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Reading: Romans 7v1,v7,v18-19,8v1-5

The only reason that the preacher could preach was because as a young child he had trusted Christ as his own Saviour.

“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Tim 1:15).

### **1. The symptoms of the fault**

We try to do good in our lives, we may make new year resolutions.

There is something in us that we don't want to do but can't stop doing.

### **2. The cause of the fault**

The Bible tells us “All have sinned...” (Rom 3:23). We have all done things that separate from God. “The wages of sin is death”(Rom 6:23).

We cannot resolve the issue until we see the reason for it. We may try to dress up the outward appearance but the root cause is sin. Ultimately a sin will lead to a lost eternity.

“Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire” (Rev. 20:15)

It is a big problem to deal with.

People either try and make a solution. They may try harder, go to church or give money. Alternatively people try to argue away God, they talk about evolution and think the problem of sin will go away.

Why should I believe the Bible? It is the word of God, it is consistent, it tells us things before science found them – the earth is a sphere, there are many stars.

We are not trying to prove the Bible is truth.

“By grace are ye saved through faith” (Eph 2:8).

We don't need to develop a theory.

“For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh” (Rom 8:3).

### **3. The resolution of the fault**

God has made the solution already.

We are not here to tell you what to do but what God has done.

Message tells of a cost we can't understand but a cost that is paid.

God's Son was and is eternally with God.

“For he spake, and it was *done*; he commanded, and it stood fast” (Psa. 33:9)

“Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?” (Isa 40:12)

“Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly” (Isa 6:2)

“Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments” (Psa 119:73) when we consider our body and all its parts, our God is great.

Sin is abhorrent to God. “Nothing that defiles will enter” (Rev 21:27) yet God came into the earth “in the likeness of sinful flesh” and walked among men. He had a physical body. He sat “wearied with the journey” (John 4:6) but “in Him is no sin” (1 John 3:5).

He came from the despised place “can any good thing come out of Nazareth?” (John 1:46). God would say “This is my Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased” (Matt. 3:17).

Throughout history man failed, God saw His Son on earth, one person that He could delight in. As the Lord Jesus came He knew where His path would go, He knew it would lead to the cross.

He was betrayed, taken and tried.

The Lord's trial was unlike any today. “Couldn't find two to agree..” (Matt. 27:59,60) yet they were told to take him and do as they wanted (Luke 23:25). He was crucified.

We have a message of good news.

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved” (Acts 16:31).

In contrast to the start of the verse we quoted earlier, “The wages of sin is death” it goes on to tell us that “the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”(Rom 6:23).

The Bible tells us to repent. We need to turn from self and turn to God.

Salvation is free, you can't buy or earn it, only through faith in Christ.

Salvation doesn't cost but it changes. We have a new master, rather than sin and death we are now under life.

How is it possible? All because of Christ.

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

“What is your life? It is a vapour” (James 4:14)

“Boast not thyself of tomorrow for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth” (Prov 27:1)

The Lord could come tonight and the message of the gospel would be closed.

Don't gamble with your eternal destiny – Trust Christ.

“Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out” (John 6:37)