

June 1, 2009

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

June 7, 2009

a.m. "*Believe and Receive*"

Scripture: Mark 11:12-26

p.m. "*Conservative Reformer*"

Scripture: Matthew 5:17-20

Salvation

Don Hatch

No theme deserves a more careful and prayerful consideration than salvation. It was the absolute mission of Jesus Christ to procure salvation for Adam's race. The answers why Jesus had to come, why He was willing to give up His glory, why He became human are all answered in the scheme of redemption called "Salvation". When Jesus became incarnate, lived, died, arose and ascended to the right-hand of the Father it was the manifested destiny of how God would apply saving grace, justification and reconciliation. Jesus was willing to set aside His glory for the sorrow of the humanity. He came to save sinners (1 Tim 1:15). He left the glory of heaven becoming a teacher, preacher of righteousness and model of virtue, but moreover He came to declare salvation for Adam's race. His name Jesus means Savior (Matt 1:18-20). His name carries with it deliverance from sin, guilt and the power of Satan (Heb 2:1-18; Rom 3:21-30). The name Jesus is matchless and wonderful.

The Bible is employed to teach mankind about Jesus and salvation. It contains the only divinely approved means of receiving redemption from sin. Such provisions remove helplessness and hopelessness from the heart, soul and mind of the redeemed. All past sins are forgiven, forgotten and removed to nevermore be remembered by God. Where hell had been the destiny of the lost, heaven now became the hope of salvation in Christ Jesus. Being hopeless and without a covenant with God are replaced with a New Covenant and abiding hope (Eph 2:1-22). There is no other name given under heaven wherein man can be saved, but Jesus (Acts 4:12). To refuse Jesus' invitation and reject salvation through Him is to face eternity unprepared and a judgment beyond what man can understand (2 Thess 1:6-10; Heb 2:3). Salvation is indispensable and beyond estimation. All that can be known about salvation is found in the Bible.

Neglect is constantly warned against in the Bible and the proportion of the risk while engaged in neglect is found in the question, "what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" or "what has a man given his soul for?" The Bible uses terms like deliverance from physical and spiritual blights when one turns to God and is submissive to His will. Salvation is a great manifestation of the love, grace and mercy of God. Peerlessly salvation is well named as "so

great a salvation” (Heb 2:1-5). It is universal in scope but restricted to those who are faithfully obedient (Rom 1:1-5; 16:26). God’s redemptive act possesses justification, redemption, propitiation, grace, mercy, forgiveness, sanctification and glorification. Everything which touches salvation has the imprint of God’s eternal love. This salvation antedates creation and was conceived in the mind of God according to His eternal purpose (Eph 1:3-15; 3:11; Tit 1:2). It was a premeditated plan which met the needs and was no after-thought because of a sudden emergency. In eternity its foundation was established. God endorsed it with His sanction and holiness. God is the source of salvation. He commended His love toward mankind while they were sinners (Rom 5:1-5). He determined that mankind must be holy and without blemish before they could have fellowship with Him (Eph 1:3-6). When God makes a promise it is kept (Tit 1:2). Salvation is great because the price was Jesus Christ (1 Cor 6:20; Acts 20:28).

Neglect and rejection of this incomparable salvation is to make a terrible mistake which will affect one’s eternal life. Creation was a great work. God spoke and it was done. Salvation is greater because it took the life of God’s Son on a cross to procure it. A child who is of the age of accountability can understand salvation and can say “what must I do to be saved?” Jesus bestows blessing upon the lives of those who faithfully obey Him (Mat 20:28; 2 or 5:21; Heb 2:14, 15; 1 Pet 1:19).

