

墨爾本華人基督徒以勒團契

〈聖經神學〉

(三) 「從聖經認識神的救恩」

「所以，我們當越發鄭重所聽見的道理，恐怕我們隨流失去。那藉著天使所傳的話既是確定的；凡干犯悖逆的都受了該受的報應。「我們若忽略這麼大的救恩，怎能逃罪呢？這救恩起先是主親自講的，後來是聽見的人給我們證實了。」」

(來 2:1-3)

「論到這救恩，那預先說你們要得恩典的眾先知，早已「詳細」的「尋求」「考察」，就是考察在他們心裏基督的靈，預先「證明」基督受苦難，後來得榮耀，是指著甚麼時候，並怎樣的時候。他們得了啟示，知道他們所「傳講」的一切事，不是為自己，乃是為你們。那「靠著從天上差來的聖靈」傳福音給你們的人，現在將這些事「報給你們」，天使也願意詳細察看這些事。」(彼前 1:10-12)

主內親愛的弟兄姊妹，主耶穌基督藉著十字架捨身流血，死而復活所成就的救恩，是人眼睛未曾看見，耳朵未曾聽見，人心也未曾想到的，卻藉著聖經真理全面顯明出來：-

- 1) 神人關係復和的救恩
- 2) 脫離罪惡網鎖的救恩
- 3) 生命出死入生的救恩
- 4) 生命成長成熟的救恩
- 5) 同走十架道路的救恩
- 6) 全然成聖成義的救恩
- 7) 身體復活得贖的救恩
- 8) 永恆與神同在的救恩

1) 「神人關係復和的救恩」

(一) 「神人關係復和的途徑」

「次日，約翰看見耶穌來到他那裏，就說：看哪，神的羔羊，除去世人罪孽的！」(約 1:29)
「除祂以外，別無拯救；因為在天下人間，沒有賜下別的名，我們可以靠著得救。」(徒 4:12)
「但現在基督已經來到，作了將來美事的大祭司，經過那更大更全備的帳幕，不是人手所造，也不是屬乎這世界的；並且不用山羊和牛犢的血，乃用自己的血，只一次進入聖所，成了永遠贖罪的事。」(來 9:11-12)

1) 「那時，你們與基督無關，在以色列國民以外，在所應許的諸約上是局外人，並且活在世上「沒有指望」，「沒有神」。你們從前「遠離神的人」，如今卻在基督耶穌裏，「靠著祂的血，已經得親近了」。」(弗 2:12-13)

2) 「弟兄們，我們既「因耶穌的血」得以坦然進入至聖所，是藉著祂給我們「開了一條又新又活的路」，從幔子經過，這幔子就是祂的身體。又有一位大祭司治理神的家，並我們心中天良的虧欠已經灑去，身體用清水洗淨了，就當「存著誠心和充足的信心來到神面前」。」(來 10:19-22)

3) 「他們唱新歌，說：祢配拿書卷，配揭開七印；因為祢曾被殺，「用自己的血，從各族，各方，各民，各國中買了人來，叫他們歸於神」。」(啟 5:9)

4) 「我們既因信稱義，就藉著我們的主耶穌基督得與神相和」(羅 5:1)

5) 「現在我們既「靠著祂的血」稱義，就更要藉著祂免去神的憤怒。因我們作仇敵的時候，且藉著神兒子的死，「得與神和好，既已和好，就更要因祂的生得救了。」」(羅 5:9-10)

6) 「願頌讚歸與我們主耶穌基督的父神！」「祂在基督裏曾賜給我們天上各樣屬靈的福氣」：就如神從創立世界以前，在基督裏揀選了我們，使「我們在祂面前成為聖潔」，無有瑕疵；又因愛我們，就按著自己意旨所喜悅的，預定我們藉著耶穌基督「得兒子的名分」，使祂榮耀的恩典得著稱讚，這恩典是祂在愛子裏所賜給我們的。我們「藉這愛子的血得蒙救贖，過犯得以赦免，乃是照祂豐富的恩典」。（弗 1:3-7）

（二） 「神人關係復和的恩典」

1) 豐盛生命的人生（約 6:35）

「耶穌說：我就是生命的糧。到我這裏來的，必定不餓，信我的，永遠不渴。」

當基督聖徒與神關係得以重新建立時，內裏的屬靈生命得著供應，得著靈奶，得著靈糧，得著生命的活水江河所帶來的飽足，以致不再是乾渴，枯萎，無能為力的生命；乃是豐盛，富足，滿有力量的生命，因而活出豐盛生命的人生。

2) 光明聖潔的人生（約 8:12）

「耶穌又對眾人說：我是世界的光，跟從我的，就不在黑暗裏走，必要得著生命的光。」

世上的人因著罪的緣故，以致與聖潔，公義的神隔絕，導致生活在黑暗，痛苦，罪惡，絕望，無奈之中；當基督聖徒與神有復和的關係時，光明，聖潔的神在屬主的人心靈裏作光照，作感動，為要引導離開罪惡污穢，行在光明，聖潔的人生路上。

3) 蒙神顧念的人生（約 10:11）

「我是好牧人，好牧人為羊捨命。」

基督聖徒蒙恩得救以後，仍然生活在一個充滿挑戰，沖擊，痛苦，傷害的世界裏，更要面對來自魔鬼撒旦的攻擊，攪擾，迷惑和破壞。但因著與神有和好的關係，神顧念祂所愛的人，神願意付上代價，務要蔭庇，保守，看顧每一個屬主的基督聖徒。

4) 遵行真理的人生 (約 14:6)

