

## Salvation at the Cross-Why that?

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16*

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### 1. What does God want?

The Creator of Heaven and Earth causes in this gigantic "precision mechanism" energies, forms, times, programs, material, temperatures, colors, and distances etc. so harmonious together that in the end of the creation work HE says: It was ALL very good" (Genesis 1:31) God loves his Creation and especially the crown of creation the human being. In paradise, the Garden Eden, he- the human being had a love relationship like a father to his children, that were made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27). In this relationship with Him and under His guidance we should subdue the Earth and rule over her (Genesis 1:2)

One decisive aspect of love is the free willingness. No body can force anybody to love him. So God creates an opportunity how the human people can prove, that they love Him and accept His godly authority. More about it in the second paragraph .To make it short, God wants that the human beings live under Him as a loving Father and righteous King forever and ever in peace on the Earth like in paradise together and rule ,the requirement is , that they can identify with His will.

### 2. What God doesn't want?

God is love, power, light, wisdom, life, truth, righteousness. Through these attributes He holds the cosmos, also the sun system upon its tracks. Also the human being is only in a love relationship to his Creator perfect. God does not want that this harmony will be destroyed and warns the human beings: If you turn away from that

love relationship, you destroy the system and yourself too. He describes it, and says: If you will eat from the tree of good and evil, you will die (Genesis 2:17). To express it in another way, if you want to decide and manage things your own way, without me – it will not work out well. "If you want to be like God, you will die" .The Creator did not want, that his work will be destroyed, but because of His absolute love, in harmony and freedom ,he took risk that his created human beings will decide for the sin that leads to dead.

### 3. What do the human beings want?

In the Garden, there were no laws, only the commandment not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:17). To express it in another way: The human being should prove their solidarity with God. Only there, Satan (the fallen angel, whom God allowed, to tempt the human being in order to test their love to God) could set his destructive access point: "For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3: 5). The first human beings thought, it would be cool to eat from that tree, and took the fruits from there. The greed, the root of all evil was stronger than the love for God .The first sin ever, the sin that leads to dead came in the world and proceeds further. Even in our time all human efforts that leads to dead" to be like God". The human beings do not want to realize, that there is someone that knows them better as they know themselves and knows what is best for them. Many religious pray often: "thy will be done" as a ritual, but do not ask after the will of the Lord and fall in line with those that say: "my will be done."

### 4. The results, the consequences

As a result of the sin that leads to dead first of all the spiritual dead happened: They lost their communion with God. If you ask people nowadays if they know God, then they have no answers. Also the physical dead entered in to the human life and hit everybody. The human being lost his from God entrusted authority unto Satan, who became the "prince of this world"

The curse of God came over the whole earth and the consequences are visible: injustice rules, one calamity chases the other, wars, jealousy, lack of peace, sicknesses, unfaithfulness etc. are part of daily life.

The" father of lies" dominates the politics, economy and religion, and also the small family circle. The deadly sin has brought in the last 6000 years terrible consequences upon millions of people. Egoism reigns. The "I", the ego sits upon the throne. We even don't recognize how the prince of the world holds us captive, and humanly speaking there is no escape and it leads to eternal condemnation. At the end of days darkness is so rampant, that one is not able anymore to accept the Creator-God. People hold on to believe, that the world was made through the big pang.

### 5. Human remedies of salvation:

Because the tragedy of this world targets our conscience and nerve system we try to search for clarity and solutions. So the science searches for the beginning of all life, but not after the Living God, it searches in old bones and upon far planets. The science degrades the human being to a thinking animal and forgets that he has a soul and a spirit. She, the science becomes a religion because she believes in evolution theory. By the time they leave the word "theory" aside and talk about evolution, so as it seems it were true. In the Word of God, the Bible it says: The fool speaks in his heart there is no God (Psalms 14:1). The easiest trial to the solution is religion. The devil shows the people through different teachings, what they have to believe and do in order to get to Heaven. (Also the apostate Christian religions belong to it) Out of love to God and the human effort to do good is a different thing. There was only one human being, that could rescue himself, that was" Baron Münchhausen "(A baron in a tale , that was deceiving other people and himself by telling lying stories) : He could pull himself out of the mart by his own hair. Religion silences the bad conscience if only , she can't save the soul of the human beings.

Only three examples for the attempt to solve it through politics:

In the last century masses of people were cheering the "Leader". We were the "superior race" and out of the Jewish people they produced soap. But the Lord said to Abraham: *And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee"* (Genesis 12:3). The end is very clear. God is also the Lord of Hosts.

In our blindness we mean, we are better than our fathers. We kill babies in the wombs, that can't defend themselves and produce lotion for the skin. Millions of unborn will stand up at the last

judgment against this generation and will condemn it and say: your belly was more important than our life” The cup is full already.

