



## **Beyond Saved – From Sinner to Son**

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**Tuesday night teaching, “Beyond Saved” from a Sinner to a Son!**

Keep the Eternal Perspective. Thought: “Beyond Saved”.

We are all born sinners. Prayerfully through the process of life, we are developing, we are being transformed into mature sons and daughters of God.

The Goal is to get believers to mature where they are led by the Holy Spirit. **Rom. 8:14 - For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.**

Sons in the Greek is NT:5207 huiós; gen. A male child. This denotes an heir.

Children of God: **1 John 3:1 - Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!**

Children in the Greek is NT:5043 téknon; gen. to bring forth, bear children. A child, male or female, son or daughter.

The steps of the process. From being a sinner to saved, to servant, to steward, to son, one who inherits, takes on a position of ownership in God’s Kingdom. **Luke 22:28-30 -"But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. <sup>29</sup> And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, <sup>30</sup> that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."**

We all start as sinners; we are born in a state of sin. **Ps. 51:5 (NKJV) - Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.**

**Rom. 5:12 - Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned** — Because physically we all come from Adam a sinful man, all of mankind is born in that same state.

**Rom. 3:23 - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,**

One way to define glory is it’s the manifestation of God’s Great Expectations. This happens because of His presence.

God's expectation for man is for mankind to be like Him. **Gen. 1:26-28 - Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." <sup>27</sup> So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.**

God has a greater level of Glory than just giving us a ticket to Heaven. **2 Cor. 3:18 (Amp) - And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.**

To greater define it, it's to be like Jesus. **1 John 3:2 - Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.**

For mankind to live up to the great expectations or Glory of God is for people to become ultimately like Jesus.

Mankind has a problem, being born in a state of sin is too low to meet the expectations of God.

Jesus came, lived, died, and was resurrected to start the process of mankind becoming like Him, to save us from our sinful state.

Adam took on a state of sin and death when he sinned and according to the Word of God everything reproduces after its own kind. (Gen. 1)

Even though Adam started in a Righteous, Holy State of being, he failed from that state of being when he sinned and entered into the state of sin and death. So, all of those who came after him came in that same state of sin and death.

The only way we could be saved from the state of sin and death is through the process of being born again. Born of the Spirit of God overrides being born of the flesh.

Being born of the Spirit puts us in a state of holiness and righteousness before God instead of a state of sin and death. This is because the Spirit is of a higher reality than the physical.

**Rom. 3:21-22 (NLT) - But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. <sup>22</sup> We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.**

Being saved, born again changes your state of being, who you really are. **Col. 1:21-22 (NLT) - This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. <sup>22</sup> Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.**

Being holy and righteous before God allows his favor to flow.

So, we are no longer sinners but saved by grace through faith, and it is all the work of God.

### **What does it mean to be saved?**

Not only does being saved change who we are before God, but it also guarantees that hell, death, and the grave has no power over us. **Rev. 1:18 (AMP) - And the Ever-living One [I am living in the eternity of the Jesus Is Lord ~ Assembly of Love**

**eternities]. I died, but see, I am alive forevermore; and I possess the keys of death and Hades (the realm of the dead).**

**1 Cor. 15:55-57 - "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

No believer should ever be afraid of death. If you are, you need to study and ask God to increase your faith in your eternal security.

Being saved also means we are secure in the hands of God the Father, Jesus, and sealed by the Holy Spirit. **John 10:27-30 - My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. <sup>28</sup> And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and My Father are one."**

**2 Cor. 1:20-22 - For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. <sup>21</sup> Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, <sup>22</sup> who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Our salvation is guaranteed by the Holy Spirit.**

Nothing can separate us from God's love and eternal security. **Rom. 8:31-39 31 - What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** This is talking about the act of love mentioned in John 3:16.

**Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." <sup>37</sup> Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

The Greek word for saved is Soteria or Sozo- salvation as the present possession. For all true believers, this includes deliverance, preservation, safety, salvation, deliverance from all enemies. Future salvation, the sum of benefits and blessings to which all believers have a right to, redeemed from all earthly ills.

Our salvation is fourfold: saved from the penalty, power, presence, and most importantly the pleasure of sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we don't have to succumb to the pleasures that sin offers the flesh.

Salvation is a complete package offered to mankind from God by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

From sinner to be saved is instant.

From being saved to a mature son or daughter is a process called discipleship.

The only stage in this process that does not carry over to the next stage of maturity is being a sinner.

### **Being a Servant-**

“Servant” is the Greek word *doulos*, which means more literally “a slave or bondservant, someone who sets aside all rights of his own to serve another.”

A servant of Christ knows Jesus is the King. A servant of Christ has voluntarily set aside his or her rights and or will in order to love, serve, and obey the will of God in a way that is pleasing to Him.

