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I want to talk with you about the REALITY of our Salvation – the NOW of our Salvation. We may all not know and comprehend what is NOW, and be experiencing and walking daily in the good of it, but nevertheless, the day of Salvation is NOW, and the fulness of our Salvation is NOW.

We should not be looking for “a day to come;”, or for us to “go to a place” where it is so; but we should be finding the greatness of our Salvation now where God has put it. And He has put it **IN CHRIST**. Our problem is that we are looking for spiritual things and the fulness of God outside of Christ – in the world, in a person, in a gift or a ministry, or in a “church”. But we must look for the “all things” of our Salvation **IN CHRIST**.

Ephesians 1:3 – *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us (and continues to bless us) with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places **IN CHRIST**.”*

Colossians 2:9,10 – *“For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete **IN HIM**, which is the head of all principality and power.”*

2 Corinthians 1:20 *“ For all the promises of God **IN HIM** are yea, and **IN HIM** Amen, unto the glory of God by us.”*

1 John 5:11,12 – *“ And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is **IN HIS SON**. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”*

2 Peter 1:2,3 – *“ Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord. According as his divine power hath given unto us **all things** that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.”*

This is all what we have NOW – **IN CHRIST**. We are not as those of the Old Covenant days who were looking for their Salvation – waiting for it to come. At that time the things of God were hidden – in the Law, in the types and shadows of the Old Covenant, but the scripture declares those times are past, and God has NOW made them known. Please let no one tell you that the things of God are still hidden, and that we will only know them “by-and-by” or “when we get to heaven”. The mystery of God’s Salvation is NOW made known to us.

Colossians 1:25-27 – Paul is speaking here of his ministry which was over 2000 years ago – to complete the Word of God and to make the mystery known. *“Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, **but NOW is made manifest** to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **CHRIST IN YOU**, the hope of glory.”* The mystery was CHRIST – the One that they were waiting for, hoping for, and expecting to come – NOW come, and that Christ was now in them. If it was “NOW” in the day of Paul, is it not “NOW” for us?

Ephesians 3– (Paul says this mystery was made known to him by REVELATION – verse 3. God revealed His Son in Paul.) Verse 5 – *“Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is **NOW** revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.”* Verses 8-10 – *“Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ (not the riches of the world – but HIM): To the intent that **NOW** unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

The Eternal Plan and Mystery of God was all IN CHRIST, and by the Cross – the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ that which was hidden has been made known. The Cross is where THE TRUTH is revealed.

John 1:17,18 – *“For the law was given by Moses, but grace and **TRUTH** came by Jesus Christ. No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him (led him forth in full revelation).”*

Matthew 11:27 – *“ All things (the all things of Spiritual Life, of the Old Covenant, of the Eternal Plan of God) are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.”* The Son makes known the “all things” of God.

We have said that this is all made known by The Work of the Cross – the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. These are not three separate works, but a three-fold Work that Christ has finished. “FINISHED” is so important

– it is the word Jesus used as His last. John 19:30 – “*When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **IT IS FINISHED**: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.*” The Old Covenant, the old world, the old man, God’s Plan was completed by this Work.

Ephesians 4:9,10 – “*(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first in to the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill (fulfil) all things.*” This is His death, burial and resurrection, and by this Work, He has fulfilled all things; the all things pertaining to God’s Eternal Plan of Salvation. He has FINISHED the Work.

This is the REALITY of what the Cross has done.

Ephesians 1:19-21 – God has showed us “*...what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand, in the heavenly places, Far above all principality and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.*” (“to come” means that which is sure, what Christ brings forth in His resurrection.)

But this does not just concern HIM: it also involves THE CHURCH, but we must understand the REALITY of the Church from God’s viewpoint. Ephesians 1:22,23 – “*And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head (source, strength, power) over all things to the church, Which is **HIS BODY** (the church is NOT “my” church, or “our” faith) the fulness of HIM that filleth all in all.*” In God’s mind there is only ONE Church – and it is ONE body – those who are raised with Christ as One with Him, having His Life, and He is filling every member and the whole Body with HIMSELF. Ephesians 2:5,6 – “*Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together (as one) with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised (us) up together (as one), and made (us) sit together (as one) in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*” There is ONE that is raised: Head and Body. We are members of His Body, the Church raised in Resurrection, with His Life. Would God just raise a Head and leave a Body without a Head? But that’s the way we think – that He has gone away someplace and we are left here alone, without a Head trying to find Him, trying to find Life. But remember a body without a head is a corpse – has NO life! But God has raised One – Head and Body into the heavenlies, and He is filling every

member and the whole Body with Himself. WE don't make the Church great or strong – HE does.

