

Welcome and thank you for listening. I want to start with a prayer.

Jesus, I pray that Your divine anointing will be on every word spoken during this broadcast and that Your divine purposes will be accomplished in every listener's life. I pray that hearts will be changed, minds will be renewed, and hurting people healed because of Your Word. But most of all, bring us unto the knowledge of Jesus as Lord and Savior. In Jesus name, I pray.

Some of you listeners have written and asked about the topic of salvation. So I want to share with you my views and teaching about salvation, back-sliding, and the unpardonable sin.

I have found that if I can find an example in nature to illustrate a spiritual concept that people can identify and understand the spiritual meaning more easily.

The Bible says that when we confess and repent of our sins and believe that Jesus died and rose again to redeem us from our sins and Jesus' sacrifice paid the sin debt that we could never pay for ourselves and we accept Jesus as our savior, then we have become "born again".

Now when I gave birth to my natural children, I could not un-born them. I could not shrink them back into a fetus and return them to sender. No they were born and they had our DNA and our blood flowed in their veins and there was no changing that.

I could give them up for adoption, they could change their name, they could misbehave, but the fact still remained, they had my DNA and they were still my child.

When a person becomes a "born again" Christian they receive the DNA of their spiritual father. They become a child of God. They receive citizenship of heaven with all the benefits and rights. They are joint-heirs with Jesus.

Let's look at the parable about the prodigal son. These scriptures are found in Luke 15: 11-31. The prodigal son rebelled and wanted nothing to do with his father. The prodigal son asked for his share of the inheritance so he could leave the father's house and supervision and control. In Jewish custom this would be the same as you or I saying to our father, I wish you would just die. Then the prodigal son took his inheritance and left his father's house. While he was gone he squandered all of his inheritance on sinful and low living. When he ran out of money he was so desperate that this nice Jewish boy took a job tending and feeding pigs. To a Jewish father this would have been

repugnant because to Jews pigs are considered unclean. This child had broke Jewish law.

Finally, the son realized that he had sinned against the father and thought that even the servants in his father's house had clean clothes, a bed, and adequate food. So the son decided that he would return home to his father and offer to become a mere servant in his father's house.

Now it is interesting to see the father's reaction. First the father saw his son approaching his house. Maybe the father was looking down the road to his house. As a parent, I can identify with this behavior. If I had a child that had rebelled and left my house, I think I would go outside periodically and look to see if maybe today is the day that they will return.

Then while the son is a far off, the father recognizes the son and immediately has compassion and says to himself that is my son and starts running toward his son. Notice that the son has not said anything to his father and the father has not received an apology or any sign of repentance, but the father just recognizes his son and forgives and runs toward the son and hugs and kisses him.

I believe before we can even utter a word of repentance, that God the father sees our change of heart.

Then the son tells his father that he has sinned and no longer feels worthy to be considered a son, but his father immediately starts restoring his son's position as a child in the father's household. The father never even entertains this course of conversation about His son becoming a servant.

The father orders the best robe and a ring for his hand and shoes for the son to wear. In wealthy households, many times they would have robes that were of a signature color and a signet ring with a family crest on it to make it obvious that you were a child or heir or of relationship to a particular family of influence. These were outward expressions that demanded honor and respect from the rest of the community.

Next, the father orders that the fatted calf, which is reserved for an honored guest, to be prepared so that the father and his household could celebrate the restoration of the son to the father. The father instructed them to be merry and he threw a big party.

Now let me ask you what do you think happened after the big celebration that night. Do you think that the restored son went to the servants quarters and slept? Do you think that the next morning the restored son showed up in servants clothes and began serving breakfast? Did the father think about all the hurtful and wrong things that the son had done and kick the son out the

next morning? Did the fact that the son did not deserve to be restored factor into the father's reaction to the son coming home? Did the fact that the son had touched unclean pigs and broken Jewish law change the fact that this son was still the father's child? Just because the son broke the law, did not change his DNA. The son was still the child of the father. Nothing, no matter how illegal or hurtful it might have been, changed the fact that this son was the father's child. So the answers to the above questions are all NO.

The son did not assume the role of a servant, but he maintained his position as a son of this father. The son enjoyed ALL the rights and privileges of being a child. The son was human and probably disappointed and argued with his father from time to time, but the son never lost his position and privileges of being a child. The son did not live a perfect life but nothing could ever change the fact that he was this father's son and child.

Finally, the father said in Luke 15:31, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is yours. So if the father is God and God says we are ever with Him and all that God has is ours, I believe God's Word.

Some people refer to salvation as "fire insurance". So when God issued your policy he did not include a cancellation clause. God says, Son or child or born-again believer, thou art ever with me. Sounds pretty permanent to me.

I believe the ONLY unforgivable sin is to reject Jesus and never accept Jesus as your savior.

Now Jesus is the only one who could be the perfect lamb sacrifice for our sins. Jesus is the only human that ever lived a sinless, perfect life. This is important, because in Jewish tradition, the priest only inspected the lamb that was presented to be sacrificed and that blood would atone for the trespasses of that person. The priest never inspected the man. Only the lamb has to be inspected and only the lamb had to be perfect.

