

GOD CARES FOR YOU RADIO SHOW
Lesson 6–God Wants You to Be Saved

INTRODUCTION

God wants you to be saved!

In the Second Letter of Peter, Chapter 3, Verse 9, it says...

2PE 3:9

The Lord (God the Father) is not slow about (concerning) His promise, as some count slowness (accusing the Lord of being lax), but (God the Father) is patient toward you (all mankind), not wishing for any to perish (in the Lake of Fire) but for all to come to repentance (a change of mind about believing in the Lord Jesus Christ).

In this lesson we'll take some time to learn what the Lord Jesus Christ has done to save you.

INVITATION TO RESTORATION

But before you listen to the teaching of the Word of God, you have to make a spiritual shift. If you're a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, you're invited, right now, to have a private conversation with God the Father, which allows you to shift from the carnal condition, if necessary, into the spiritual condition. By admitting your known sins to God the Father, you'll be filled with the Spirit, you'll be in fellowship with God, and you'll be ready to hear what God the Holy Spirit has to say to the churches throughout the world today. You make this spiritual shift by claiming one of God's restoration promises...like Revelation, Chapter 3, Verse 20, which says...

REV 3:20

Behold, I (the Lord Jesus Christ) stand at the door (of your soul) and (I keep on) knock(ing); if (3) anyone hears My voice and opens the door (maybe you will and maybe you won't...you have a choice), I will come (rushing) in to (dine with) him (fellowship), and he with Me.

Let's take a moment to reflect...

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...

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We're grateful Heavenly Father for the privilege of studying the absolute truth...the Word of God...

Challenge us with your Word...open our minds to YOUR truth, which you communicate to us through the Word of God...help the eyes of our souls to see the application of YOUR truths that you intend for our lives...

We ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit...in Christ's name...Amen.

Welcome to this GOD CARES FOR YOU broadcast.

My name is Pastor Rory Clark of Barah Ministries in Gilbert, Arizona...a ministry designed for serious students of the Word of God. My job as a Pastor is to represent accurately the Person, the Essence, the Thinking, the Work, and the Reputation of the Supreme Being of the Universe, the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is God, and He Cares for You.

Here's a question for you...are you saved? It's a question the Lord Jesus Christ posed to Nicodemus, in the third chapter of John. Nicodemus...a Pharisee...an unbeliever...a member of the Sanhedrin, which is the highest council of religious Jews at the time...a twenty years student of the Torah...came to meet the miracle man. The Lord wasted no time...in John, Chapter 3, Verse 3...

JOH 3:3

Jesus answered and said to him (Nicodemus), "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again (the spiritual birth) he cannot see the kingdom of God."

The Lord Jesus Christ was asking Nicodemus...are you saved? When Nicodemus' jaw dropped, the Lord Jesus Christ said to him...in John, Chapter 3, Verse 7...

JOH 3:7

"Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'"

Nicodemus was floored. Twenty years of Torah study only to find out that being saved, was as simple as being born again...the spiritual birth. The Lord continues teaching in John, Chapter 3, Verses 9 and 10...Nicodemus is stunned...

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JOH 3:9-10

Nicodemus said to Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), “How can these things be?”//Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things?”

Well it’s great to take a look at Nicodemus’ life...he eventually did believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. How about you? Are you saved? When you close your eyes in this life, where are you going?

The father of a friend came face-to-face with this question recently, at forty- nine years old. Fortunately...he is saved...and fortunately the Lord Jesus Christ decided to extend his life. How scary is it when you are facing a life and death situation to have to recover while simultaneously contemplating your eternal future. The time to contemplate is NOW! Are you saved? It’s a sobering question...perhaps not now...but certainly when you are confronted with those moments when the duration of the rest of your life is in question. How about the day when the medical community tells you that you only have six months to live? How about when you hear the “C” word...cancer...the word no one wants to hear...how about when there is a tightening in your chest and you don’t know exactly what it is...and then you find out it was a heart attack... that’s hardly the time to look for an answer to the question, “Where am I going when I close my eyes in this life?” It’s one of the most important questions of your life and it demands an answer.

This broadcast is dedicated to those of you who may be confused concerning the way to get to heaven when you close your eyes in this life.

Where are you going when you close your eyes in this life? There is good news about the perfect provision a perfect God, made on your behalf, so you can have a relationship with God forever and ever.

The gospel message offers a free gift to anyone who chooses to take it, the free gift of eternal life...the free gift of entrance into a supernatural spiritual lifestyle that is above and beyond anything you could ever ask or think. God wants to save you. God is always thinking of you. God always has been thinking of you. God cares for you. God loves you. God laid down His life for you.