This is the reality of **RELATIONSHIP** that our Salvation is. We do not have a religion, we have a relationship with God through His Son. This relationship is in the Spirit, and it is Eternal, but it is NOW, and it is all and ONLY by Christ. John 14:6 – “*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*” And in the scripture the “the” means there is NO other: HE is exclusively the only access we have to the Father. And the “way, truth and life” relate to the three fold Work of the Cross – His death, burial and resurrection.

Now John 14 records Jesus' dialogue with His disciples preparing them for THE CROSS. He was brought to the hour that God had already determined. John 12:27 – “*Now is my soul troubled: and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.*” He was preparing them for a change in relationship. They knew Him in the flesh, outwardly (although they didn't really “KNOW” Him. It took the Father revealing Him as “The Christ, the Son of the Living God” for Peter to know Him. Matthew 16:16,17) But things were going to change, and it would all be done by the Work of the Cross. He told them, “*And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also.*” (John 14:3) The “place” that He would take them to is HIMSELF – by the Cross He would bring them into His relationship with His Father.

And He promises them the Holy Spirit, the Helper, the Spirit of TRUTH who will be with them forever. This is different. The Spirit in the Old Testament came and went, but now the Spirit has a special Work.

John 16:12-15 – “*I have yet many things to say to you, but ye cannot bear them now (before the Cross). Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come (the sure things that were promised of God). He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew (reveal) them unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.*” The Spirit will now come to teach them THE TRUTH: that they would know the “all things” that Christ has done.

The question for us is: has that day come? Has the Spirit of Truth come to remain? Yes, after the Cross He came, He abides now to show us, to reveal all things to us, so that we can know. (1 Corinthians 2:12 – “**NOW** we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God: that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.”) We are NOT waiting for that day – that day is NOW, and it is eternal and never ends, and for us the light of that day should be increasing, and we should be walking in the light of that day. Ephesians 5:8 – “For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light.”

The disciples were waiting for that day. The Old Testament people were waiting for that day, but we are NOT! Hebrews 11:10,13,39,40 – “ For he (Abraham) looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God... These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims in the earth...And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for US, that they without us should not be made perfect.” We are not as the Old Covenant saints: we have received what God had promised to them. 2 Corinthians 1:20 -“ For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.” We are NOW in that day, but we are just not living and experiencing the LIGHT of that day.

But Jesus said when the Spirit of Truth comes you will KNOW something. And this is not natural understanding, but this is SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE – knowing as God knows, seeing as God sees, understanding as God understands. John 14:20 – “At that day ye shall know that **I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.**” At that day you will be aware, you will be resolved, you will be sure of this NEW relationship. And the word “IN” denotes a fixed position, a relation of REST. This is not in and out, but permanent.

There is a threefold aspect to this knowing, this relationship that is The Truth, and Reality and Assurance of our Salvation.

- Christ is in His Father
- You are in Christ
- Christ is in you

And this is all NOW, and to comprehend the fullness and greatness of our Salvation, the Spirit must reveal this in us. And it is by this Truth that we are

NOW to walk in. 3 John 2 – *“For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth, I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.”*

- “I AM IN MY FATHER” – Jesus is not speaking here of what He had before the Cross, but what He will return to after the Cross. He was One with the Father in eternity past, but in that relationship We had no place and no relationship with God. But God’s Eternal Plan was that The Son left that place, so that He could bring a people into relationship with God; into Oneness with Him. Hebrews 2:9,10 – *“ But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour: that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.”* He was made lower for awhile, in the body of flesh so that He could die. He tasted death for every man and brought them to death, so that he could bring many sons (of a mature nature) unto glory; unto the relationship of glory that HE had with the Father. John 17:5 – *“And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self (the union of Oneness) with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.”* John 17:22 – *“ And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one.”*

