

MARRIAGE BY THE BOOK

THE HELMENT of SALVATION

THE SWORD of THE SPIRIT

1. REVIEW – THE HELMENT of SALVATION

- A. Being **LEGALLY FREE** can be an entirely different thing from being **FUNCTIONALLY FREE**
1. **EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION**
 2. **JEDD CLAMPETT**
- B. Many **CHRISTIANS** are living today **WITHOUT THE FULL KNOWLEDGE** of what we have been **GIVEN** in **SALVATION**.
1. We are **LIVING LIKE SLAVES** and **POOR HILLBILLIES** when **ALL** that we could ever **USE** or **NEED** has been **MADE AVAILABLE** to us through the **GIFT** of **SALVATION** in Jesus Christ.
 2. **WHY?...** too frequently **WE LIMIT** our understanding of **SALVATION** to **GOING TO HEAVEN**.
 3. **SALVATION DOES** include **ETERNITY**, **B U T** it also includes **MUCH MORE... FREEDOM** to live a **VICTORIOUS LIFE** here on earth.
- C. **SALVATION** is an **all-inclusive word** that **summarizes ALL** that **Christ has PROVIDED** for us: **PAST**, **PRESENT** and **FUTURE**.
- D. **JUSTIFICATION = SALVATION** in the **PAST TENSE**
1. **JUSTIFICATION REMOVED** the **PENALTY** for our **SIN**.
 2. We **“HAVE BEEN”** JUSTIFIED.
- E. **SANCTIFICATION = SALVATION** in the **PRESENT TENSE**.
1. **SANCTIFICATION IS REMOVING** the **POWER** of **SIN**.
 2. We **“ARE BEING”** SANCTIFIED.
- F. **GLORIFICATION = SALVATION** in the **FUTURE TENSE**.
1. **GLORIFICATION WILL REMOVE** the **PRESENCE** of **SIN**.
 2. We **“WILL BE”** GLORIFIED.
- G. **SANCTIFICATION** is the **FOCUS** as we look at the **HELMENT of SALVATION**.
1. **SALVATION**, in this section, is **SANCTIFICATION... the PROCESS** of a person **BECOMING MORE LIKE CHRIST**.
- H. **SALVATION** is **MULTI-DIMENSIONAL, NOT ONE-DIMENSIONAL**
- I. **WE** are **SAVED TO HEAVEN AND FROM HELL** in the **FUTURE AS WELL AS IN THE PRESENT**.
- J. **WE** are **SAVED BY GRACE, THROUGH FAITH, FOR GOOD WORKS**

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1. And the **WAY WE WERE SAVED** is the **SAME WAY WE ARE TO FUNCTION... BY GRACE, THROUGH FAITH, FOR GOOD WORKS**
- K. **PROBLEM:** The **PROBLEM** is **NOT** that we are **LACKING IN GRACE** or the **things that GRACE supplies.**
 1. Our **PROBLEM** has to do with the **WAY WE ACCESS GRACE...**
 - a. Through **FAITH**
 - b. **NOT** through **WORKS**
 2. **GRACE**, by its very definition, has **NOTHING TO DO WITH US, or what WE DO.**
 - a. It IS what **GOD DOES FOR US BECAUSE OF** His unmerited favor.
2. **EXAMPLE...** Your home is **CONNECTED** to a local **POWER COMPANY.**
 - A. The **POWER COMPANY SUPPLIES** your home with **EVERYTHING YOU NEED to RUN EVERYTHING YOU HAVE that REQUIRES ELECTRICITY.**
 - B. Let's say you **TURNED ALL THE LIGHTS "OFF"**, and you're sitting in the **DARK.**
 1. It would be **FOOLISH** of you to call the electric company and ask them to **GIVE YOU MORE POWER.**
 2. **ALL THE POWER** you **NEED** has **ALREADY** been **MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU.**
 - a. **WHAT WE MUST DO** is **ACCESS THAT POWER** by **TURNING "ON" THE FAITH SWITCH.**
 3. THE **POWER COMPANY'S RESPONSIBILITY** is to **SUPPLY THE POWER...**
 - a. It's **OUR RESPONSIBILITY to ACCESS THE POWER.**
 4. In the **SPIRITUAL REALM**, it's the act of **FAITH** that **ACCESSES** all that's **SUPPLIED to us BY GRACE.**
 5. It's **FAITH** that **FLIPS THE SWITCH, RELEASING THE FLOW OF GRACE INTO OUR LIVES.**
 6. **FAITH** is not only about **HOW WE GET TO HEAVEN... B U T ALSO HOW WE GET DELIVERED ON EARTH.**
 7. **REMEMBER: FAITH IN GOD MUST ALWAYS begin with a God-based KNOWLEDGE of TRUTH.**
 8. **John 8:31-32 (NASB)** So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine; **and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.**"

