



Work It Out

RETHINKING SALVATION & DISCIPLESHIP

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We love you. Yes, you



Keynote scriptures
Read anew, slowly, carefully

- **John 3:1-21, esp. vv 3, 5, 6**
- **Romans 10:8-11**
- **Acts 4:12**
- **Acts 16:29b-31**
- **John 14:6 & 15**
- **John 5:24**
- **Philippians 2:6-11**
- **Ephesians 4, esp. vv 11-15**
- **2nd Peter 3: 3-11**

Philippians 2:9-12, KJV

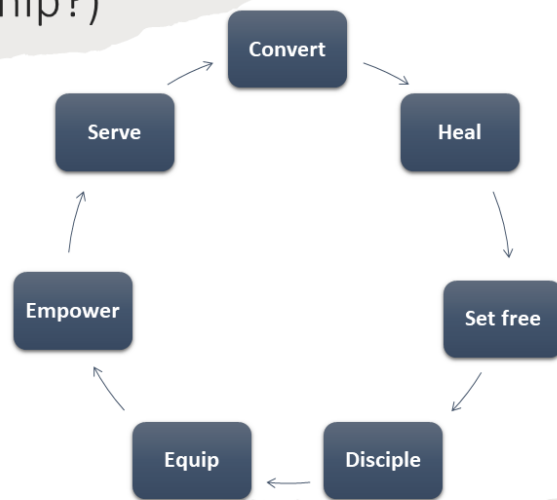
Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.**



Salvation: It's not complicated (Is it different from discipleship?)

- Holy Spirit does the work
- It's a process
- Continuous, lifelong
- Scripture
- Holy Spirit
- Connection, awakened, amongness
- Yield. Submit. Surrender.
Just say yes. Mean it



Billy Graham (in 1965!)

“Multitudes of Christians within the church are moving toward the point where they may reject the institution that we call the church. They are beginning to turn to more simplified forms of worship. They are hungry for a personal and vital experience with Jesus Christ. They want a heartwarming personal faith. Unless the church quickly recovers its authoritative Biblical message, we may witness the spectacle of millions of Christians going outside the institutional church to find spiritual food.”

Quoted in “World Aflame,” pp. 79-80

Consider...

There have been some who were so preoccupied with spreading Christianity that they never gave a thought to Christ. *C.S. Lewis*

Jesus is God's exegesis of himself. Jesus is God's ultimate sermon. *Bruxy Cavey*

To have found God and still to pursue Him is the soul's paradox of love. *A.W. Tozer*

God is...a man on a cross, loving people who don't love him. That's God.
Will Willimon

Normality is a paved road. It's comfortable to walk but no flowers grow on it.
Vincent van Gogh

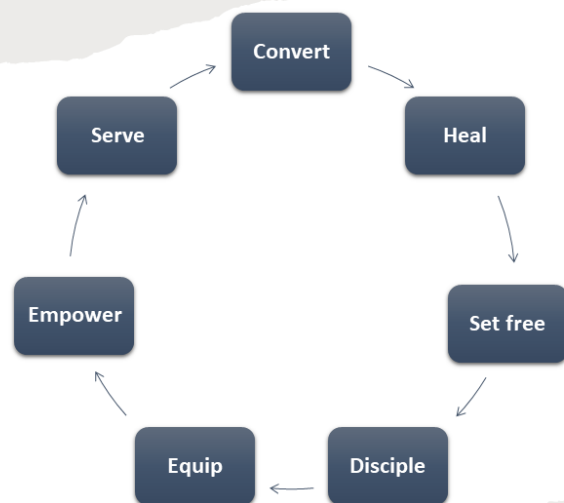
When the church resists change, it is a classic case of letting the dead bury the living. *Leonard Sweet*

Calls to action: Accept challenge

- Rethink “sinner’s prayer”. “... **contrary to man’s perspective**, the Lord is not late with His promise to return, as some measure lateness. But rather, his “delay” simply reveals his loving patience toward you [all people], because He does not want any to perish but all to come to repentance.”
~ *Apostle Peter, 2nd Peter 3:8-9* “Those verses do not refer to sin, in any direct sense.”
- Rethink the fundamental question. Is it truly, “Am I going to Heaven?”
- Or is it more like, “In my very essence am I with Christ and in Christ now? Believing, trusting, obeying, following, transforming? IOW: Am I inwardly proclaiming and expressing the Kingdom of God (the manifest ruling presence God)? Am I outwardly expressing and demonstrating the manifest ruling presence of God?”
- How closely do my thoughts, words and lifestyle choices resemble Matthew 5-7? (And if even a whiff of guilt, condemnation or shame arise, that’s a key indicator)

Call to Action, Today!

- Holy Spirit, what are You saying?
- What aspects of me do you desire to help
 - Convert (pledge allegiance)
 - Heal
 - Set free
 - Disciple
 - Equip
 - Empower
 - Serve



Call to Action, 2023

- Test this message, test me. Find for yourself where the bible says:
 - The good news of the Gospel is we can go to Heaven
 - Being saved equals going to Heaven
 - We are going to a distant Heaven at all
 - Evangelizing means “winning the lost” and inviting others to pray the prayer
- Engage in **Insurgence** class, starts again this Wednesday, 1/18
- Engage in Seek! gatherings Saturdays, 6:30 pm. Start Saturday, 1/21
- Start or join a group of God-chasers. Hash over these things with others



