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Reading: Romans 1:15-20

God loved the world...salvation full at highest cost He offers free to all.

Rom 1v15 “I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth”.

The message of the Bible, the gospel of Christ is the good news concerning Jesus Christ.

Salvation, what does it mean?

It is now a year since the events in Chile that resulted in 33 miners trapped for 69 days. There were living in darkness, separated by rock from the surface, no hope seemed possible, a shaft was drilled and a capsule sent down. The headline was then published, Chile miners, salvation watched globally.

The salvation was a rescue from the danger they were in.

The danger you and I are in is much greater, possibility of rescue is much less, plan of salvation is much greater.

“scriptures make wise unto salvation though faith in Christ Jesus”

In the days of the apostle Paul, as the good news was presented many felt the power of God by simply believing in the Lord Jesus.

Importance of salvation

How is it relevant to us today?

“How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation”(Heb 2:3)

What is the danger we are in?

There is no escape, we cannot escape if we neglect salvation. We are in great danger, we have no means of escape other than that provided by God.

What do we need to escape?
v18 “wrath of God”

The God of heaven and of creation is holy, righteous, pure, perfect and just. The one who made and created each one set the standard for men as holy, perfect, pure and just. Each one has fallen short by our actions, words, thoughts and motives. “All have sinned and come short of the glory of God”(Rom 3:23). There is no exception and no get out clause.

You may think you are good, you may be better than your neighbour but you are considering the wrong standard. You must compare against the standard of God. “There is none righteous no not one” “None doeth good no not one”.

This puts us in great danger, “wages of sin is death”(Rom 6:23). The one who set the standard has

set the punishment.

We cannot afford the penalty, eternal separation from God in a place of torment forever.

69 days sounds a long time but the judgement against sin is forever. “[God is not mocked](#)”. He will hold us to account but there is a means of escape available from God. If we neglect there is no other.

Urgency of salvation

Do you know where your sin will take you?

1

“[Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation](#)”(2 Cor 6:2)

For the miners, help was urgent, food was running out, time was short. Are you conscious of your danger and aware of your need?

Why is it urgent?

“[I know not the day of my death](#)”(Gen). This is appropriate to each one of us. Death is the consequence of sin, 10 out of 10 die.

“[Prepare to meet thy God](#)”, “[Is appointed unto men once to die and after this the judgment](#)”.

After death there is no chance to reconsider. This could be the last day her on earth.

2

“[If I go and prepare a place I will come again](#)”(John 14:3)

The Lord's coming is an event the Christian's hope and wait for. In Acts 1, the disciples saw Him go. He has gone and He will come again. We know not when but we know He will.

For those not ready this gives “[fearful looking for of judgment](#)”(Heb 10:27).

God will hold us to account

Availability of salvation

The good news comes through Jesus Christ.

Salvation is available today, to all at no cost.

“[Neither is there salvation in any other, none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved](#)”(Acts 4:12)

“[concerning His Son Jesus Christ](#)”.

The message that offers salvation, forgiveness and preservation is centred on Christ alone. John 14:6

“There is one God and one mediator..”(1 Tim).

God's way of salvation is available, He has done it all. It is beyond our understanding.

To provide a way of escape for rebellious man God sent His Son into the world to be Saviour. “God commendeth His love towards us.....”(Rom). He sent Him to the cross, He came to die.

He suffered, He bled, He died. He bore in His own body the judgement of our sin.

The penalty of sin is paid in full. Salvation is provided. It is offered to you and me to accept God's means of salvation. God won't force you to accept what you don't want. You must make the choice for yourself.

Simply have to believe and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

What will you do?

“Whosoever shall call...” A promise from God. It is for everyone, it is simple and there is no doubt about it.