

Finding the Abundant Life: Part 4

IN ADAM

Salvation

1. What is salvation?
 - **John 3:17** – “the world should be saved through Him”
 - Saved from what?
 - **1Thes 5:9** – saved from the wrath of God. (**1:10**)
 - **Rom 5:9** – “saved from the wrath of God”
 - **Exodus 12** – for God’s wrath to *Passover*:
 1. The offering was to be without blemish
 2. The lamb had to be killed
 3. The blood had to be applied
 - *Through Christ*, we are saved from the wrath of God.
2. What is our standing before God?
 - **Eph 2:1-3** – “dead in your trespasses and sins”
 - “and were by *nature* children of wrath”

Children of Wrath

3. How did we become *children of wrath*?
 - **Psalm 51:5 & 58:3** – “in sin my mother conceived me”
 - A sin nature is what we had from the very start.
4. What is *sin*?
 - Selfishness or violation of the Law? – not completely
 - Sin is anything contrary to the Character of God.
 - Practically – it’s missing the perfect mark and hitting the wrong mark.
 - Distinction: sin and sins.
 - Sins: acts of hitting the wrong mark
 - Why does all of mankind constantly hit the wrong mark?
 - Sin: the natural state we are in at birth – capable only of continually hitting the wrong mark.

The Sin Nature

- Distinction: sin and sins.
- Fourteen horrible things about the human condition as it is by nature: (**Rom 3:9-20**):
 - God as a Judge (verses 10 to 12):
 1. No one is righteous (of value) in God’s sight
 2. No one understands anything concerning God
 3. No one seeks for God (**1 Cor. 10:20**)
 4. All have turned aside (turned away)
 5. And thus, have become useless (unprofitable)
 6. No one does good, not even one!
 - God as a Physician (verses 13 to 15):
 7. Their throat is an open grave (As Bishop Howe says: “Emitting the noisome exhalations of a putrid heart.”)
 8. With their tongues they continually deceive

The Sin Nature

- Fourteen horrible things about the human condition as it is by nature: (**Rom 3:9-20**):
 - God as a Physician (verses 13 to 15):
 9. They are poisonous just below the surface
 10. Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness (wrong someone)
 11. Their feet run to violence
 - God as a Divine Historian (verses 16 to 18):
 12. Destruction and misery are in their paths
 13. They do not know how to find peace
 14. There is no fear of God in them
 - Summary: Total depravity – humanity is dead.
 - **Eph 2:1** – “you were dead in your trespasses and sins”
 - **Rom 6:23** – “for the wages of sin is death”

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5. How did we get this sin nature?
 - By Adam
 - **Rom 15; 17** – “by the transgression of the one”
 - All of humanity is “in Adam”
 - **1 Cor 15:21-22** – “For as in Adam all die”
 - The “oneness” of humanity.
 - **Heb 7:9,10** – “he was still in the loins of his father”
 - I was in the loins of my father when he was commercial fishing.
 - What would have happened to me if he would have died?
 - Therefore, so to speak, I was commercial fishing, because I was “in him.”
 - Summary: **Rom 5:12** – “through one man sin entered into the world”

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6. More than sin management.

- In a lot of ways, Christianity has become a focus on sin management – if I can quit doing this or that, I'll no longer be a sinner.
- This is contrary to the Truth
 - I am a sinner because I sin – quit sinning and I'm no longer a sinner (this is completely wrong)
 - I sin (hit the wrong mark) because I am a sinner (by nature)
 - I commit sins because I am of Adam – I am "of sin"
- Where do we go from here?
 - How did we receive our sin nature?
 - By BIRTH
 - How then do we loose our sin nature?
 - By DEATH