

Roots Pt 3 Man and Salvation

I. Roots Pt. 2 recap

A. Last time, we talked about Jesus who He is.

1. He is fully 100% God and fully 100% man.
2. He had to be fully human to live and die in our place.
3. If He were not fully God, He couldn't have bore the full penalty for our sin.
4. By eternally bringing together both the infinite and finite, He changed the course of history forever.

B. We also talked about the Holy Spirit.

1. The Holy Spirit is God, Just as Jesus and God the Father are God..
2. He illuminates God's word for us.
3. The Holy Spirit empowers us through, what we call, the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
4. The Holy Spirit is our helper
5. The Holy Spirit helps us to live right

C. Tonight we're going to talk about **man** and **salvation**.

II. What is man?

A. Here's a question people have been asking for thousands of years.

1. It's no wonder people struggle so much with ideas about God, they still can't figure out what THEY are.

B. The answer is actually quite easy: man is _____

1. The universe, the stars, the natural wonders of earth, were just a warm up for God's greatest creation... us.

C. Man was created in God's image

1. We're the only things in all creation that God made to _____.
2. Genesis 1:27 says, "**So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.**"

a) Consequently, the more we understand about God, the more we understand about _____ (and vice versa).

3. Because of sin, God's image in us is partly distorted.

4. Because of Jesus, God's image is being restored in us.

a) 2nd Corinthians 3:18 says, "**So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.**"

(1) In Jesus we see God's likeness as it was intended to be and He is making us _____.

D. God has given us responsibilities

1. To be His _____.

a) When God told Adam and Eve to "fill the earth" in Genesis 1:28, it was so that His image would cover the earth to demonstrate that He reigns there and to bring Him glory.

(1) Much like a king would place statues of himself to show where his kingdom extended to.

2. To take care of _____.

a) Again, in Genesis 1:28 God tells Adam and Eve to govern the earth. (To take care of His creation in a ways that honors Him).

3. To restore His people and His land

a) God is “making all things new” (Revelation 21:5) and we get to partner with Him to get it done.

b) Jesus told His followers to tell the whole world about Him in Matthew 28:16-20.

E. Man was created for _____.

1. Our ultimate goal in life should be to live for His glory.

a) Living for God’s glory gives our lives purpose and meaning.

b) Living for God’s glory brings joy.

c) Living for God’s glory is part of that abundant life Jesus talked about in John 10:10.

2. One way we glorify God is by simply _____.

a) Psalm 16:11 says, “You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.”

b) When we do, God delights in return.

(1) Zephaniah 3:17 says, “For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.”

II. What is salvation?

A. Salvation is when God changes the standing of sinners from _____.

1. It’s through Christ that we are given that new standing.

2. Human sin was a violation to God and death was the sentence that fell on all people.

a) Romans 6:23 says “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.”

3. In order for the death sentence to be lifted, another death had to take place, and the death of Christ _____.

a) It’s Jesus death on the cross that makes salvation possible.

b) He died as our _____.

(1) Romans 3:25 says, “For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.”

(2) Because of what Jesus did, God pronounces the sentence for our sins, “_____”.

B. Salvation is rescue from a hopeless situation

1. Colossians 1:13 says, “For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son”

2. Romans 6:18 says, “Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living.”

C. Salvation is the work of a _____.

1. Romans 5:8 says, “But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.”

a) Even though God had every right to turn away from us, he sent Jesus to heal our relationship with Him.

2. He reconciles us

a) Normally the offender is expected to make the first move to heal the relationship, but in this case, God comes to us first, through Jesus, to reconcile.

(1) Romans 5:10 says, “For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son.”

(2) We don't have to beg to be reconciled because He's already made the first move. Just accept it!

3. He adopts us

a) God wasn't content with simply reconciling our relationship with Him. He takes it a step further and _____.

(1) From enemies to being adopted as His children. How awesome is that!

(2) Ephesians 2:19 says, "Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household"

b) Just like a legal adoption, we have all of the rights and privileges of his actual sons and daughters.

(1) Galatians 4:6-7 says, "Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir."

(a) Abba = _____!

D. Salvation is "re-birth" (regeneration)

1. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

2. Regeneration has two phases.

a) _____

(1) This is a gift from God!

(2) We begin to feel things that lead us to Jesus

(a) Inadequacy

(b) we feel bad for our sins

(c) dissatisfaction about ourselves and our lives

(d) A yearning for purity and simplicity

(e) Like the prodigal son in Luke 15:17, we begin to "_____".

b) Conversion

(1) The decision to take action under conviction is the beginning of conversion.

(2) Where conviction is passive, conversion is a deliberate act of the will.

(3) The prodigal son **did something** when he came to his senses. He went to his father and repented.

(a) Now we can do as the tax collector did in Luke 18:13 and cry out to God, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

(b) This brings God _____!

i) Luke 15:10 says, "there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents"

(c) True repentance brings a changed attitude.

i) It means to turn from sin, and _____.

(d) True repentance requires faith

i) Hebrews 11:6 tells us, "Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists"

(4) Conversion is God forgiving us, embracing us, making us His children, and infusing us with new life.

(a) Like the father said of the prodigal son in Luke 15:24, "for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found."