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God Wants To Save Us

- “Do you think I can be forgiven of my sin?”
- “How can I know I’ve been forgiven?”
- “I am afraid that I might have overlooked something and God is going to condemn me for doing something I didn’t know was wrong.”

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- At the core of these concerns is a misunderstanding about God.
- Many imagine God as harsh and unrelenting, just waiting for them to slip up so that He can punish them.
- They do not trust or remember God's love, and need ongoing, new assurances

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- After talking about those who return to sin...
 - Heb. 6:4-6 - “For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.”
- ...The writer reminds us that God wants us to be saved
 - Heb. 6:9-20

God Wants To Save Us

- That the world continues is a testimony of God's patience
 - 2Peter 3:9 - "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."
- God's goal has always been the salvation of every person
 - Ez. 18:23 - "Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? says the Lord GOD, and not that he should turn from his ways and live?"

God Unreservedly Blesses Us

- Psalm 103:1-5 - “Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: 3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, 4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, 5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.”

God Unreservedly Blesses Us

- We occasionally forget why we became children of God.
- Because God gave us salvation we could not afford
 - Rom. 5:8 - “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

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- Because He loved us when we were unlovable
 - John 3:16 - “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”
- Because He took the initiative to love us before we knew Him
 - 1John 4:10 - “In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

God Unreservedly Blesses Us

- ***He pardons all our iniquities***
- The Lord cleanses us from all unrighteousness
 - 1John 1:9 - “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”
- There is no sin God cannot forgive or is unwilling to forgive

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- If a sin is unforgiven, then it is because we, not God, who will not let go of the sin or humble ourselves before God
 - Rom. 6:17 - “But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.”
 - Heb. 5:9 - “And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him”
- The invitation to be free from sin is always offered
 - Rev. 22:17 - “And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely”

God Unreservedly Blesses Us

- *He heals all of our diseases*
- Sin damages us
 - Psalm 38:3-4, 6, 8 - “There is no soundness in my flesh Because of Your anger, Nor any health in my bones Because of my sin. 4 For my iniquities have gone over my head; Like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me... 6 I am troubled, I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long... 8 I am feeble and severely broken; I groan because of the turmoil of my heart.”

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- God provides the cure
 - Psalm 107:17-20 - “Fools, because of their transgression, And because of their iniquities, were afflicted. 18 Their soul abhorred all manner of food, And they drew near to the gates of death. 19 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, And He saved them out of their distresses. 20 He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.”
- He relieves us of the emotional anguish we inflict on ourselves
 - Psalm 147:3 - “He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds.”

God Unreservedly Blesses Us

- *He redeems our lives*
- We sold ourselves into sin
 - Rom. 7:14, 24 - “For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin... 24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?”
- We willingly sold ourselves for nothing
 - Isa. 52:3 - “For thus says the LORD: You have sold yourselves for nothing, And you shall be redeemed without money.”

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- God bought us back, paying an unimaginable price
 - 1Peter 1:18-19 - “Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

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- ***He crowns us with nobility***
- With a crown of glory - 1Peter 5:4
- With a crown of life - James 1:12
- With a crown of righteousness - 2Tim. 4:8
- God invites us to reign with Him
 - Rev. 3:21 - “To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.”

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- ***He satisfies us with a fulfilling life***
- A life that is fresh and flourishing
 - Psalm 92:13-14 - “Those who are planted in the house of the LORD Shall flourish in the courts of our God. 14 They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing”

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- A life of persistent energy
 - Isa. 40:31 - “But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.”
- Our outward man declines while inward man is refreshed
 - 2Cor. 4:16 - “Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.”

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- God satisfies us with goodness
 - Psalm 65:4 - “...We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house...”
- God fills us with good
 - Psalm 104:28 - “What You give them they gather in; You open Your hand, they are filled with good.”
 - Psalm 107:9 - “For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness.”

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God Unceasingly Works With Us

- Psalm 103:6-13 - “The LORD executes righteousness And justice for all who are oppressed. 7 He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel. 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. 9 He will not always strive with us, Nor will He keep His anger forever. 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities. 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; 12 As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. 13 As a father pities his children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him.”

God Unceasingly Works With Us

- ***God brings justice to the oppressed***
- God cares for the least of His people
 - Psalms 72:4 - “He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, And will break in pieces the oppressor.”
 - Psalm 146:7 - “Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry. The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners.”

God Unceasingly Works With Us

- ***God teaches us about His will***

- Psalm 19:7-11 - “The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; 8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; 9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward.”

God Unceasingly Works With Us

- We aren't left to guess what God requires of us
 - 2Peter 1:3 - “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead”

God Unceasingly Works With Us

- ***God is compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, and merciful***
 - Ex. 34:6-7 - “And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, 7 keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation.”

God Unceasingly Works With Us

- ***God does not give up on us***
 - Isa. 57:16 - “For I will not contend forever, Nor will I always be angry; For the spirit would fail before Me, And the souls which I have made.”
- He delights in mercy
 - Micah 7:18-19 - “Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy. 19 He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea.”

God Unceasingly Works With Us

- He gives us less than we deserve; otherwise, we would not survive
 - Psalm 130:3 - “If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?”
- He punishes us, but much more lightly than what we have earned
 - Ezra 9:13 - “And after all that has come upon us for our evil deeds and for our great guilt, since You our God have punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and have given us such deliverance as this”

God Unceasingly Works With Us

- ***God thoroughly forgives us***

- Jer. 50:20 - “In those days and in that time, says the LORD, The iniquity of Israel shall be sought, but there shall be none; And the sins of Judah, but they shall not be found; For I will pardon those whom I preserve.”
- Isa. 43:25 - “I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins.”

God Unceasingly Works With Us

- 1John 1:7 - “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”
- Mal. 3:17 - “They shall be Mine, says the LORD of hosts, On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them As a man spares his own son who serves him.”

God Unendingly Loves Us

- ***God's love is permanent***

- Psalm 103:14-18 - “For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust. 15 As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. 16 For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, And its place remembers it no more. 17 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting On those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children, 18 To such as keep His covenant, And to those who remember His commandments to do them.”

God Unendingly Loves Us

- ***God knows the limitations of humankind***

- Psalm 78:39 - “For He remembered that they were but flesh, A breath that passes away and does not come again.”
- Isa. 40:6-8 - “The voice said, Cry out! And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. 7 The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people are grass. 8 The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever”
- James 4:14 - “Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.”

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- In contrast, God's compassion is permanent, everlasting love
 - Jer. 31:3 - “The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.”
- God never stops loving us
 - Psalm 100:5 - “For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.”

God Will Save Us

- “Will God save me?”
- God can do no less and remain faithful to His character
- “Is God going to condemn me if I have missed something?”
- If you are walking in the light, living by His word, learning and growing every day; if you confess and correct your sins when you learn of them; then, God knows you. He knows what you understand. He knows your limits, and He is rich in compassion and mercy

God Will Save Us

- 1John 1:5 - 2:2 - “This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. 2:1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.”

God Will Save Us

- “How can I know that I’ve been forgiven of my sins?”
- We can see, know, believe, trust, and remember all that God has given and done to forgive our sins and save us

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- 1John 2:3-6 - “Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, I know Him, and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. 6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.”