

Crystallization-Study – Epistle to the Romans

The Content of the Gospel of God – The Dynamic Salvation of God in its Fullness

The Essence of the Particular Items of God's Dynamic Salvation

- The content of the gospel of God is the **dynamic salvation** of God in its fullness.
- **Rom. 1:16** – For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes, both to Jew first and to Greek.
- The gospel of God is a dynamo (endless power) to save people.
 - Whoever believes will be saved by this dynamic salvation.
- The gospel of God is powerful to **redeem** us.
 - First, God redeemed the sinners, and this was done **judicially**.
 - God must forgive us with a **righteous procedure**.
 - The just God-man died for the unjust sinners so His death is called the vicarious death. God purchased us judicially by **paying Christ's blood** as the price on the cross.
- God redeemed us judicially by the blood of Christ on the cross from our **sins**.
 - God **redeemed** us **from** His righteous judgment, wrath, and condemnation and from eternal perdition in the lake of fire.
 - We were **redeemed through** the forgiveness of sins and the washing away of the believing sinners' sins.
 - We were **redeemed by** the blood of Christ through the reconciliation of the believing sinners to God from their enmity toward God.
- God's salvation is not only to redeem us but also to **save** us.
 - God's redemption is **judicial**; God's salvation is **organic**.
 - We are redeemed by the blood of Christ, but we are saved by the life of Christ.
 - Redemption was accomplished on the **cross**, but God's salvation is always carried out in the **Spirit of life**.
- God's salvation saves us from the **indwelling sin**.
 - Our redemption from our sins is by the blood of Christ. Our salvation from the sin **in our nature** is by the life of Christ.
 - We are **saved** by the life of Christ **from** the condemnation due to the sinful action of the indwelling sin day by day.
 - We need to be **saved** in life **from** the old man and the natural I.
 - We need to be **saved** by the life of Christ **from** the self.

- We need to be **saved from** tribulations and all kinds of environmental troubles.
- We need to be **saved from** spiritual death and weakness.
- The **salvation** by the life of Christ is **through** our regeneration, dispositional sanctification, renewing, transformation, conformation, and glorification.
 - We are saved in life through **renewing every day** then there is **transformation throughout all our life**.
 - Transformation is the infusion into us of God's new element to **replace** and **discharge** our old element.
 - Our salvation in life continues through our **conformation**, conforming us to the image of Christ as the firstborn Son of God.
 - The last step of our salvation in life is **glorification**, which is the redemption of the believers' body, to glorify the believers in their entire being.
 - Such a salvation consummates the building up of the church which will consummate in the New Jerusalem as the center of the eternal economy of God.
- To partake of the dynamic salvation of God:
 - **We must believe** that God has raised up Jesus Christ from the dead.
 - **We have to call** on the name of the Lord every day.
 - **We need to be baptized** into Christ Jesus.

The Structure of the Gospel of God – The Righteousness of God, the Life of Christ, and the Faith of the Believers

The Essence of the Righteousness of God

- **Rom. 5:17** – For the righteousness of God is revealed in it out of faith to faith, as it is written, “but the righteous shall have life and live by faith.”
 - “but the righteous shall have life and live by faith.” Is the **key word** concerning the gospel of God in the book of Romans.
 - **Righteousness** is of God, **life** is of Christ, and **faith** is of the believers.
 - The righteousness of God is judicial, the life of Christ is organic, and the faith of the believers is practical.
- The salvation of God in the **Gospel of John** is of God's **love** as its **source**.
- In **Ephesians** the salvation of God is by God's **grace** as its **element**.
- In **Romans** God's salvation is by God's **righteousness** as its **base**.
- Love is God's heart; grace is God's element; and righteousness is God's way to act, to do things.

- The righteousness of God being the **base** of God's salvation indicates that the gospel of God is judicial according to the way of God's righteousness.
- The righteousness of God fulfills the **requirement** for God to execute His salvation.
- **The gospel of God is powerful to save everyone who believes, because it is based upon God's righteousness.**
- God's justifying us, on the one hand, is according to His **righteousness** and, on the other hand, is by His **free grace**.
 - Grace is God Himself given to us.
 - God gives Himself to us according to His righteousness, by His righteousness.
- There are two aspects of Christ being righteousness from God to the believers.
 - First, He is the believers' righteousness for them to be **justified** before God **objectively** at the time of their repenting unto God and believing into Christ.
 - Second, Christ is the believers' righteousness **lived out** of them as the manifestation of God, who is the righteousness in Christ given to the believers for them to be justified by God **subjectively**.
 - The **best robe** is a type of Christ being righteousness to us outwardly. The **fattened calf** typifies the subjective Christ entering into us to be enjoyed, digested, and assimilated by us to become our tissue, to become us.

The Essence of the Life of Christ

- **Rom. 5:10** – For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled,
 - Being reconciled to God through the death of His Son is by the judicial redemption of Christ. Now we are to be saved in the life of Christ organically.
- There are 8 major and crucial verses that use the word *life* in the book of Romans.
 - **Rom. 5:10** – Tells us that we are saved in the life of Christ.
 - **Rom. 5:17** – Those who receive the abundance of grace and the abundance of the gift of righteousness will reign in life.
 - **Rom. 5:18** – “Through one righteous act unto justification of life to all men.”
 - **Rom. 5:21** – “In order that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
 - **Rom. 8:2** – Speaks of the law of the Spirit of life.
 - **Rom. 8:6** – “The mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.”

- **Rom. 8:11** – “If the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.”
- **Rom. 6:4** – “We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.”
- Romans 5:10 unveils to us that the full salvation of God is of two sections.
 - The first is the section of **foundation** by the redemption of Christ judicially as the initiation of God’s salvation.
 - The second is the section of **consummation** by the life of Christ organically as the completion of God’s salvation.
- The life of Christ:
 - **Gives** the believing sinners life in order that they may live in this life before God.
 - **Makes** the God-justified believers the many sons of God through regeneration by the Spirit of life.
 - **Is imparted** to the dying believers that they may grow in Christ out of death unto maturity.
 - **Moves** in the believers by the Spirit of life that they may enjoy Christ’s life.
 - **Sanctifies** us with the holy nature of God as the holy element.
 - **Renews** us, by the Spirit of life, based upon the washing of regeneration, from the old element of our old man into the new constitution of our new man.
 - **Transforms** us metabolically by the Spirit of life with the element of Christ’s divine life.
 - **Conforms** us to the image of Christ as the firstborn Son of God that we may be full-grown God-men for the Triune God’s expression.
 - **Glorifies** us through the redemption of our body that we may enter in to the freedom of glory and our full sonship.
 - **Makes us reign** as kings mainly over the negative things such as Satan, sin, the world, the flesh.
 - All these items are for the **producing and building up of the organic Body of Christ** expressed as the local churches.

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