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JOY FOR EVERY SITUATION

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“ONLY GOD CAN SAVE YOU NOW” – PART 2B

DISCOVERING THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND HIS JOY IN EVERY SITUATION

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5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, **6** who, **being** in the form of **God**, did not consider it **robbery** to be equal with God, **7** but **made Himself** of **no reputation**, **taking the form of a bondservant**, and **coming in the likeness of men**. **8** And being found **in appearance as a man**, He **humbled Himself** and **became obedient** to the point of death, even the death of the cross. **9** Therefore **God also has highly exalted Him** and **given Him THE name** which is above **every name**, **10** that at **THE name of Jesus every knee should bow**, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, **11** and that **every tongue should confess** that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.

Have you ever witnessed an unjust act or a wrong action?

Have you ever had anything done to you that you would say was an **unjust act or a wrong action?**

If you have, then you have been an eyewitness to the fact that **“Mankind is Fallen”**

From **Mother Teresa** to **Hannibal Lecter** – all have sinned by motive and by action.

Our Human Family Confirms This Biblical Truth - Sin is Present.

Romans 8:21

For creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. **22** For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

If you doubt this, take a look at some examples of what sin has done ...

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These are all High \$ Dogs

Romans 3:23 NLT

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

But God, In His mercy and love for us did not leave us to our own ends. When He was treated unjustly and **was wronged and was hurt - - He did not shake off His hands** of us nor abandon us,

He the Offended, with His eternal plan – went after **us, the Offender**. He pursued us not to destroy us – we were already destroyed, but He came to rescue us from ourselves, **from the poison of sin that courses** through us, from the damnation that is upon us.

ONLY GOD CAN SAVE YOU NOW

2.) **He saves exclusively by going to the cross vs. 8**

2a.) Exclusively becoming human for you vs. 8a

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

What a holy contrast we see in this verse;

The Eternal God, God the Son came from heaven above to descend down to earth to become one with us, rejected, mocked, ridiculed and scorned, Jesus hung on a shameful cross.

Question:

why was it necessary that Jesus Christ become human?

Answer:
man had no representative before an offended God.

*The God of the Bible
Had been violated, disobeyed and offended by mankind's sin.*

Answer:
nothing that we could have offered up would have been good enough because we come with tainted offerings.

Answer:
mankind had to have a direct association, perfect linkage to the offering. It could not have been an animal or a tree or some precious metal or gem

Hebrews 8:1-2,11-15

Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, 2 a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man... :11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death,

Love Compelled Christ to Come to us,
It was His Love for mankind that Compelled Him to Suffer and to Die for us

1 John 2:1-2 NLT

My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. 2 He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

We have an Attorney - Our Attorney is None Other
than the Judge's Son, Jesus Christ - our Defender.

Question:
couldn't God have figured out a better plan to save us?

Well, what do you mean by "Better"? and **better for whom?**

Answer:

**We have terribly underestimated
the nature and damning effects of sin.**

Answer:

**We have terribly underestimated
the righteousness of God and His perfection.**

Answer:

**We have terribly underestimated
the condemnation of man and just how lost we are.**

Clearly All Other Possible Options to Save Mankind

Could only come up short and would have been powerless to save us.

Matthew 26:36-39, 42,44

:36 Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there." 37 And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. 38 Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me." He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will..." :42 Again, **a second time**, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done..." :44 So He left them, went away again, and prayed **the third time**, saying **the same words**.

**Imagine if you're lost at sea and you're
hoping to be rescued – what would that rescue look like?
There Is No Other Way for You to Be Rescued Because**

**ONLY GOD CAN SAVE YOU NOW
Because He Saves Exclusively by Going to The Cross**

Matthew 7:13-14, 21-23

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. **14** Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it..." :21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. **22** Many will say to Me in that day, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?" **23** And then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"

ONLY GOD CAN SAVE YOU NOW He Saves Exclusively by Going to The Cross

2b.) Exclusively performing what you never could vs. 8b

He humbled Himself and became obedient

humbled tapeinoo, to step down, to self-humble or to choose humiliation.

“I will take the form (physical pain, emotional suffering and mental anguish) of humanity, jack’s humanity, and I will step down into his world of stench, violence and death for him and I will do it for him.”

obedient hupekoos, to listen attentively to, to desire being submissive. It is an act of the will by One who is equal to, who willingly sets the position aside. To retire your own options.

1. **As human beings** - we would never willingly choose to humble ourselves.
2. **As human beings** - we also fight against obedience and we resist authority.

IN OUR HEARTS – WE ARE REBELS

Isaiah 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, everyone, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Ephesians 2:1-3

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, **2** in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience...**3** among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

This was NOT some judicious sentence that Jesus had to carry out to save the world - not at all. Rather it was His joy to perform. It was NOT His Trinitarian duty to cope with, - but a passionate act of divine love that issued forth from His own willing heart.

