms 5 Sections setting forth Messiah
  1. Chapters 1-41: Redeemer
  2. Chapters 42-72: Deliverer
  3. Chapters 73-89: Avenger
  4. Chapters 90-106: King
  5. Chapters 107-150: Blessor
- Book of Ruth Kinsman Redeemer

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- Book of Isaiah Sacrificial, substitutionary death for Israel
- John 1:12 He came unto His own
- Acts 2:22-24; 3:13-26 Peter's message to Israel
- Acts 7:51 Israel's "unpardonable sin"
- Acts 8-9 Saul of Tarsus
- Philippians 2:5-8 Christ obedient unto death
- If we believe we need to do something to be accepted by God = Christ's sacrifice is not enough!!

- Ephesians 2:8-9 Not of works lest anyone should boast
- Romans 3:26-27 Boasting excluded! Faith!!!
- All this answers how a just God is able to declare sinners righteous, and remain righteous
- Romans 3:24-25 Propitiation through faith in His blood
- Romans 1:18 God's wrath revealed at the cross as revealed fully by the Apostle Paul

The moment of decision