Jesus is speaking now of returning to His Father, having accomplished, finished what He was sent to do by the Cross. This is God’s Word made flesh, and does not return to Him void, but has accomplished all that pleases God, and has prospered in the thing God sent it to. (Isaiah 55:11) Jesus being at rest in the Father, seated at the right hand of God, victorious over all principalities and powers is the security of our Salvation. Heaven could not have received Him back if all that He was sent forth to do was not fulfilled. So this is our assurance – that He has FULFILLED all of God’s Plan. And even if things seem to be failing for us here in this world, this is our assurance; our Salvation is secure in Him. Our Salvation is not based upon what I do or don’t do. It is secure in HIS FINISHED WORK. And with Jesus the issue was heaven: it was returning to His Father, having done the Father’s Will in all things. The Son was going home. He was going back to where He was before. John 17:1,5 – *“These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee...And now, O Father, glorify me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.”* Many

times we say when someone dies that THEY are going “home”, but we have never been in heaven! The Son was! John 3:13 – “*And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.*” “Son of man” is Jesus’ name in relation to us – what He became so He could go to the Cross.

- “YE ARE IN ME”- But He has not returned empty. He has not returned alone, for He has brought with Him those who have (and forever will) come by way of His Cross – His death and burial, and in His resurrection God has raised up Christ and those who are One with Him: those who are IN CHRIST. Ephesians 2:6 – “*And hath raised us together, and made us sit together in heavenly places **in Christ Jesus**.*” The issue here with us is NOT heaven as a place, but the issue is in Christ. He has brought us into HIMSELF – not to a location, but a relationship in the heavens. John 14:3 – “*... I will come again (anew, in spirit) and receive you unto myself; that where I am, ye may be also.*” HE is the place we go to, and He is in heaven, but heaven is not someplace separate from Him.

- 2 Corinthians 5:17 – “*If any man be in Christ he is a new creature...*”
- Colossians 3:1 – “*If ye then be (since you are) risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where CHRIST sitteth on the right hand of God.*” He is there resting in the Father, and we are in Him.
- Ephesians 1:4,6 – “*According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world...To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.”*

This is all because we are IN HIM, but we must not see this just as “me”, but as “us” – many who are One, having One Life – Christ. He has not raised many bodies, but ONE BODY, the Body of Christ, the fullness of Him, which is the Church here on the earth. And if we would come to know that we are One with Him in the heavens, we should be able to function in the earth as One – the very manifestation of His Life.

And since we are IN HIM, He brings us into the presence of God. WE can not come to God by ourselves, but He brings us there in Himself.

- Hebrews 9:24 – “*For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, **NOW** to appear in the presence of God for us.*”

- Ephesians 2:13,18 – “ *But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ... For through him we both (Jew and Gentile) have access by one Spirit unto the Father.*”

And He not only brings us into the Presence of God, but He brings the Presence of God into us.

- “AND I AM IN YOU” – This is the reality of the relationship that He is NOT far off, but He is come, and He is ever coming IN YOU. This is the indwelling of a Person – The Person of the Resurrected Son of God.

- John 14:23 – “*If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*” This is God by His Son dwelling in a people. This is what God wanted to do from the beginning of His dealings with Israel. Exodus 25:8 – “*And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.*”

This is the glory that had been promised under the Old Covenant – NOW come – **IN CHRIST**.

- Colossians 1:26,27 – “*Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but NOW is made manifest to his saints; To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*” Israel expected glory, they were waiting for it. CHRIST IN YOU is the glory that they expected. We are NOT waiting to go to glory, or for glory to come someday, but CHRIST is the glory that was expected – NOW COME - - again, anew, in Spirit, dwelling in a people who are One with Him, bringing them into relationship with the Father.

So He has not only brought us into the Presence of God, but He has brought the Presence of God into us by His dwelling in us, and that is an abiding Presence. This is the greatness of our Salvation. We are not waiting for a day to “go be with Him”, but we are In Him Now, and He is in us, presenting us to the Father.

This is the REALITY of our Salvation – what God has done by the Cross. And the reality of this is worked in us by God revealing His Son in us.

- 2 Corinthians 4:6 – “ *For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*”

God reveals His Son IN US, making us to know by His Spirit that Christ is in heaven, we are in Him, and He is in us. This is not going to be so someday – when I die, and go to another place; but this is so NOW – by HIS death, burial and resurrection. And the Spirit of Truth has come to lead us into all Truth.

- 1 John 5:20 - “*And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and **we are in him that is true**, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.*”

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This is the reality of our Salvation NOW. May God open our understanding that we could see the Truth of it, and walk in the Truth of our glorious Salvation NOW.