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3. **FAITH CAN NOT BE BASED ON FACTS and/or FEELINGS BECAUSE...**
- A. **FACTS and FEELINGS DO NOT ALWAYS REVEAL TRUTH.**
- a. **FACT... you have a **HEADACHE**.**
 - b. **TRUTH... you have a **BRAIN TUMOR**.**
 - c. **FEELINGS CHANGE based on CIRCUMSTANCES.**
- B. **CONCLUSION: God gives GRACE ONLY in response to FAITH.**
- C. Our **GOOD WORKS** merely **REFLECT** the **FACT** that we **BELIEVE** what **GOD SAYS ABOUT GRACE**.
1. We **DO GOOD WORKS** in **RESPONSE TO GRACE**,
 2. **...NOT to TRY TO OBTAIN GRACE.**
 3. **1 Corinthians 15:10a (NASB)** But by the **grace of God I am what I am,**
4. **EXAMPLE... A man was given a special GIFT... a CRUISE!** He had never been on a cruise before, so he was excited to take his first voyage. The cruise came at **NO COST TO HIM**. The person who gave it to him **PICKED UP THE ENTIRE TAB**.
- A. Throughout the week on the cruise, one of the crew members noticed that the man frequently ate the **FREE CRACKERS and JUICE** provided on the deck.
1. As he was **DISEMBARKING** the crew member said... "Sir, how did you enjoy the cruise?"
 2. "It was spectacular," the man replied.
 3. "Very good, sir," the crew member said, and then he continued. "I noticed that you really liked the **crackers and juice** on the deck. I was just wondering... **why?**"
 4. "Well," the man replied, looking down, "I saw all of the lavish meals that were being offered all week long, **but I didn't have any money**. And since the **crackers and juice were free**, I let them sustain me during the cruise."

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5. “Someone didn’t give you **ALL** of the information. When the price of your ticket was paid, it included everything on the boat as well. **YOUR FOOD WAS COVERED IN THE PRICE OF YOUR TICKET.**”
5. The **HELMENT of SALVATION** not only **TAKES US TO HEAVEN...** but also **supplies BY GRACE, THROUGH FAITH...** everything we need while we’re **HERE ON EARTH.**
 - A. When we **FAIL** to **UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH** of **SALVATION**, and **DO NOT** wear **TRUTH** as a **HELMENT**, WE **LIMIT THE GOOD WORKS GOD WILL DO BOTH IN US AND THROUGH US.**
6. **THE SWORD of THE SPIRIT**
 - A. **Ephesians 6:17 (NASB)** And **take** THE **HELMET OF SALVATION**, and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is **the word of God.**
 - B. **NOTE: THE SWORD of THE SPIRIT IS THE ONLY OFFENSIVE WEAPON!**
 1. **ALL** the other **ARMOR** is designed to **HOLD US STEADY WHILE UNDER ATTACK** (“**STAND FIRM**” [X3]) from what the **DEVIL** is seeking to bring against us “**in the evil day.**”
 - a. The **SWORD of THE SPIRIT** is an **additional weapon** with which we can **ATTACK** and **ADVANCE.**
 - C. Roman soldiers had **TWO** very **different** types of **SWORDS** used for **BATTLE:**
 1. The **SPATHA**
 - a. 3’ long
 - b. Think ZORRO
 2. The **GLADIUS**
 3. **John 18:10 (NASB)** Simon Peter then, having a **sword (GLADIUS)**, drew it and struck the high priest's slave, and **cut off his right ear**; and the slave's name was **Malchus.**
 - a. 16” long
 - b. **Double-edged** and **needle sharp at the point**

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- c. Similar to a **DAGGER** and was used for **up-close, in-your-face, hand-to-hand COMBAT**.
- d. Designed to **DELIVER a DEATH BLOW** into the **ENEMY'S HEART**.

