

## **GOD'S GREAT SALVATION IS AVAILABLE TO YOU**

*JOHN 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

**FIRST**, man kinds need of salvation arises from the fact of his lostness and separation from God. *Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.* This awful lostness is illustrated in the greater context of our text verse in John ch. 3. Verse one places before us a man named Nicodemus . Three things are noted about him. One, he was very religious for he was a Pharisee which means he was associated with a particular religious party of the Jews. Two, he was a ruler and this places him in a leadership position among the Jewish people. Three sets before us the obvious fact that he was a Jew, a man among the chosen Hebrew nation. Although he enjoyed all these advantages Jesus told him that he could neither see (perceive) vs. 3 or enter God's kingdom vs. 5 apart from a spiritual birth. In short, this man was lost in sin.

**SECOND**, the source of salvation is God himself and God's salvation arises out of his great love for the world (man kind). We read in *Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.* God is holy and cannot have a relationship with a lost sinner. But he loves us so much that he made a way for us to have a relationship with him.

**THIRD**, God made provisions for our salvation. Notice our text verse again. *For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son.* What this means is that God gave up Jesus Christ to die as a sacrifice on the cross in our place to pay our sin debt for us. Notice again *Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.* Another great verse sheds light on this fact. *Romans 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things.*

**FOURTH**, A lost sinner can avail himself of God's salvation by placing his personal faith in Jesus Christ's sacrifice for his sins. Notice again our text verse that *whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* Another great verse sheds additional light on this process.. *Acts 20:21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith in Jesus Christ.* Faith and repentance go together. As a lost sinner comes to understand his lost condition in sin as an offense against God it causes him to want to turn from sin (repent which means to turn around from his sin and turn to God) and believe (have faith) that Jesus paid his sin debt for him. This causes the lost sinner to come to God and ask God to forgive him of his sin and save him. A great passage of Scripture addresses this. *Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

**FIFTH**, When a lost sinner turns to God in repentance and faith in God's provision for his salvation through the sacrifice of Jesus and calls to God, God blesses the poor lost sinner by giving him a Spiritual birth and in doing so gives the person Spiritual life. This is what it means to be born again or to put it another way to be born anew from above by God the Holy Spirit. That Spiritual life is everlasting because it comes from the ever living God. Notice again our text verse. *Whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.* To receive Spiritual life is to receive God into one's life. This is the meaning of *I John 5:10-13 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself; he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal*

*life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*

**SIXTH**, This great salvation is available to everyone. Notice again our text verse. *“that whosoever believeth in him”*

**SEVENTH**, Any lost person who reads this sermon is invited and encouraged, even urged to accept the truth from God's word that Jesus Christ paid your sin debt on that old cross some 2,000 years ago and ask God to forgive you of your sins through Jesus and save you. **Ask him, even right now!**