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Intro Music - "My (Your) Father Is So Good To Me"

Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God's Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what's happening to us in our daily lives.

I'll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I'll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days, or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

For Today's Topic, I would like to reveal to you how simple is it to become a real Christian. You don't need to speak in tongues or be baptized with water to have God fill you with his Holy Spirit, You just need to believe what Jesus showed us... ***"The Simplicity Of Salvation"***.

It is important to understand the salvation and forgiveness that God offers through Jesus is simple. Sin cannot stand before the 'glory of GOD' - it withers and dies. Our lives, our thoughts, our deeds are filled with sin and because of that, we cannot a meaningful relationship with God, our Creator.

Jesus tells his disciples, ***"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one goes to the Father except by me. Now that you have known me," he said to them, "You will know my Father also, and from now on you do know Him and you have seen Him."***

Phillip said to him, **“Lord, show us the Father and that is all we need.”**

Jesus answered, “For a long time I have been with you all, yet you do not know me Phillip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. Why then do you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ Do you not believe Phillip that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I spoken to you,” Jesus said to his disciples, “do not come from me. The Father who remains in me, does His own work.”

*(This reading can be found in the **book of John, Chapter 14, Verses 6-10**)*

Two thousand years ago, Jesus, who was without sin took the punishment we deserve and the death we deserve as sinners on himself and God accepted that. So now if you believe that God sent His Son Jesus to take away your sins by dying on a cross and rising from death three days later, you are cloaked or covered by Jesus’ sacrifice. So you can have a relationship with God, the Father.

You come to Jesus as you are. You may be a person who is seeking relief from an addiction to drugs, alcohol, or both. You may be seeking pleasure from the fantasy of pornography, but it only leaves you empty and addicted. It can ruin the possibility of having a real love relationship in your life or in your marriage.

You may be try to cope with the death of a loved one or are depressed from personal relationships or hardships. You might be going through a divorce as a single person or trying to raise your children as a single parent. But you know you’ve had enough of your life the way it is. You’ve tried it your way and it’s not working!

You may feel dumb because you were lead or you put yourself into the circumstances that brought you here. But the bible says the beginning of wisdom is your knowing ***There Is A God*** who is ***your Creator*** and who loves and cares about you.

You are the **Who** in the **whoever** believes that God sent his Son Jesus to take away all the sins of those **who** would believe in him.

Whoever means **YOU!**

When you know what the right thing to do is - and you don't do it, you sin against God and yourself. That's when you come to Jesus and ask Him to forgive your sins and ask Him help you '**not to sin anymore**'. And immediately God forgives all your sins and sends His Holy Spirit who will remain with you and help you change your life. So now you know your salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ is simple.

Another thing you may discover as you read or hear each one of these Bible readings. You are the someone in these stories.

You Are The Criminal When Jesus was crucified, two criminals were also crucified with Jesus, one on each side of him. One taunts Jesus saying, ***"Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us."*** The other one speaks to the one taunting Jesus and says, ***"Don't you fear God? We deserve what we are getting because of what we did, but he has done no wrong."*** And he says to Jesus, ***"Remember me when you come into your kingdom."***

Jesus tells him, ***"I promise you that today, you'll be in paradise with me"***

You are the criminal hanging next to Jesus who is sorry for his sins and ask Jesus to remember him when he comes into his kingdom.

Author's Note: This is one of the best examples of salvation being simple! The criminal admitted his own sins and even said they were getting what they deserved and yet acknowledged that Jesus had done nothing to deserve the punishment he was receiving. This was the criminal's act of repentance! Turning back to God and asking Jesus to care for him which Jesus promised he would do, saying "I promise you that today you will be in paradise with me.

Notice that the criminal was never baptized in water, never spoke in tongues, never heard the claim of Jesus resurrection from the apostles, yet believed that he would be in paradise that day with Jesus!

We can believe, like that criminal on the cross next to Jesus, that we will be in paradise with him on our final day on this Earth. We will close our eyes here and when we open them the next second, we will be standing before our Savior Jesus Christ.

As the apostle Paul said, ⁸ ***We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. (2 Corinthians Chapter5, Verse 8.)***

This is your host Carl Vasta and I thank you for tuning in to Bible Seeds at Understanding God's Word.

A new podcast is released every Sunday at 12:30PM Pacific Coast Time.

God bless you and your loved ones and remember..... (Song)