「耶穌說：我就是道路，真理，生命；若不藉我，沒有人能到父那裏去。」

自從人類犯罪墮落以後，當中人的思想，人的觀念，人的良知都被污染而扭曲，不能正確分辨是非對錯，更不可能認識神的真理；以致人生行差踏錯，偏行己路，任意而行。與神有生命關係的聖徒卻在神的恩典中，蒙神引導行在真理當中。

5) 與神親近的人生 (約 15:5)

「我是葡萄樹，你們是枝子。常在我裏面的，我也常在他裏面，這人就多結果子，因為離了我，你們就不能作甚麼。」

基督聖徒蒙恩歸主以後，罪的攔阻被清除，與神生命有著不可分割的關係，是一個親密無間的關係，是一個與神同在的人生，是一個與神同行的人生，是一個與神同活的人生，因著與賜生命的神有密切的關係，因而得著生命的力量為主而活。

「牧者心聲」:-

「我們既因信稱義，就藉著我們的主耶穌基督得與神相和。我們又藉著祂，因信得進入現在所站的這恩典中，並且歡歡喜喜盼望神的榮耀。」
(羅 5:1-2)

「古舊十架」(生命聖詩120)

1. 各各他山嶺上，矗立古舊十架，是羞辱與痛苦記號；神愛子主耶穌，為我們被釘死，這十架是我最愛最寶。
 2. 這古舊十字架，被世人所輕視，我卻以十架為寶貴；神愛子主耶穌，捨棄天堂榮華，願背負十架往各各他。
 3. 各各他十字架，雖有血跡斑斑，我看它仍聖潔華美；因救主在十架，為我罪被釘死，我罪惡全赦免得稱義。
 4. 對這古舊十架，我願永遠忠誠，甘受世人辱罵恥笑；救主快要再來，迎接我到天家，與救主共享永遠榮耀。
- c. 故我愛高舉主十字架，願將世上虛榮全放下，
我一生要背負十字架，到那天可換公義冠冕。

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Bible Theology

3) Understanding God's salvation from the Bible

*"We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, **how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.**" (Hebrews 2:1-3)*

*"Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, **searched intently and with the greatest care**, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he **predicted** the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they **spoke** of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you **by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven**. Even angels long to look into these things. (1 Peter 1:10-12)*

Dear brothers and sisters, Lord Jesus Christ gave Himself and shed His blood on the cross; He died and was resurrected to prepare salvation. It is what no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has conceived, but through the Bible, this truth has been completely revealed:

- 1) Salvation that restores the relationship between man and God
- 2) Salvation that liberates us from the bondage of sin
- 3) Salvation that leads us to cross over from death into life
- 4) Salvation that enables our lives to grow and mature
- 5) Salvation that leads us to walk the road of Calvary
- 6) Salvation that sanctifies and justifies
- 7) Salvation that resurrects and redeems
- 8) Salvation that enables us to be with God for eternity

1. Salvation that restores the relationship between man and God

(A) How the relationship between man and God is restored

“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29) “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12) “When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.” (Hebrews 9:11-12)

- 1) *“remember that at that time you were separated from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, **without hope and without God** in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who **once were far away** have been brought near **through the blood of Christ.**” (Ephesians 2:12-13)*
- 2) *“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by **the blood of Jesus**, by **a new and living way opened** for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest of the house of God, **let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith**, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.” (Hebrews 10:19-22)*
- 3) *“And they sang a new song: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and **with your blood you purchased men for God, from every tribe and language and people and nation.**” (Revelation 5:9)*
- 4) *“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through **our Lord Jesus Christ.**” (Romans 5:1)*
- 5) *“Since we have now been justified **by his blood**, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! For if, when we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, **how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!**” (Romans 5:9-10)*

6) *“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace.”* (Ephesians 1:3-7)

(B) The blessings of a restored relationship between man and God

1) A life of abundance (John 6:35)

“Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.”

When the relationship between a Christian saint and God is restored and re-established, his inner spiritual life receives sustenance, spiritual milk and spiritual bread. The streams of living water satisfy his life, and it is no longer a thirsty, withering and powerless life. But it is abundant and rich; a life that has power to live an abundant life.

2) A life of light and holiness (John 8:12)

“When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Due to their sin, people on earth have been separated from the holy and righteous God, causing them to live in darkness, pain, sin, despair and frustration. When Christian saints’ relationship with God is restored, the God of light and holiness enlightens and moves in the hearts of those who belong to Him; to lead them from the filthiness of sin, and to walk in light, on the path of holiness.

3) A life that God cares for (John 10:11)

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep”

After Christian saints been saved by grace, they continue to live a life that is filled with challenges, troubles, pain and hurt on earth. They will also face attacks, disruption, deception and destruction from the devil Satan. However, because they have a good relationship with God, God cares for those He loves, and He is willing to pay the price, to shelter, protect and look after each Christian saint who belongs to Him.

4) A life that abides by the truth (John 14:6)

“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Since mankind sinned and fell from grace, the thoughts, ideas and conscience of man have been defiled and corrupted. As a result, they are no longer able to discern right and wrong, and cannot know God’s truth. Hence, they continuously live a life of mistakes, turning to their own way and doing as they please. The saints who have a relationship with God will be in God’s grace, and have God’s guidance and live in His truth.

5) A life that draws near to God (John 15:5)

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

After Christian saints receive His grace and return to the Lord, the barrier of sin is removed, and they have an inseparable relationship with God. It is an intimate and close relationship; a life that is with God, that walks with God and lives with God. Due to having an intimate relationship with the God of life, we can then have the strength to live for the Lord.

Pastor’s reflection:

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.” (Romans 5:1-2)

The Old Rugged Cross

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, The emblem of suff’ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the Dearest and Best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.
2. Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.
3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, A wondrous beauty I see,
For ’twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me.
4. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true; Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He’ll call me someday to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I’ll share.

Refrain: So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, And exchange it someday for a crown.