Salvation is great because of the agency by which it was procured. The blood of Jesus made the action of salvation possible (Acts 20:28; Tit 3:3-5). It is great because of the blessings it bestows. It offers emancipation from sin and the devil (Col 1:11-15). It provides a perfect relationship with the Father (2 Cor 6:14-7:1). Salvation brings satisfaction, pardon and justification. Our eternal salvation is in the Lord (Eph 1:3). It awakens in us a ceaseless joy, undying gratitude and desire to reach the ultimate goal of eternal life with our God. This incorruptible inheritance proclaims that there is an avenue to the Father for the lost who are without one plea and must depend on divine mercy (1 Pet 1:4, 5; Heb 5:9; 9:12; Jn 10:28). Man is prone to forget how great salvation is and that it is not something but someone (Isa 12:2). If salvation is treated with indifference, as elusive mankind will struggle to see how wonderful it is. If salvation is in Him and because of Him it would be ludicrous to make it an object of indifference.

Salvation is a “now”, a current and ever-present blessing (2 Cor 6:2; Lk 19:9). It would be folly to look upon salvation as a long laborious process wherein one must struggle to receive it. This does not mean we are not to work out our salvation with fear and trembling (Phil 2:12-18). Once it is received it is vested and fully granted. Moment by moment we are kept in His love and grace. We have a present and a future in salvation (Rom 13:11). We keep salvation as we believe and respond to God. The penalty, power and ruthlessness of sin are removed by salvation.

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

The elders and our families want to thank you for keeping us in your prayers both public and private. We know our work is easier because of your love for God and the commitment to

Christ and His church. We continually talk and pray about the many good works each one of you is doing individually and collectively.

Our visitation program continues to be very successful only because of your love for serving God. Everyone involved in our visitation program is to be commended. Much good is being done through your dedicated efforts. We want to encourage everyone that can to get involved in this great work. You will feel extremely good about the results of your good work and those you have visited or called by phone will also feel better. We just don't realize how much good it does for us to make visits and phone calls.

Belt Line Road is truly concerned about teaching the lost. Much effort is being directed to several languages and cultures that they be taught the true Gospel. Your efforts in Mission Printing are playing a big part in taking the Gospel to the lost. This Saturday will be another opportunity to help spread God's word to the "lost" by putting advertising on doors about our upcoming Vacation Bible School. Those that can be a part should be present for the effort!

11 Timothy 3:16 &17....."All scripture is given by inspiration to God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 1 Timothy 4:2..."Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine." When we do our part, we are obeying the Lord's commands. Mark 12:30, 31.

Think about it, when the roll is called down here or up yonder, you will have to be present to answer. Attendance is very, very important when possible. Remember our sick and shut-ins in your prayers!

Have a great week serving God!

~ Dean Webb

"The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: To know wisdom and instruction; To discern the words of understanding; To receive instruction in wise dealing, In righteousness and justice and equity; To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion: That the wise man may hear, and increase in learning; And that the man of understanding may attain unto sound counsels: To understand a proverb, and a figure, The words of the wise, and their dark sayings" (Proverbs 1:1-6).

Great Is the Lord

"O give thanks unto Jehovah, call upon his name; Make known his doings among the peoples. Sing unto him, sing praises unto him; Talk ye of all his marvelous works. Glory ye in his holy name; Let the heart of them rejoice that seek Jehovah. Seek ye Jehovah and his strength; Seek his face evermore. Remember his marvelous works that he hath done, His wonders, and the judgments of his mouth, O ye seed of Israel his servant, Ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones. He is Jehovah our God; His judgments are in all the earth. Remember his covenant for

ever, The word which he commanded to a thousand generations, The covenant which he made with Abraham, And his oath unto Isaac, And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a statute, To Israel for an everlasting covenant, Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, The lot of your inheritance; When ye were but a few men in number, Yea, very few, and sojourners in it; And they went about from nation to nation, And from one kingdom to another people. He suffered no man to do them wrong; Yea, he reproved kings for their sakes, Saying, Touch not mine anointed ones, And do my prophets no harm. Sing unto Jehovah, all the earth; Show forth his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised: He also is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols: But Jehovah made the heavens. Honor and majesty are before him: Strength and gladness are in his place. Ascribe unto Jehovah, ye kindreds of the peoples, Ascribe unto Jehovah glory and strength; Ascribe unto Jehovah the glory due unto his name: Bring an offering, and come before him: Worship Jehovah in holy array. Tremble before him, all the earth: The world also is established that it cannot be moved" (1 Chron 16:8-30).

