

UNDERSTANDING THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION handout # 1

The God of salvation wants you well and prosperous. However, many people's faith is on different levels

- 1. 1 Cor. 10:11: The Old Testament is written for our example** (Heb. 8:6).
 - a. God dealt with man differently because man was different (2 Cor. 5:17).
 - b. God dealt with men who were not born again from the outside.
 - c. God deals with born again man from the inside of man.
 - d. Christians only obey Old Testament principles that are in the New Testament.
 - e. Something happened between plagues of Egypt and the children of Israel leaving Egypt. The ten plagues (rivers turned to blood, frogs, lice, flies, disease on cattle, boils, hail, pestilence, darkness, first born die) —
 - f. Israel left Egypt, free of sickness.
 - g. It was the first Passover (Exo. 12:11).
 - h. Exo. 12:1-14, 21-23 describes the perfect lamb. The lamb is a symbol of the coming Messiah.
 - i. Jesus was called the "Lamb of God" by John the Baptist (John 1:29, 36).
 - j. Jesus is seen in heaven as the eternal Lamb slain (Rev. 13:8),
 - k. Jesus is seen as our Passover Lamb (1 Cor. 5:7, John 3:16).

2. The shedding of Jesus blood brings us salvation, healing and victory. The Passover lamb brought them deliverance, healing, protection, and ultimately brought them to Canaan land (1 Pet 1:18-19)

- a. Eph. 2:8: Everything in these verses (grace, faith and salvation) is a gift from God! A gift is something that someone else purchased and gave to you, free of charge.
- b. We will look at these words: grace, faith and saved.
- c. Grace (Gk. charis) is the manifestations of God's power.
- d. Grace is also God's provisions granted us to assist us (Heb. 4:16).
- e. Mercy (Gk. eleos) comes before grace or compassion (Heb. 4:16).
- f. Faith (Gk. pistis) means persuasion, assurance and belief.
- g. Faith receives what grace has done for us.
- e. Faith takes what's already been given us (2 Pet. 1:3).

3. God gave us the means to receive what He has given us.

- a. You cannot earn anything from God.
- b. You can receive everything from God.
- c. You can receive healing even if it is your fault that you are sick.
- d. In John 5:5-14, Jesus healed the man even though he was sinful.
- e. Faith is our empty hand reaching out to God to receive what's in His hand reaching out to give to us.
- f. God gives it; faith takes or accepts it. Our only effort is reaching out and taking it.
- g. It's time for you to relax and accept what God has done for you.

- h.** Mercy always comes before grace (Heb. 4:16).
- i.** Saved (Gk. sozo) is the third word (Eph. 2:8, Rom. 1:16).
- j.** There are seven different uses of "saved" in the New Testament gospels: save, deliver, make whole, preserve, and safety from danger, loss and destruction.

4. Sozo occurs 54 times in the gospels.

- a.** 14 times it's deliverance from disease or demon possession.
- b.** 20 times it's physical deliverance from peril or death (Mark 5:34).
- c.** 20 times it's spiritual salvation.
- d.** It is the preservation of life, either physically or spiritually.
- e.** God wants you well!

5. Forgiveness, mercy and healing work together. Here are four points to keep in mind.

- a.** Sickness comes from satan (Acts 10:38, Luke 13:16).
- b.** Nature shows us God's attitude toward sickness for it serves mankind:
Plants and animals are our food and clothing. Plants and people exchange oxygen for carbon dioxide. What nature breathes out, we breathe in, and what we breathe out plants' breath in. Medicine to help cure sickness comes from plants and animals, i.e. aspirin comes from willow trees. *God wants you well!*
- c.** Our bodies are made in God's image. Our body filters out poison through our breath sweat and waste, and it holds nutrients that come from food. God designed our body to keep itself well. Our body builds up immunity to pollution and diseases. It heals itself. If harmful bacteria are in our food, we regurgitate it. Our immune system attacks poison or diseases, and then builds up immunity. Our blood contains white cells which attack viruses. Coughing, sneezing and normal fevers are ways to expel attacks. God wants you well!
- d.** God's name is Jehovah Rapha. If nature, doctors, or your body cannot conquer the sickness, God has provided other ways for people to get well. Everyone's faith isn't on the same level. God wants you well!

5. Faith is what activates God's sozo.

- a.** Jesus healed the man's withered hand (Luke 6:8-11). Sozo restored the man's hand and gave him wholeness.
- b.** Jesus gives us a blood-bought right to be saved, forgiven, born again, delivered, and made whole.
- c.** Jesus had mercy on the lepers and healed them. They were cleansed when they

obeyed and did what He told them to do (Luke 17:11-19).

d. All of them were "sozoed" as they went to show themselves to the priests, but only one returned to give thanks.

e. Jesus told the man that his faith had made him whole.

f. The woman with a blood disorder believed that if she could just touch Jesus' garment, she would be healed. She acted on that belief (Mark 5:25-34). Her healing was immediate. Her faith made her whole.

6. God has provided seven methods to receiving healing.

a. Use the name of Jesus against the devil, to demand the sickness or disease to leave your body (Acts 3:1-16, Mark 16:17-18, John 14:13-14).

b. Pray to the Father, in the name of Jesus (John 16:23, 24, Mark 11:24, 25).

c. Agree in prayer, based on Mat 18:19, 20.

d. We can receive healing through anointing with oil (Jas 5:14, 15).

e. Healing occurs through laying on of hands (Mark 16:15-18).

f. Receive healing through gifts of healing, as the Spirit wills (1 Cor. 12:9, 11).

g. Know that healing belongs to you (1 Pet. 2:23-24).