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Prayer Before Reading Scripture

Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us also reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered all sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the light of our souls and bodies, and to You we give glory together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Christ is risen!

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The Creation



**Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
(Gen 1:26-27)**

The Fall



And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

(Gen. 2:16-17)

The Victory over Sin, Death, and Satan



**Christ is risen
from the dead,
trampling
down death
by death,
and to those
in the tombs
granting life!**

Our Restoration to God's Purpose for Us

- For all have sinned and **fall short of the glory of God**. (Rom 3:23).
- We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified **he also glorified**. (Rom 8:28-30).
- God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**. (Col. 1:27)

Jesus Being Both God and Man is Critical Because...



**...that which He has
not assumed He
has not healed; but
that which is united
to His Godhead is
also saved.**

St. Gregory the Theologian,
Epistel 101, Critique of Apollinarius and Apollinarianism

What Does It Mean to Be Saved?

A Typical Protestant Answer

- The term 'saved' simply refers to the standing a believer has in Jesus Christ. With the guarantee of heaven, believers are 'saved' from eternal damnation in hell. All who are believers are sealed with the blood of Jesus Christ, and seen as righteous in the eyes of the Lord... 'saved' to be with God in heaven.

<https://www1.cbn.com/churchandministry/what-does-it-mean-to-be-saved%3F>

An Analogy

An alcoholic

From What Are We Saved?

- From God's anger?
- From hell?
- From the debt of our sins?
- From Satan?
- From slavery to sin?
- From death?
- From separation from God?

You shall
name Him Jesus,
for He shall save
His people
from their sins.

Complete this sentence...

- But far be it from me to boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ....

We With Christ

- But far be it from me to boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Gal. 6:14.
- I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Gal. 2:20.

The Works of the Flesh

Galatians 5:19-21

Now the works of the flesh are obvious, which are: adultery, sexual immorality, uncleanness, lustfulness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, strife, jealousies, outbursts of anger, rivalries, divisions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these; of which I forewarn you, even as I also forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit in Us

Galatians 5:22-25

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. **Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts. If we live by the Spirit, let's also walk by the Spirit.**

Saved by Faith Alone??

He who believes
and
is baptized will be saved

Jesus Christ
Mark 16:16

Saved by Christ's Life

Romans 6

crucified with Christ



freed from sin

raised with Christ



live for God

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:4.

Dual Boot: Two Operating Systems



The Old Person

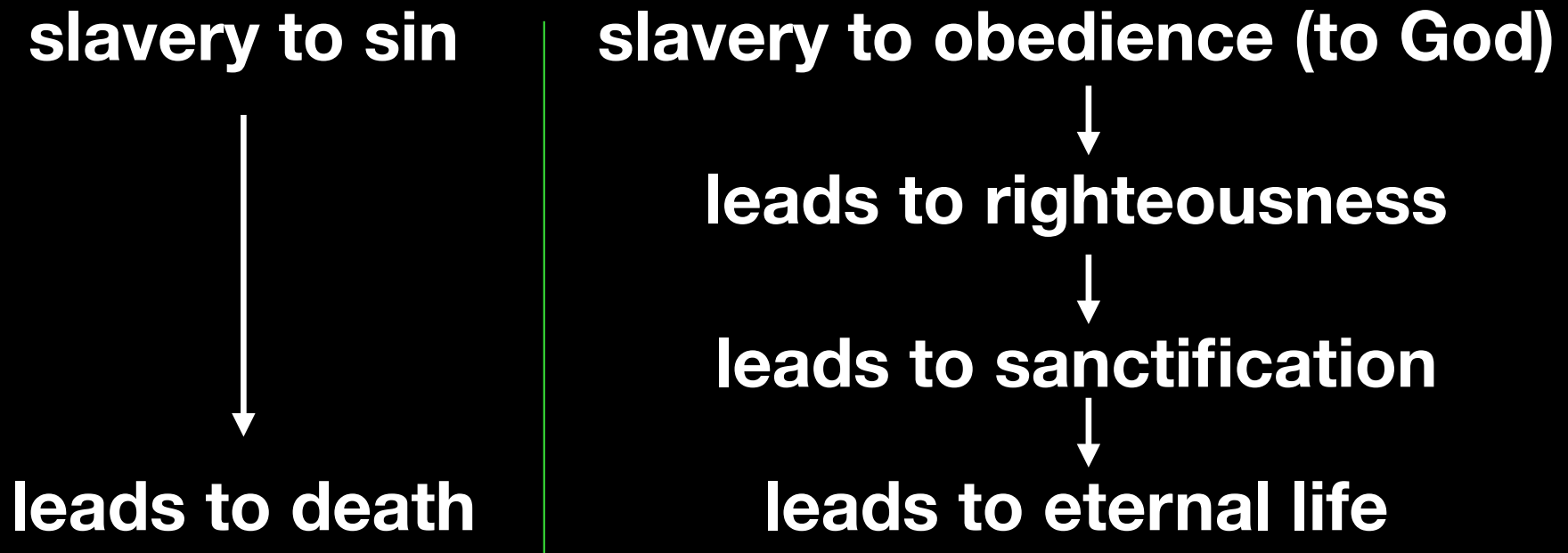
The Mind Set on the Flesh



The New Person
In the Image of Christ

The Mind Set on the Spirit

Saved by Christ in Us: Romans 6



For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

What is Saving Grace?

Titus 2:11-14

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...the **grace** of God has appeared for the **salvation** of all men, **training us** to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Love

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

For the love of Christ controls us, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Questions?
Comments?