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JOY FOR EVERY SITUATION

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

ONLY GOD CAN SAVE YOU NOW - PART 2C

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.

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1.) He saves uniquely by coming down to us vs. 5-7

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**Noah Webster defined Unique(ly) to meaning that;
Unusual, special, unlike, one of a kind, never seen before nor after.**

1a.) Uniquely mindful of our situation vs. 5

1b.) Uniquely sovereign to save us from us vs. 6

1c.) Uniquely willing to become the servant vs. 7

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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**.

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

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2c.) Exclusively suffering in your place vs. 8c

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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.

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—

“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**.

The Priest walked in with the representation of Death – The Blood.

The Priest walked out with the assurance of Forgiveness – The Life

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.

By 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.

So how does this truth work in my life?

1. I can come to God with confidence through Jesus Christ.
2. I can draw forgiveness from the bank of grace, the river of His blood.
3. I can be assured that I am forgiven because of Jesus Christ alone.

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.

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;

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Galatians 5:19-21 NLT

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life 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.

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.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. :20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. 21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

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 of a particular cocktail of deadly herbs. There was **(2)** the almost merciful act of sudden beheading.

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

Invented by the Greeks, the Roman's enhanced it

because there was not enough shame, embarrassment, humiliation or desecration to 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

"When shall I come and appear before God"

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

Andrew Murray –

“It is the sign 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.

The truth is my friend,

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End of Study

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