THE GODHEAD - lacks nothing. To lack would mean that God is less than truly God. There is nothing that the Godhead is in need of to enhance or complete His existence.

MANKIND ON THE OTHER HAND IS - the epitome of need. Man needs absolute and total redemption. Man is lost and adrift and apart from God. Man is doomed and wholly incapable of reforming himself.

ENTER JESUS CHRIST - Jesus Christ is the physical display of the invisible Godhead. Jesus revealed the Deity in a direct and personal way that had never been done before. Jesus Christ, lacking nothing, willingly set aside the outward glories of deity (heaven and being Spirit) and veiled Himself with a human body. God in human flesh, undiminished God localized in humanity.

Colossians 1:19-22

For it pleased the Father that **in Him** all the fullness (Godhead) should dwell, 20 and **by Him** to reconcile all things **to Himself, by Him**, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace **through the blood of His cross**. :21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now **He has** reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—

through the blood of His cross

like the blood on the lintel-header and the door posts in Egypt. Like the blood of all the ancient sacrifices of old –
Jesus is the Fulfillment of the all.

Through sin, man was driven out of Paradise, away from
the presence and fellowship of God. God in His mercy sought, from the beginning, to restore the broken fellowship.

"When shall I come and appear before God"

was the longing sigh of the saints of the Old Covenant.

Andrew Murray –

“It is the sigh of many of God's children of the New Covenant who do not understand that **the way into "THE HOLIEST" has truly been opened**, and that **every child of God may, and ought**, to have his real dwelling place there, now, here in the presence of God.”

But what does all this mean for me?

It means now - - that you needn't go to any church, synagogue or temple to meet with God. You can meet Him wherever you're at by calling out to Him to become your High Priest - - This Priest sets up His meeting Place in you.

1 Corinthians 3:16

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? 17 If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

John 14:23

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

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He Saves Exclusively by Going to The Cross**

2c.) Exclusively suffering in your place

vs. 8c

to the point of death, even the death of **the cross**.

This, "to the point of" means to go all the way. To leave no stone unturned, to go to the limit and then further on.

Hebrews 7:22-25

So much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant. :23 Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. 24 But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. 25 Therefore He is also **able to save to the uttermost** those who **come to God through Him**, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Do you Remember in the Old Testament – there was the Temple and within the Temple there was the The Holy Place but within the Holy Place was – Holy of Holies - do you remember what separated the Holy Place from Holy of Holies and everything else? - -

It was the Veil.

The veil represented – (1) both man's separation from God and (2) that Salvation was **beyond the Veil!!!**

"A Bloody Work"

Only once a year could the High Priest go into the Holy of Holies but not without the sacrificial blood, there he would represent the sins of the people and would make an offering on behalf of them.

Matthew 27:50-51

And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. :51 Then, behold, **the veil of the temple** (60' by 4") was torn in two **from top to bottom**; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,

the tearing of the veil at the very moment of Jesus' death

dramatically symbolized that His sacrifice, the shedding of His own blood, was such a sufficient atonement for sins that a new and everlasting way was opened up to man through Christ. It signified that now the way into the Holy of Holies was open for all people, for all time, both Jew and Gentile.

When Jesus died, the veil was torn, and God moved out
of that place never again to dwell in a temple made with hands

this is exactly what every Jew understood Jesus.

to be saying when He said:

John 14:6

"I am the **way**, the **truth**, and the **life**.
No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Hebrews 10:19-22 NLT

And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter into heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. 20 **By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the (veil) curtain into the Most Holy Place.** 21 And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, 22 let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. (word)

The veil in the temple was a constant reminder that sin
rendered humanity unclean, unable and unfit to be in the presence of God.

God Says – We Have Sinned. We Need Him Now!
Here's a mini "lightning round" of verses;

Isaiah 59:1-2

Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. 2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

Ephesians 2:1-3

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

Galatians 5:19-21

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Ephesians 2:16

and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through **the cross**, thereby putting to death the enmity.

Verse 8c

even the death of **the cross**.

The Nature of Crucifixion.

Everything about these 6 words are shocking and here's why!

His death wasn't by some of the other means available

to Him in the 1st century. There was **(1)** poisoning by the drinking a particular cocktail of herbs. There was **(2)** the almost merciful act of sudden beheading.

And then there was **(3)** roman crucifixion.

Invented by Greeks, the romans enhanced it because

there was not enough shame, embarrassment, humiliation or desecration of the condemned.

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It was a slow, protracted and horrible form of **“suffering to death”**.
It exposed you to the elements of nature from anywhere from 2 to 5 days.
It was a form of suffering that involved the entire nervous system.
It was so ugly and violent that it had a terrifying impact on crime

The truth is friend,

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End of Study

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