JOH 15:13

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“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.”

The Lord Jesus Christ went to the Cross to provide the opportunity for you to have an unbreakable relationship with Him. The Lord Jesus Christ certainly laid down His life for His friends, but he also laid down His life for you when you were His enemy. Here’s what it says in Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 8...

ROM 5:8

But God (the Father) demonstrates His own love toward us (all mankind), in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died (as a substitute) for us.

As you think about where you will go when you close your eyes in this life, here are some points to ponder...

Point One

THERE IS A GOD...THE CREATOR OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH.

The first four words of the bible confirm His existence. Genesis, Chapter 1, Verse 1 says...

GEN 1:1

In the beginning God...

You may not agree with the bible, but there is nothing wishy washy about the bible...Joel, Chapter 2, Verse 27 says...

JOEL 2:27b

I am the Lord your God, and there is no other (God)...

Point Two

GOD REVEALS HIMSELF IN WAYS THAT MAKE SENSE TO HUMAN BEINGS.

What kind of God would He be if He didn’t? You’ve heard it said differently. “God works in mysterious ways!” NO! He doesn’t. God works in very predictable, very obvious ways that are totally transparent to mankind, easily seen if you’re looking. He makes Himself known in many ways, most prominently through His Word... First Corinthians, Chapter 2, Verse 16 says...

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1CO 2:16

But we (believers in Christ) have the mind of Christ...
Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 20 says...

ROM 1:20

For since the creation of the world His (God's) invisible attributes (Divine Essence), His eternal power (omnipotence) and (His) divine nature (Deity), have been clearly seen, being understood (even) through what has been made (all of creation), so that they (all mankind) are without excuse (before the justice of God).

God reveals Himself to us because He wants us to know Him. He wants us to have a deep, intimate, and personal relationship Him. But with God there is no coercion. God is not going to use His power to intimidate you into following Him. With God there is no begging you to believe. With God there is no pleading with you to comply. With God there is no scaring you into believing by threatening you with hell. With God there is only...IF YOU WANT TO...

Point Three

GOD HAS A PLAN FOR MANKIND

Acts, Chapter 2, Verse 23 says...

ACT 2:23

...the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God...

God is not like us. He is organized. He planned all of divine history before He created a single creature. His plan takes into account, and allows, your free will decisions. Why?

Point Four

GOD HAS A PERSONAL PLAN FOR YOU

Matthew, Chapter 10, Verse 30 says...

MAT 10:30

But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

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God cares about you and He wants to save you. His plan for you includes your salvation. First Timothy, Chapter 2, Verses 3 and 4 say...

1TI 2:3-4

This is good and acceptable in the sight of (the) God (who is) our Savior (the Lord Jesus Christ) ,//who desires all men to be saved and (who desires for all men) to come to the knowledge of the truth.

God wants you to believe, of your own free will, the truth of the Word of God. God is a personal God. He knows you intimately. He knows you better than anyone knows you. He knows you better than you know yourself. Your will and God's will coexist in human history. God custom made a provision for your salvation. God wants to save you.

Point Five

GOD CREATED YOU

If you are a creature of the genus *homo sapiens*...God is your Creator.

GEN 1:26

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness.

God created you for a purpose. He will reveal that purpose to you in due time. When he reveals your life purpose to you, will you notice? Or will you be too busy with electronic devices or some other diversion like solitaire or Sudoku?

If you're fair...

Point Six (says)

YOU OWE YOUR CREATOR A HEARING

If you are a CREATURE, and you are, the least you can do is to investigate the CREATOR to see who it is that made you and why...and the revelation of the gospel message to you is a great time for giving God a hearing.

God makes eternity and Himself apparent in your soul...Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3, Verse 11 says...

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ECC 3:11

He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, yet so that man will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end.

NOW is the time for you to know how much God wants you, and how much God loves you. But a warning...

Point Seven

GOD HAS AN ENEMY WHO DOES NOT WANT YOU TO GET TO KNOW GOD

Romans, Chapter 1, Verses 21 to 23 say...

ROM 1:21-23

For even though they (unbelievers) knew God (consciously in their souls), they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.// Professing to be wise, they became fools,//and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

Satan, the enemy of God, distracts the minds of unbelievers...Second Corinthians, Chapter 4, Verse 4 says...

2CO 4:4

...in whose case the god of this world (Satan) has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Satan uses religion, psychology, evolution, aliens, and a host of other distortions to counterfeit and to pervert the Plan of God. Yes...religion is a counterfeit. Religion IS NOT CHRISTIANITY. And Christianity is not A religion. But, if you have been exposed to religion, you have been taught that if you are “basically a good person,” if you do some kind of work, like getting baptized or inviting Christ into your heart, you will help God save you. These counterfeits are not salvation! There are no works of any kind necessary for salvation. In fact, anything you add to faith as a condition for salvation means that salvation is denied. Romans, Chapter 11, Verse 6 says...

