

Message Seven

God's Organic Salvation (1)

Scriptures reading: Rom. 5:10; 8:16; 6:19, 22.

I. The book of Romans presents a comprehensive view of God's complete salvation which has two aspects—the judicial aspect and the organic aspect—Rom. 5:10.

- A. The judicial aspect is according to the righteousness of God and it is a procedure through which God fulfills all the requirements of His righteousness— 1:17; 3:21-26; 9:30-31.
1. This is for sinners to be forgiven before God (Luke 24:47), washed (Heb. 1:3), justified (Rom. 3:24-25), reconciled to God (5:10), and sanctified unto God positionally (1Cor. 1:2; Heb. 13:12).
 2. As a result, sinners may enter into the grace of God (Rom. 5:2) for the accomplishment of the purpose of God.
- B. The organic aspect of God's salvation is through the life of God—1:17; Acts 11:18; Rom. 5:10, 17-18, 21.
1. It includes regeneration, sanctification, renewing, transformation, confirmation, and glorification.
 2. Whereas the judicial aspect is the procedure, the organic aspect is the purpose of God's salvation because it accomplishes the purpose that God desires to achieve in His economy through His divine life, that is, to obtain a corporate man to express Him in life and to represent Him by life.
- C. In Rom. 5:10, reconciliation is an accomplished fact, but "saved in His life," the organic aspect of God's salvation, is a daily matter, and we believers today need "much more" to be saved in this life.

II. Six aspects of God's organic salvation revealed in the book of Romans.

- A. Regeneration—Rom. 8:16; Titus 3:5.
1. The first step in the experience of organic salvation is regeneration, or the new birth.
 2. To be regenerated, born anew, is to be born of God the spirit in our spirit and thereby to receive another life—the divine, uncreated, eternal life of God—in addition to our natural, created human life—John 3:3-6.

3. Those who are born of God (not merely adopted by Him through legal transaction) are genuine children of God possessing the life and nature of God—1:12-13.
 4. Now we are the children of God in reality and practicality—1John 3:1-2.
 5. Because we have been regenerated with the life of God, “the Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are *children of God*” —Rom. 8:16.
 - a. “Children of God” clearly presupposes regeneration, the new birth.
 - b. Along with our regenerated spirit, the Spirit witnesses to our most basic and elementary relationship with God, namely, that we are His children.
 - c. As the children of God grow and develop in the divine life, they eventually become sons of God in Romans 8, who are the members of the Body of Christ in Romans 12.
- B. Sanctification—Rom. 6:19, 22; 15:16.
1. The second stage of God's organic salvation is sanctification, which by its very nature, is related to holiness.
 2. Sanctification is, in fact, the experiential aspect of holiness.
 3. When God's holiness becomes our experience, that is sanctification, and when we are sanctified, we become holy, even as God is holy:
 - a. God the Father chose us in Christ to be holy—Eph. 1:4.
 - b. The New Jerusalem is the holy city—Rev. 21:2, 10.
 4. As a result of the sanctification in life unfolded in Romans, we will become the New Jerusalem, the holy city bearing the holiness of God.
 - a. In position the holy city is separated to God, and in disposition the holy city is saturated with God.
 - b. Sanctification involves not only a change in position, that is, a separation from a common, worldly position to a position for God, as illustrated in Matt. 23:17, 19, and in 1Tim 4:3-5, it involves also a transformation from the natural disposition to a spiritual one by Christ as the life-giving Spirit saturating all the inward parts of our being with God's nature of holiness, as mentioned in Rom. 12:2 and 2Cor. 3:18.
 5. The dispositional sanctification, the saturation of our inner being, is carried out in life and by life, and it results in life, having as “the end, the eternal life” —Rom. 5:10; 6:4, 22-23.

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Reference Scripture Verses:

Rom. 5:10 For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled,

Rom. 8:16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.

Rom. 6:19 I speak in human *terms* because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to uncleanness and lawlessness unto lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness unto sanctification.

Rom. 6:22 But now, having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you have your fruit unto sanctification, and the end, eternal life.

I.

Rom. 1:17 For the righteousness of God is revealed in it out of faith to faith, as it is written, "But the righteous shall have life and live by faith."

