



LIFE ON THE EDGE

Radio Bible Study # 4 Study: Salvation

Intent of Study: To show the plan that God designed to rescue man from the penalty of sin.

Focus It: God is a God of love, grace and mercy who longs to save us.

The Problem

1. Genesis 1:26,27,31 - mans original condition
2. Genesis 3:1-8 esp 8 - the fall of man (also Gen 2: 16,17)
3. Romans 3:23
4. Romans 6:23
5. John 1:1-4a esp 4a
6. Isaiah 59:1,2

The Solution

7. John 3:16,17
8. Matthew 20:28
9. Romans 5:10
10. Ephesians 2:8
11. John 8:24
12. Luke 13:3, 5
13. Mark 16:16
14. Revelation 2:10

Appeal:

15. 2 Peter 3:9
16. 1 John 5:11-13

Share It:

The Problem

1. **Genesis 1:26,27,31** - mans original condition was in God's image
2. **Genesis 3:1-8 esp 8** - the fall of man

Two chapters before God made man in His own image. Their actions evidenced who they believed. Instead of running to God, they are fleeing from Him.

Why do you suppose they hid? *They were ashamed and felt guilty.*

They were experiencing emotions that God never intended for them to feel.

Was this merely something that happened to a man and a woman in a garden thousands of years ago? Was this an isolated incident completely unrelated to us today?

3. Romans 3:23 - ALL have sinned, no one has escaped. All have had the experience of guilt, all have had the experience of shame, all have wanted to flee and hide from God.

Fall short - continually fall short (Greek continuative)

4. Romans 6:23a - the wages of sin tis death

Why death? Why couldn't the wages of sin be imprisonment or corporal punishment? The Bible answers that question.

5. John 1:1-4a, esp 4a - Jesus is the source of all life.

6. Isaiah 59:1,2 - Sin causes separation.

*Illustration: If I put my arms against a wall, I can say my arms are separating me from the wall. If I push against the wall, who moves? *Me*. My sins push me away from God, God does not push me away.

Who fled from who in the Garden of Eden? *Adam and Eve fled*.

2 - "your God" He is still our God, He does not disown us.

The result of sin is death because it causes us to move away from the source of life.

The good news of Salvation is only as good as the bad news is bad. Lifeguard saving you in your kiddie-pool, or someone saving you in the ocean, which salvation do you appreciate?

The Solution

7. John 3:16,17 - What is a synonym for perish? *Die*.

How does this work? In what way does God sending His son save us from death?

8. Matthew 20:28 - Give His life as a ransom, a price.

How does this ransom solve the problem?

9. Romans 5:10

How are we reconciled to God? *By the death of His son*. He died the death that you deserve.

How are we saved? *By His life*. Jesus lived the life that you have not lived.

*Illustration: The billionaires club - Imagine that you wanted to become a member of the billionaires club. To be a member how much money do you need to have? One billion. If you're one billion in debt, how much do you need to be a

member? Two billion, one to get out of debt and one to get into the club. Jesus death is like the first billion dollars, it pays the penalty, the debt of sin. Since Jesus paid the debt of our sin, all we have to do is live the rest of our lives perfectly without sin and then we will be saved. Jesus' life is the second billion that gets us into the club.

He died the death that you deserve, He lived the life you have not lived and He gives you His sinless life as a free gift.

Since Jesus died for everyone, does that mean that EVERYONE is saved? Salvation is available to everyone, but we must choose to receive it. How do we receive salvation?

10. Ephesians 2:8 - How do we receive salvation? Through faith. True faith is not something that we just profess. True faith is demonstrated by actions. Let's see what Jesus himself says about the demonstrations of faith that lead us to salvation.

11. John 8:24 - BELIEVE!

12. Luke 13:3, 5 - REPENT

13. Mark 16:16 - BE BAPTIZE

14. Revelation 2:10 - REMAIN FAITHFUL

Appeal

15. 2 Peter 3:9 - God longs to save everyone! But it is our choice

16. 1 John 5:11-13

11 - Where is eternal life found? *In His son, Jesus.*

12 - If you have His son, what do you also have? *Eternal life.*

13 - Who has this eternal life? *All who believe.*

Why is John writing this? *So that you know that you have eternal life.*

What does John encourage us to do? *To continue to believe.*

Simple Questions with Simple Answers:

1. Q: Can you lose the gift of Salvation? (Once saved always saved)

A: No, if what you mean by that is lose your salvation like you can lose your shoe. God will never take it from us, but you can give it back.

Extra - Why is it free for us? *There was no other way that God could have given it to us.*

Galatians 3:21 - If there was a way for a law to give us righteousness, He would have done it. If he could have saved us by our own obedience He would have done that, but He couldn't.

We have a mechanism that God used to save us, the cross. He can be true to His law, and true to His mercy. He poured out the wrath of sin on Jesus, the demands of justice were satisfied, now I can be the recipient of mercy.

Once saved, always saved as long as you remain saved.

The number one reason why people aren't making decisions for God is because no one is asking them to.

Good Books: "By His Stripes" Clifford Goldstein
"The Cross of Christ" John Stott