D. Paul says that this is **NOT**...

- 1. **Your** sword.
- 2. The **church's** sword.
- 3. The sword of **good works or religion**.
- 4. The **preacher's** sword.
- 5. It **IS THE SWORD of THE SPIRIT**.

E. **2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NASB)** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. *We are* destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

- 1. One of the **REASONS** so many of us are **LOSING OUR SPIRITUAL BATTLES** is that we have turned to **HUMAN** means, methods, and philosophies to try to do **BATTLE** against **SOMEONE WHO IS NOT HUMAN**.
- 2. Therefore, Paul **DID NOT SAY** "take up **YOUR** sword" ...
 - a. He said "take up the sword of the SPIRIT which is the **Word of God...**".

7. **"THE WORD of GOD"...** **NOTE:** There are **DIFFERENT GREEK WORDS** for **"THE WORD OF GOD"**.

A. **GRAPHE...** The **WRITTEN WORD** of GOD

- 1. The **BIBLE**
 - a. The **WORD of GOD** in **WRITTEN FORM**

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b. **2 Timothy 3:16 (NASB)** All Scripture (“Graphe”) is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

2. The GRAPHE is the GRAPHE WHETHER we **OPEN** it, **READ** it, or **LEAVE IT** on the **SHELF**.

B. **LOGOS...** The UNDERSTANDING of the **WRITTEN WORD of GOD (GRAPHE)**.

1. **John 1:1 (NASB)** In the beginning was **the Word (LOGOS)**, and **the Word (LOGOS)** was with God, and the Word (LOGOS) was God.

a. “**The WORD**” here is translated LOGOS

2. God gives us the **NATURE** and the **FUNCTION** of the LOGOS in **Hebrews 4:12...**

3. **Hebrews 4:12 (NASB)** For **the word of God (Logos)** is living and active and **sharper than any two-edged sword**, and piercing as far as **the division of soul and spirit**, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

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b. The LOGOS goes about the job of “**DIVIDING**” (“**PIERCING**”) what makes up our SOUL (**mind, will, and emotions**) and what makes up the new SPIRIT God has placed within us.

1) This is **NECESSARY** for living a **VICTORIOUS** life because more often than not, our SOUL gets in the way of our SPIRIT.

i. Our SOUL:

1. the way we were raised

2. our orientation

3. our thoughts

4. our feelings

5. and our desires

ii. Our SOUL often **keeps God’s SPIRIT (HIS PRESENCE, TRUTH, and POWER)** from FUNCTIONING freely in us.

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- c. The **SOLUTION** is right inside us... **BUT WE MUST ALLOW THE SPIRIT to DOMINATE our SOUL.**
4. God uses the **LOGOS** (the **UNDERSTANDING of THE WORD**) to cut through our **thoughts**, our **habits**, and our **strongholds** in order to **REMOVE THEIR INFLUENCE OVER US...** so the **SPIRIT** can have **CONTROL**.
- C. **RHEMA...** Is **SPEAKING OUT LOUD** the “**WRITTEN WORD of GOD” (LOGOS)**.
 1. In **Ephesians 6:17** the **WORD** Paul uses for “**THE WORD of GOD**” is **RHEMA...** the **SPOKEN** “**WORD of GOD**”.
 2. **Ephesians 6:17 (NASB)** And **take** THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the **word** of God (**RHEMA**”).
 3. **RHEMA** Is a **SPECIFIC ORAL DECLARATION** regarding our **UNDERSTANDING** of the **WORD of GOD**.
 4. The **REASON** so many **CHRISTIANS** are **LIVING DEFEATED LIVES** is that they have **NOT GRADUATED** from **GRAPHE** to **LOGOS** to **RHEMA**.
 5. The **BIBLE** is **JUST A BOOK** to us **UNTIL** we **OPEN** it, **READ** it, and **HEAR** God’s Spirit **TEACH** us, and **SPEAK** to us through it.
 6. **MANY CHRISTIANS** live **DEFEATED LIVES** because they have gotten **STUCK** in **LOGOS-LAND**.
 7. We seek to **UNDERSTAND** the sermon, we **UNDERSTAND** Bible studies, and we take notes on the **KNOWLEDGE, BUT HAVE NOT USED WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED** in **SPIRITUAL WARFARE AGAINST THE DEVIL, OUR ENEMY**.
 8. When we are in close-up **BATTLE WITH** the Devil and **ALL HELL HAS BROKEN OUT IN OUR LIVES (“The EVIL DAY”)**... **WE NEED THE RHEMA...**
 - a. **THE SPOKEN WORD of GOD FOR OUR SPECIFIC SITUATION**.