This great passage is a **Psalm**, a **Hymn** and words of **Spiritual** proclivity (Eph 5:18-20; Col 3:15-18). It was composed when the Ark of the Lord was being brought back to Jerusalem. The uniqueness of this song is the expression of gratitude and deliverance. Jehovah blessed them abundantly (Eph 3:20, 21).

Jehovah was not a tribal-god or one graven by the hand of man. He was greater than Dagon, the fish-god of the Philistines from whom David had taken the Ark of the Covenant. Gods of wood, stone, metal and graven by man are false no-gods. Idols are forbidden to be worshiped (1 Jn 5:21; Acts 15:29). Such worship is vain (Ex 20:4-6).

The living God of the Bible is the only true God. It is He who made heaven, earth and things therein. He is our Creator and Sustainer (Heb 1:1-5). No other God is like our God. He is wonderful, mighty and awesome. When He speaks the world shutters, nations rise and fall, peoples of the earth are ruled by Him (Rom 13:1-7). His works are marvelous among all the people. Ascribe to Him glory, strength and bring offerings to Him. Let all the earth tremble before Him. All honor and glory be given unto Him. Give thanks and call upon the Lord God. Sing praises to His name, rejoice and seek His favor. He is wonderful and His judgments are true and righteous. Great is the Lord.

~ Don Hatch

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

Sunday, June 7, 2009

Front foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor; Jamie & Megan Little

Back foyer: Nancy Pond; Roberta Price

Sunday, June 14, 2009

Front foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman; Max Melton

Back foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

Family News:

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet **Sunday** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium.

SINGING SESSION

The **Sunday afternoon** singing session will meet at 5:15 p.m. in room #116.

MENS' GATHERING/DEVOTIONAL

The **Monday morning** gathering will meet at 6:00 a.m. in the Annex.

SUMMERTIME SERIES

Take some handouts from either foyer to share with friends & neighbors with details of our upcoming Summertime Series.

TEENS

The first meeting of the Summer Youth Series will begin next Tuesday, **June 9th** & will be held in Keller. Please meet at the building at 5:30 p.m. if you'd like to go.

LADIES

Please bring your favorite recipes to contribute to a project to be completed next Spring & give them to Beverly McKey. The sooner, the better. Thank you!

NEW BIBLE SCHOOL QTR.

The New Bible School quarter will begin Sunday, **June 7th** and **Wednesday, June 10th**. Teachers, if you need anything, please let the office know.

CONGRATULATIONS

Jeremy Hardegree will be graduating from Irving High School this **Friday, June 5th** at 7:00 p.m. at The Potter's House in Dallas.

Kara Bennett (Marjorie's granddaughter) graduated from medical school & will working her internship at UTSW in Dallas.

CONGREGATIONAL FISH FRY/ICE CREAM SUPPER

A huge THANKS to all who worked & participated to make this get-together a success. Food & fellowship are two things, besides worship, that we do best!

DAY OF SERVICE

Don't forget that next **Saturday, June 6th** is scheduled as a day of service to distribute door hangers advertising our VBS in several locations. Meet at the building at 8:00 a.m. to help with this work.

OLD SONGBOOKS

There is still a supply of the old songbooks located in the front foyer. Please take what you'd like as they will soon be discarded.

BABY SHOWER

A baby shower is planned for Brandon & Kenica Thomason on **Saturday, June 13th** in the Annex from 2pm – 4pm, come & go. They are registered at Babies-R-U's and Target.