Servants Attitude- **Ps. 100:2 - Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.**

**Ps. 118:24 - This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

The identity of being a servant continues no matter what position you hold in the kingdom.

Look at how Paul and Peter identified themselves.

**Paul – Rom. 1:1 - Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God.**

Paul considered himself a bondservant or a slave because he served God with the attitude that he didn't have any other choice.

Not that God is making you do it, but from your standpoint or view, you have no other choice.

**Peter - 2 Peter 1:1 - Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ,**

The Word made flesh which is Jesus the Christ had the ultimate attitude of a servant. **Phil. 2:5-8 (Today's English Version) - the attitude you should have is the one that Christ Jesus had: <sup>6</sup> He always had the nature of God, but he did not think that by force he should try to become equal with God. <sup>7</sup> Instead of this, of his own free will he gave up all he had, and took the nature of a servant. He became like man and appeared in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> He was humble and walked the path of obedience all the way to death — his death on the cross.**

Servitude qualifies you for great stewardship.

### **What is stewardship-**

Stewardship is Utilizing and Managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His kingdom." Godly Stewardship regards the obligation of the believer in managing and utilizing intelligently the gifts and resources that God has given. The believer is not only responsible for the financial blessings provided by God, but for all resources including spiritual gifts that are given through the Holy Spirit.

Since all we have comes from God, then we are to be good stewards of all He has provided.

Godly stewardship also includes handling the property and resources of others in a God-pleasing way.

## The six t's of Stewardship

1. **Time-** Time is life. Literally. Time is the measurement of life. For this teaching, we are going to look at it as an accounting of our existence here on earth.

Although our souls are eternal, God made earthly time here in this body on earth with an expiration date. We have a beginning and an end.

Never look at time as your enemy, any more than the speedometer in your car is your enemy. They both function as measuring devices.

Time must be stewarded, or it will be wasted. How many days have we “wasted time?” How often do you get distracted only to find that you “wasted too much time” on a task or event?

If we don't pay specific attention to the passage of time, we lose track of it.

**Ps. 90:12 12 - Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom.**

When you pay attention to the passage of time, you can apply Biblical principles to life ensuring that your time is well-spent.

**Schedule:** A schedule is simply a budget of your time. Time is a lot like money. If it's not budgeted, it will be wasted. A schedule helps us number our days.

Don't take time for granted. Don't assume that you have “enough time” or that you will get to important things “later.” Time is like the vapor that rises from a boiling pot of water. It is only visible for a moment.

2. **Talents and Gifts** - God has given each of us special abilities called talents. Talents differ from skills in that they come naturally. They are inclinations or abilities given by God. Too often talent is taken for granted.

A talent that is mixed with character and the right motives becomes a beautiful thing to behold and very useful for the Kingdom of God.

We must develop Godly character to maximize talent for the benefit of us as well as others.

Also, God gives spiritual gifts. These are gifting that God gave you when we receive the Holy Spirit. When energized by the spirit of God, they become great assets.

The Bible tells that we should use these gifts as good stewards. They should be used in God's service as we encourage and minister to one another.

**1 Peter 4:10-11 - God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.** School of the prophet.

These different gifts are given to people according to the grace of God. **Rom 12:6-8 (NLT) - In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. <sup>7</sup> If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. <sup>8</sup> If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give**

**generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.**

Some people are better at preaching or teaching than others. Some have a special gift to minister (serve) while others are better at ruling (leadership & administration). Others are specially equipped to encourage (exhort), give, or show mercy.

**1 Cor. 12:4-6 - There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.**

It is the same Holy Spirit that gives these differing gifts. The same Lord works in us all to create a unique mix of talents and gifts. They are given to profit the body of Christ.

There is a job for everyone to do in the work of the Kingdom. What ministries are you currently involved in? What would you be good at doing in the church? Whatever it is you are required to be a good steward over it.

3. **Treasure** - When most people think of stewardship, they think of money. While it is not the only area that we should be good stewards of, it is an important one. Why? Money is a test God uses to check our heart. Your heart follows your money, and your money follows your heart.

If you have money in the stock market, you probably pay attention to the market regularly. Why? You have money invested.

If you don't have any money in the stock market, you are much less interested in how it's doing. This illustration is accurate in every area of your life.

The Bible warns us not to put all our treasure in earthly ventures. We must lay up treasures in Heaven. **Matthew 6:19–21 - “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”**

### ***How do we invest treasure in Heaven?***

When we give in the name of the Lord, and for His causes, God applies the money given to our Heavenly account.

This includes money given for:

- Tithes
- Offerings
- Missions
- Love Offerings
- Spiritual Projects (such as Church Buildings)
- Alms

Money given to God lasts forever. Money spent on temporal enjoyment or personal gain is lost never to be regained.