Afterwards the green (pale) horse will appear, (the fourth apocalyptic horseman-Revelation 6:8), This regime comes in the name of life, but the horseman on that horse is the death and one fourth of humankind will die. “By their fruits you will know them” (Matthew 7:16). No ideology or philosophy or the own “trying to be good” also no religion can save us from the wrath of God. All human remedies for salvation are only an expression of the sin of death: “To be like God”. The Lord uses them to judge them. After it has become clear, that righteousness and life can’t be worked out before God by this, now we come to the salvation plan of God for humankind.

## 6. God’s solution

God is righteous. Even from the very beginning until the end all human beings have come under the condemnation decree, then He must if it is God’s will also give from the very beginning offer a chance for salvation. This is what God does. After the fall the first humans experience that “the descendant of the woman will crush the head of the snake (satan)” (Genesis 3:15). There was from the very beginning the possibility to believe in a Savior, the Messiah (Christ). The religions were founded later, that’s why they can’t fulfill the need for righteousness, for all times. Old Testament mentions men and women from Israel and the nations that believed in the Messiah. But how could this Savior, on one hand the love of God (he desires a relationship with the humans), on the other hand the righteousness of God (the humans are appointed to death) become righteous before God? For the salvation of humankind there was only one solution: The Messiah died the death, that we deserve as ours, and take it on our part. *Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends* (John 15:13) Jesus has done this for us, even while we were enemies of God! (Romans 5:10)

For the intervention on planet Earth, God needed a platform upon which he could deal with humankind. He created a people through Abraham and the Arch fathers, the Jewish people, whom he revealed himself. Through Moses he gave the Jewish people his law that opposed their sin (Galatians 3). In this people the prophets of the old covenant appeared, they made detailed prophecies about the Messiah e.g. Isaiah 53. As Jesus, the Messiah publicly

appeared, John the Baptist confessed: *“Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”* (John 1:29). The sin to death for humankind “TO BE LIKE GOD” was taken away at the Cross as Jesus died upon the accusation: “HE WANTED TO BE LIKE GOD” (Mark 14:61-64) But He is God and He is not guilty. That’s why death could not hold him. God raised him from the death! He became for those that believe in Him the “author of eternal salvation” (Hebrews 5:9). He has established the order of God again and prayed to the Father: *“Not my will be done, but your will be done!”* (Luke 22:42). As one identifies himself with him (The Lord Supper) and believes that his old sinful nature was crucified –and he as a new man was raised with Him (Romans 6), who trusts in Jesus and believes the Father, who sent him, has come from death to life. This faith is necessary for the baptism. Another baptism is not valid with God (Mark 16:16)

Jesus, the son of God speaks: *“I’m the Way, the Truth and the Life, no one comes to the Father except by me”* (John 14:6). It is logical, that the way to the living God, also must be lively. Jesus says: My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. (John 10:27-28)

## 7. Our Responsibility

How can I reconnect to God? The first words Jesus spoke publicly: *“Repent ye, and believe the gospel!”* (Mark 1:15). As God touched the hearts of men on the sermon of Peter at Pentecost, they asked: What shall we do? Peter answered them: Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (Book of Acts 2:38).

As God has shown you, that you are a lost sinner, that is already grace, confess Him your sins and ask Him for forgiveness. You thank Jesus, that He has bought you back at the cross and you ask Him to become the Lord of your life. It says: That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (Romans 10:9) That’s why it is good to confess it before witnesses, but still it is a personal covenant between you and your Savior Jesus, that is sealed through baptism.

Now you can ask God for the gift of the Holy Spirit. He, the Holy Spirit will give you a hunger for God’s word, the Bible. He will

teach you through the Word of God and feed you. You will eat every day from “Him”. Jesus says: *“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”* (Matthew 24:35) And: *“The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. (John 6:63) If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”* (John 8:31-32)

As a consequence of our decision to obey the Lord and his word, He gives us the gift of being born again. That means fellowship with God, understanding of all things from his point of view, peace, that the world is not able to give, even in the midst of problems, a new creation (2Corinthians 5:17, Joh.3,5). We take great advice to take the Word of God as it is, without human-theological, well intended additions or cut backs, to take it serious. (Religion means to mock the redeeming death of Christ at the Cross, which is major point in human and world history). As we follow the Lord Jesus, we stay alive in faith, by which (the faith) we are justified (Romans 9:30), and the Lord delivers us from all our bondages and slaveries in this world. As we have the Savior’s love before our eyes, we follow him daily willingly as He says: *If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.* (Matthew 16:24-25) Save yourselves from this untoward generation. (Acts 2:40). Get to know Jesus Christ in his Word, in the fellowship with him and other believers! Look forward unto His soon return in joyful expectation: *Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.* (1.Corinthians 2:9)

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