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9. We need to **HEAR GOD SPEAKING** to us... and **SPEAK THAT TRUTH** straight to **Satan and his demons!**
- a. **Psalm 46:10a (NLT2)** "Be still, and know that I am God
10. God's **SPOKEN WORD** was **POWERFUL** enough to **COMPLETELY CHANGE** things "**in the BEGINNING**", bringing things into **EXISTANCE** out of **NOTHING**.
11. **Genesis 1:3;6;9;11;14-15;20;22;24;26;29-31 (NASB)** Then God **said**, "Let there be light"; and there was light. Then God **said**, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." Then God **said**, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; **and it was so**. Then God **said**, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, *and* fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them"; **and it was so**. Then God **said**, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth"; **and it was so**. Then God **said**, "Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." Then God **said**, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind"; **and it was so**. Then God **said**, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." Then God **said**, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, *I have given* every green plant for food"; and it was so. **God saw all that He had made**, and **behold, it was very good**. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.
- a. **God's SPOKEN WORD (RHEMA)** had the **POWER WITHIN IT** to **ACCOMPLISH GOD'S DESIRE**.
12. Satan **KNOWS** that all he has to do is **TWIST GOD'S WORD** and it will become a **DULL SWORD**, **unable to carry out its PURPOSE** both as an **internal sword** (LOGOS) and as an **offensive weapon** (RHEMA).
13. **Genesis 2:15-17;3:1 (NIV)** Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. The LORD God commanded the man,

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saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."...Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, **did God really say**, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?"

a. Study Bibles title Genesis 3, "**THE FALL of MAN**".

14. **JESUS** used the **RHEMA** (the **SPOKEN WORD of God**) to **DEFEAT** the **devil**.

15. **Luke 4:1-13 (NASB)** Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry. And the devil said to Him, "**If You are the Son of God**, tell this stone to become bread." **And Jesus answered him, "It is written**, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.'" And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. "Therefore **if You worship before me**, it shall all be Yours." **Jesus answered him, "It is written**, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'" And he led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "**If You are the Son of God**, throw Yourself down from here; **for it is written**, 'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU TO GUARD YOU,' and, 'ON *their* HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'" And **Jesus answered and said to him, "It is said**, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'" When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time.

a. **JESUS OVERCAME** Satan with **THE WORD of GOD**... the **RHEMA**, the **SPOKEN WORD of GOD**.

16. **QUESTION**... Are **YOU** USING THE WORD of GOD (the **SPOKEN WORD of GOD**) to make Satan **LEAVE YOU ALONE**?

a. The **SWORD of THE SPIRIT**... the **SPOKEN WORD of GOD** is our **OFFENSIVE WEAPON** to advance against the enemy in the **TRIALS** and **BATTLES** the **devil** has brought upon us.

1) It's **PAST TIME** for us to **TAKE BACK THE GROUND** and **RESTORE** what has been **LOST** to the **DECEPTIVE STRATEGIES** of Satan.

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17. **WHEN** we **LEARN HOW TO USE THE SWORD** of THE SPIRIT WHICH IS
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8. **COMMENTS** and **QUESTIONS**

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