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ROM 11:6

But if (1) it (salvation) is by (means of) grace (and it is), it (salvation) is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

Salvation is a free gift from the grace of God.

There are no reforms necessary for salvation, no changes of life required, no feeling sorry for your sins, no joining the churches, no running to the mission fields, no major financial contributions, no psychological hoops and no gimmicks as a condition for salvation. Salvation is free. Right now in your soul you have faith and that faith can be used to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you become the instant possessor of eternal life. So, only five little words separate you from heaven. “Father, I believe in Christ.” Or if you prefer, nine words, like the thief who was crucified next to Christ as our Lord hung on the Cross. Luke, Chapter 23, Verse 42 and 43 say...

LUK 23:42-43

And he (the thief) was saying, “Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!”//And He (the Lord Jesus Christ) said to him (the thief), “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise (you are saved by believing in Me).”

When you have a five-word or a nine-word conversation with God the Father, it’s the moment of eternal life for you. No one can force you to believe, no one can make up your mind for you. No one can convert you. It’s your choice. It’s your option. It’s your opportunity.

Rejecting the reconciliation offer of the Lord Jesus Christ will send you to the lake of fire.

MAT 25:41

“Then He (the Lord Jesus Christ) will also say to those on His left (Satan, the fallen angels), ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his (fallen) angels...’

The Lake of Fire is a literal place. The only way for you to get there is to reject a relationship with the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is God and He is the ONLY way to salvation. John Chapter 14, Verse 6 says...

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JOH 14:6

Jesus said to him (doubting Thomas), “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through (believing in) Me.”

Acts, Chapter 4, Verse 12 says...

ACT 4:12

“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved (except the Lord Jesus Christ).”

The choice is easy. You can spend eternity in the Lake of Fire, or you can spend eternity in relationship with the one and only eternal God, the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **You are important to God.** God wants to save you. You’re invited to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to experience all the treasures of unity with God for all eternity. This unity is the result of your positive decision, thorough faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ alone, to accept the gift of eternal life. Second Timothy, Chapter 1, Verse 9 says...

2TI 1:9

The one (the Lord Jesus Christ) having saved us, and having elected the royal family (Church Age believers) into the holy destiny in life, not according to (because of) our works, but according to (because of) His own predetermined plan, even (because of His) grace, which has been given to us (who are) in (union with the Lord) Christ Jesus before human history.

A single decision determines your eternal future. Now that you know the issues concerning this decision, what’s your choice? John, Chapter 3, Verse 16 says...

JOH 3:16

“For God (the Father) so loved the world (all mankind), that He gave His only begotten (uniquely born) Son (the Lord Jesus Christ), that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

John, Chapter 3, Verse 36 says...

JOH 3:36

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“He who believes in the (command to believe in the) Son (the Lord Jesus Christ) has eternal life; but he who does not obey the (command to believe in the) Son will not see (eternal) life, but the wrath of God (the Lake of Fire) abides on him.”

God is so gracious, that if you decide not to have a relationship with him, he designs a special place just for you...the Lake of Fire. The only way for you to go there when you close your eyes in this life is if you want to...and you want to, if you reject the reconciliation offer of a fair, righteous and loving Godhead.

Five words separate you from eternal life in heaven. “Father, I believe in Christ.” When you have this five-word conversation with God the Father, it gives you an eternal inheritance you cannot lose. Because God accomplishes salvation at your request, and because God is immutable, and never changes, even He could not reverse your salvation, even if He wanted to...this is called eternal security. Here’s what it says in John, Chapter 10, Verse 28...

JOH 10:28

“...and I give eternal life to them (believers in Christ), and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.”

Five words seems like a small request to get God to initiate salvation for your benefit. Matthew, Chapter 16, Verse 26 says...

MAT 16:26

“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”

You were born physically alive and spiritually dead. You must be born again...the spiritual birth. God wants to save you. What are you waiting for?

Here’s a song asking you the same question, written by the Barah Ministries Song Worship Leader, June Murphy. The song is called...

CALLING YOU TO FREEDOM

June Murphy (5:05)

Some final thoughts...

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God wants to save you. You're smart enough to make the decision that is right for you. Enjoy it, whatever the decision is...are you saved? What's your choice?

If you are looking for a place to learn more about this God who cares for you, please consider Barah Ministries. Thanks for listening. I'm Pastor Rory Clark.