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Don't Get Saved, Be Saved

There is no such thing as any part of creation, including you, being truly separated from God!! Because we exist in the Son (the one who became and is now Jesus Christ), there can NEVER be a true separation between God and His creation! Triune God decided to become part of creation in the Son (Col 1:19, 2:9.) God decided that The Son would become a man named Jesus. This would mean a few IMPORTANT things, so pay attention:

1. The Son becoming man meant that Triune God, in the Son, would always be 100% God AND always be 100% Man. We call this the Incarnation, or “God in the Flesh.” This is an amazing, mysterious and crucial Truth (Eph 2:13-16.) If Jesus ceases to remain Man, we have no one upholding our New Humanity (remember we all failed at it!) If Jesus ceases to be God then He is of no help in getting humanity into God’s relationship. Jesus IS the Son of God as Man – permanently!! In Colossians 1:19 the word “dwell” means “to house permanently”!

2. The Son becoming Man meant that God’s creatures and creation would ALWAYS exist because they would be upheld in God the Son’s existence. Being God, The Son is eternal and can never die! He is the Eternal God/Man! The Man part of Jesus did die for a short time (3 days and 2 nights), in order to kill and bury our death, but then He raised His Man body (and ours) forever, never to die again!

3. The Son becoming Man meant that whatever happened to Jesus Christ would happen to all Creation, which has life ONLY in Him! He is the Creator AND Sustainer of All ! All things live, move and have their being in the Son (Acts 17:28)

4. The Son becoming Man means that you have nothing to do with trying to get into a relationship with God! To see God as a Man in Jesus is to literally see God and man already reconciled! This is why we say that Jesus Christ, the Person, IS Himself the Self-Revelation of God! He is the Word of God. Triune God has graciously brought all of creation into their relationship in the Son, Jesus. The only way for creation to get into Triune God’s relationship was for God to stoop, in Jesus, and place creation into that relationship by a free and willing act of His own. This act of Triune God’s freedom to include others, and to favor them whenever and however God wants, is called “grace” (Eph 1:2, 2:4-7, II Peter 3:18.)

5. The Son of God becoming Man for our adoption BEFORE the foundation of the world meant that God was going to become a man even if we had never sinned! Triune God created us in order to adopt us! Jesus Christ is NOT Plan “B” or an afterthought of God. He is not just a band-aid patching up our problem of sin. Jesus is God’s first and ONLY thought for getting us into their relationship! He is Plan “A” from before the creation of the world. We were saved because God was intent on fulfilling His plan of Adoption! Salvation supported the plan of our Adoption! When the Son became human, He was taking us, creation, into Himself and His relationship with the Father in the Spirit. This is called “Adoption” and this is God’s only plan for His creation. Triune God settled this purpose for us, in Jesus, before we were even created. Just think of it as Plan “A” for “Adoption”.

If you are finding this Good News a little shocking it may be that you have only heard others urge you to “make a decision for God and get saved!” The truth is, IN JESUS, your entire life has been adopted and objectively saved (Titus 3:4-7!) You had a connection with Triune God, in Jesus, as soon as you were born! You do NOT need to make a decision to get into Christ. Your decision to believe cannot save you, because you are already reconciled in Jesus, BUT your decision to believe this truth allows you to experience your reconciliation and salvation .

Jesus takes all of the responsibility out of your hands of trying to “save yourself.” This is why He says “Come unto me all of you that labor and I will give you rest” (Matt 11:28-30, Heb 4:10-11.) This is one of the most serious points to consider in this booklet! Did you know that there is not one passage in the bible instructing us to “GET saved?” Seriously!!! The writers of the bible instruct us to “BE saved!” (Mark 16:16, John 3:17, Acts 2:21, 4:12, Rom 10:10) They also speak in terms of “being saved” and “are saved.” (I Cor 1:18, I Cor 15:1-2) To “Get” is to receive something we don’t yet have! To “Be” is to BELIEVE and embrace that which is already ours!! God’s desire is NOT that all “GET saved” but that they “BE saved”, and come to the knowledge of the truth (come to know that which is already true, NOT make it come true - I Tim 2:4!)

Have you ever seen someone involved in a sports game that wasn’t playing up to their potential, and maybe you or someone else encouraged him/her to “get in the game,” or to, “get your head in the game?” The person was REALLY in the game but something was so obviously wrong in their mind and game play that we made the accusation that they weren’t in the game (though they really were!!)

That is exactly what is going on in scripture (Rom 7:25-8:1-8!) We are encouraged to “BE” who we already are in Jesus! Jesus came to “seek and save that which was lost” and that is exactly what He did (Luke 19:10, John 3:17!) You either BE(lieve) this Truth or you Be(lieve) something else, but you cannot undo what Jesus has done to and with YOU and Creation in Himself! We have all been found and carried home to God in Jesus!! Believe it and BE saved!! Get your head in the game!! Be transformed in the renewing of your mind! (Rom 12:2)

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