Rom. 3:21-26. **21** But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been manifested, witness being borne to *it* by the Law and the Prophets; **22** Even the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ to all those who believe, for there is no distinction; **23** For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; **25** Whom God set forth as a propitiation place through faith in His blood, for the demonstrating of His righteousness, in that in His forbearance God passed over the sins that had previously occurred, **26** With a view to the demonstrating of His righteousness in the present time, so that He might be righteous and the One who justifies him who is of the faith of Jesus.

Rom. 9:30-31. **30** What then shall we say? That the Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have laid hold of righteousness, but a righteousness which is out of faith; **31** But Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not attain to *that* law.

Luke 24:47 And that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

1Cor. 1:2 To the church of God which is in Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, the called saints, with all those who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, *who is* theirs and ours:

Heb. 13:12 Therefore also Jesus, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

Rom. 5:2 Through whom also we have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand and boast because of the hope of the glory of God.

Acts 11:18 And when they heard these things, they became silent and glorified God, saying, Then to the Gentiles also God has given repentance unto life.

Rom. 5:17-18. **17** For if by the offense of the one death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. **18** So then as *it was* through one offense unto condemnation to all men, so also *it was* through one righteous act unto justification of life to all men.

Rom. 5:21 In order that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

II.

Titus 3:5 Not out of works in righteousness which we did but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit,

John 3:3-6. **3** Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God. **4** Nicodemus said to Him, How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he? **5** Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 1:12-13. **12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name, **13** Who were begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

1John 3:1-2. **1** Behold what manner of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and we are. Because of this the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. **2** Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not yet been manifested what we will be. We know that if He is manifested, we will be like Him because we will see Him even as He is.

Rom. 15:16 That I might be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, a laboring priest of the gospel of God, in order that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, having been sanctified in the Holy Spirit.

Eph. 1:4 Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blemish before Him in love,

Rev. 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev. 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

Matt. 23:17 Fools and blind men, which is greater, the gold or the temple which sanctifies the gold?

Matt. 23:19 Blind men, which is greater, the gift or the altar which sanctifies the gift?

1Tim. 4:3-5. **3** Who forbid marriage *and command* abstaining from foods, which God has created to be partaken of with thanksgiving by those who believe and have full knowledge of the truth. **4** For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if received with thanksgiving; **5** For it is sanctified through the word of God and intercession.

Rom. 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

2Cor. 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

Rom. 6:4 We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.

Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Additional verses for Message Seven

Eph. 1:4-5. 4 Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blemish before Him in love, 5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

1Pet. 1:23 Having been regenerated not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible, through *the* living and abiding word of God.

Rev. 21:7 He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be God to him, and he will be a son to Me.

Rom. 1:2 Which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the ³holy Scriptures,

Note: 2³ The Greek words *hagios*, *hagiosune*, *hagiazō*, and *hagiasmos*, used in this book, are of the same root, which fundamentally means *separated, set apart*. *Hagios* is translated *holy* in [v. 2](#); [5:5](#); [7:12](#); [9:1](#); [11:16](#); [12:1](#); [14:17](#); [15:13](#), [16](#); [16:16](#), and *saints* in [v. 7](#); [8:27](#); [12:13](#); [15:25](#), [26](#), [31](#); [16:15](#). *Hagiosune* is translated *holiness* in [v. 4](#). *Hagiazō* is a verb used as a participle and is translated *sanctified* in [15:16](#). *Hagiasmos* is translated *sanctification* in [6:19](#), [22](#). Hence, to be holy is to be separated, set apart (to God). The saints are the separated ones, the ones set apart (to God). Holiness is the nature and quality of being holy. Sanctification (to God) is the practical effect, the character in activity, and the consummate state produced by being sanctified.

Rom. 1:7 To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, the called saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1Pet. 1:15-16. 15 But according to the Holy One who called you, you yourselves also be holy in all *your* manner of life; 16 Because it is written, "You shall be holy because I am holy."

1Thes. 5:23 And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Heb. 12:14 Pursue peace with all men and sanctification, without which no one will see the Lord;

Eph. 5:25-27. 25 Husbands, love your wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her 26 That He might sanctify her, cleansing *her* by the washing of the water in the word, 27 That He might present the church to Himself glorious, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she would be holy and without blemish.