God is the same as the Jewish priest. God only sees the perfect lamb sacrifice, Jesus, and that Jesus' blood has covered our trespasses and satisfied our sin debt to God.

This sin debt is one that we could never pay. Salvation is something we could never earn. We can never be good enough and do enough good works and deeds to ever earn salvation and eternal life. So when religion says we must accept Jesus as our Savior --AND--do this good work or that good deed--in addition, then religion is saying that what Jesus accomplished on the cross was not enough to redeem us from sin and hell. Religion is saying you are saved by what Jesus did on the cross, PLUS, some good works that you must perform.

But Jesus said on the cross, "It is finished", which I believe means that Jesus accomplished "in full" our salvation, healing, and every benefit God intended for us to enjoy as born-again believers. We are joint-heirs with Christ. We are not a sub-category of Christianity or a back-slider or less than a joint-heir with Christ because we fail to hit the target every moment of our life.

The word "sin" is used in the sport of archery. "Sin" means that you shot your arrow, but you missed the target. You just missed your mark, what you were aiming at. God does not revoke your position as a child of God, because you failed or because you struggle with certain weaknesses.

No more than your natural father could deny that you are his child. Just because you broke the law does not change the fact that you still have your father's DNA. Once your spirit is born-again, you cannot be UN-born.

Also, I don't think many people read the story of Abraham and realize that God "had" to let the seed of Abraham and Sarah die out and then God restored their reproductive organs with "new" seed. In other words, God changed their DNA. When the promised child, Isaac, was born to Abraham and Sarah this was the beginning of an entirely new race. The Jewish race of people. This required a miracle. A Jewish person can move to any country on the planet and change their name and not even practice the Jewish religion, but if you test their genetic makeup, it will always indicate Jewish DNA in their blood.

Remember, God created mankind because He wanted a family. When Adam committed sin and fell, God had to implement a plan to restore the relationship between God and man. So God sent Jesus, His heavenly son, and God planted Jesus as a seed in order to get His earthly family restored back to Himself.

The Law does not, cannot, and will not ever save anyone. The Law just tells us the rules and the consequences of breaking the rules. The Law does not make restitution. The Law is like a medical diagnostic test. I had to have some dye put in an IV and circulated through my body while they took x-rays. The dye would light up on the x-ray my internal organs so the doctor could more clearly see if there was a blockage or some dysfunction in my organs. The test only showed the doctor where the problem was, but it did nothing to treat or cure the problem. The law just points out your problem, sin, or weakness. It does nothing to correct it. It just condemns you of your sin, but it can never remove your sins. It can never restore your relationship to your heavenly father, who is a Holy God.

Jesus was God's plan of salvation, restoration, and grace to humanity. When you believe on Jesus and accept Him as your savior, you are saved by God's grace and not by the law. You are born-again and cannot be un-born. Your

spiritual DNA has been changed and you become a child of God. If you sin and miss the mark, all you have to do is repent and ask God your heavenly father for forgiveness in Jesus name. Christians are NOT PERFECT! We are just FORGIVEN!

We live in a state of grace and not condemnation. We cannot earn salvation by doing good works in addition to what Jesus accomplished on the cross. If we teach this we make the cross of no effect. The character of God comes by reading and studying and practicing God's Word. This is Christian discipleship. Our human children require training and discipline to grow up to be quality people. I am a senior citizen and I am still finding ways to improve my behavior and strengthen my walk with God.

Christianity is a journey. Some progress faster than others. The main thing is we may not be all that we want to be, as of yet, but we are not where we first started out either. Do not feel condemned because you took a detour, just turn-a-round and keep walking with God and if you fall, get back up.

If you are being mentored by a religious, legalistic person that constantly condemns you, instead of reminding you that the blood of Jesus and the grace of God has saved you from sin, you may want to change who you associate with. Yes we all need to be corrected, but the Bible says to correct in LOVE. The church should be a like a hospital. Wounded, hurting people should feel safe to come to church and not be further wounded with condemnation and judgmental attitudes. People don't care what you have to say, until they see that you care about them. Jesus commanded us to love, not to condemn.

I want to offer everyone the opportunity to pray and ask Jesus to become their Lord and Savior. This prayer will give you the chance to secure external life and be born again. Jesus is the ONLY WAY to redeem your soul from sin and to secure eternal life. Repeat this prayer with me.

Jesus I confess I am a sinner. I humble myself and repent of my sins. Please forgive me of my sins. I believe You sacrificed your life and rose again from the dead to secure my salvation. Jesus come into my heart and be my Lord and Savior. Jesus help me live my life for you from this day forth. In Jesus name, we pray.

Thank you for listening and God bless you all.

Below is the scriptures that tell this parable in the Bible.

Luk 15:11 And he said, A certain man had two sons:

Luk 15:12 And the younger of them said to *his* father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth *to me*. And he divided unto them *his* living.

Luk 15:13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

Luk 15:14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

Luk 15:15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

Luk 15:16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

Luk 15:17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

Luk 15:18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

Luk 15:19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

Luk 15:20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

Luk 15:21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

Luk 15:22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put *it* on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on *his* feet:

Luk 15:23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill *it*; and let us eat, and be merry:

Luk 15:24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

Luk 15:31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.