THANK YOU

I'm happy the Church is there for anything someone may need. Knowing gives me a peace of mind nothing else can. The ladies send such pretty cards & those who write the bulletin are blessed. Thank you for having me on the prayer list. Love to all, Marietta Houser.

THOSE TO SERVE IN JUNE

Lord's table (front): Mike Batot, Thomas Rathbun, James Gilliam, Brandon Howard, Rob Farmer, Denzil Myers, Grady Fowler, Stan Selby **(back):** JC Ross, Robert Taylor, Max Melton, Keith Vaughn, Bobby Bowen, Jeremy Hardegree, Roy Martin, Darrol Allen
p.m. Robert Ruckman, Bill Paschall

Card Pickup: a.m. Cole & Ethan Howard **p.m.** Nathan & Scot Allen

Contribution Counters: Glen Kelly; Thomas Rathbun

Communion Preparers: Vern & Melody Lundquist

PRAYER CONCERNS

- **Mary Lou Tibbetts** is in Baylor/Irving, PCU #310 for tests.
- **Priscilla Mayer** (John's mother) is home & doing better.
- **David McDaniel** (Elizabeth Garrison's brother) is back in a Tyler hospital.
- **Wil Sadler** (Military missionary) went through successful surgery & will undergo dialysis soon.
- **Myranda Williams** (Brandon Williams' wife) has been ill at home.

Continuing Prayer Concerns:

Gwen Bingham, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Don & Judy Hancock, Garldean Latham, Everett Newton, Tom Prince, Roy Thomas, Thomas West, Brad Anderson (Bill Paschall's friend), Charlie & Mary DiPalma (missionaries), Glen Elmore (elderly father of a friend of Garl Latham), Frank Garrett (Fauna's husband), Louise Gierling (former member Tom Gierling's mother), Linda Woodruff (the Webb's friend), Ilya Yakimenko (missionaries in Russia), & our shut-ins.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Be sure and mark your calendar -

- June 3: Summertime Preaching
- June 6: Day of Service
- June 7: Mission Printing in the Jr. Auditorium at 4:00 p.m.
- June 7: Singing session in room #116 at 5:15 p.m.
- June 9: Summer Youth Series
- June 13: Baby shower for the Thomason's
- June 15-17: Vacation Bible School
- July 5-9: Jr. Youth Camp
- July 19-24: Sr. Youth Camp

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Sunday morning:

- Melissa Allen

Sunday evening:

- Julie Roses

LORD'S TABLE/MORNING

Front Table

- Mike Batot
- Thomas Rathbun
- James Gilliam
- Brandon Howard
- Rob Farmer
- Denzil Myers
- Grady Fowler
- Stan Selby

Rear Table

- JC Ross
- Robert Taylor
- Max Melton
- Keith Vaughn
- Bobby Bowen
- Jeremy Hardegree
- Roy Martin
- Derrol Allen

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

- Jerry McKey
- Henry Seidmeyer
- Mike Garrison

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Bill Matthews
- Mark 11:12-26

A.M. SONG LEADER

- Garl Latham

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

- Garl Latham
- Marvin Brown

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Nathan Allen
- Matthew 5L17-20

P.M. SONG LEADER

- Ty Harvey

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

- Robert Ruckman
- Bill Paschall

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Darrell Allen

FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	84	90	93	125
A.M. Worship	125	173	155	210
P.M. Worship	76	76	86	112
Wed. Class	67	84	81	110
Ladies Bible Class	-	-	30	35
Contribution	\$3931	\$5943	\$5411	\$5474

MISSIONS

- Charlie & Mary DiPalma - India
- Willie Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
- Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
- Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
- Glen & KuinTattersall – Australia
- Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko - Russia

Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX
Foster's Home for Children – Stephenille, TX
Bitragunta Church of Christ, Bitragunta, India
Ian & Mabel McPherson – Tasmania Australia
Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
Ted Lingren - Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
Terry & Pam Laurence – Bear Valley School of Preaching
Dennis & Beth Johnson - Chennai Teacher Training School – India