That doesn't mean that God doesn't want to spend money on earthly needs. It is our responsibility to care for your family. If you don't, you are worse than an infidel.

**1 Timothy 5:8 - "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."**

You should work hard to provide food, shelter, and clothing for your loved ones. Also, it is a good idea to have some savings for unexpected needs or a rainy day. Don't forget to save for retirement as well. You can even leave an inheritance for your children.

**Proverbs 13:22 - "A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: And the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just."**

**Proverbs 23:4 - Labor not to be rich: Cease from your own wisdom."**

Labor not to be rich! Your life is made up of more than money. Cease from your own wisdom. Stop trying to figure out life yourself. You will never have "enough money."

Why should you not labor to be rich? Because riches are untrustworthy and fleeting. It comes, and it goes, but what a person does for God will last forever!

### ***Being a good steward with money requires a Financial Plan***

This is merely a blueprint for your money. What do you want your finances to look like in the future? Here are a few things that you should include in your financial plan.

- **Budget**

The Bible tells us that we need to be diligent to know the state of our finances. Also, we are to pay close attention to them because they disappear quickly. A budget plans your spending. It protects you from impulsive spending and unwise purchases. A budget is a schedule for your money. A schedule is a budget for your time. You will be a slave to your budget or your bills. Choose your fate and create a budget.

Money is necessary for life. Choose to be a good steward with it.

- Have an emergency fund.
- Use credit and credit cards wisely.
- Have a Budget
- Save for retirement.

### **4. Testimony**

The word "testimony" has multiple definitions in God's Word. When we speak of someone's testimony, we mean their reputation. A testimony is the evidence of one's life as to what they believe. What you do speaks louder than what you say.

Your testimony is a form of currency. Your influence in the world will be increased or decreased based on the strength of your testimony. That's why Satan and his crowd love to gossip, murmur, and slander. If they can get people to believe bad things about you, or get you to speak badly about others, our influence from God is hindered. We can't control what people think, but we can make sure that we aren't providing Satan with ammunition. We must strive to live a blameless life.

**Philippians 2:15 - “That you may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom you shine as lights in the world;”**

Blameless means “irreproachable.” It means that you live in such a way that the bad things people say about you are unbelievable. The dirt doesn’t stick because of who you are and how you live.

**Hebrews 11:5 “By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.”**

Everyone should know that it is our goal to please the Lord. No more of this chameleon Christianity that changes its colors depending on who is around. Let everyone in your life know that you are sold out for God. You make decisions based on God’s Word and preference. You will follow God no matter what! He is your Lord and Master. Your priority is to please Him.

Your testimony is important. Sin will ruin it. Live a clean and holy life so that people can see Christ in you.

5. **Temple** -It is a mistake to think that God only cares about our “inner man”

**1 Cor. 6:18-20 - Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. <sup>19</sup> Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, <sup>20</sup> for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.**

**Ps. 139:13-14 - For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful.** Even though you may have a lot of your parent’s physical characteristics, God was the main orchestrator of how you are made and how you look.

God is concerned about the building and the maintaining of your physical body just as he was particular about the building and the maintaining of the Old Testament temple that housed His Presence.

***Six comparisons between our body and the temple:***

- Both were built
- Both are owned by God
- Both are dedicated to God
- Both require maintenance
- Both can be desecrated
- Both can be rebuilt

God expects you to work with what He has given you!

***Five steps to jumpstart your health:***

- Get to know your body. Know your present physical status
- Eat healthy.
- Exercise regularly, not only do what you enjoy but do exercises that will maintain and/or increase your health.
- Realize health is a lifestyle, not a fade.
- Set goals and measure progress

6. **Truth-** God holds us responsible for the truth that we are exposed to.

God is the author of Truth. Truth is not negotiable. It is not changeable. It is not subject to someone's preference. God's Truth is absolute and universal. His Word gives us all the truth we need to know in this life.

When you are a good steward of truth, People will reject you and attack you as an enemy for telling the truth.  
**Galatians 4:16 - "Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?"**

This verse was not written about the godless people of the Apostle Paul's day. It was written about the people in a church he started in Galatia.

Sadly, God's people can revert back to such sinfulness that they reject the Truth like the devil's crowd.

Those who are good stewards of God's truth through obeying His word will be blessed. **Ps. 1:1-3 (TEV)**  
**(Blessed) Happy are those who reject the advice of evil men, who do not follow the example of sinners or join those who have no use for God. <sup>2</sup> Instead, they find joy in obeying the Law of the Lord, and they study it day and night. <sup>3</sup> They are like trees that grow beside a stream, that bear fruit at the right time, and whose leaves do not dry up.**  
**They succeed in everything they do.**