



ENTER INTO GOD’S REST

Knowing that Your Salvation is secure in Christ

Welcome to step two in your journey off centering your life around Jesus! In lesson one, we learned that the original plan of God for your life was to have an intimate relationship with you. If you have placed your faith in, this original plan has been restored! Now, God wants for you to ENTER into His rest.

In Scriptures, the rest of the Lord is represented by the Sabbath day. A day when the Lord rested after finishing all the work of the creation that later on will be instituted in the law as a day when no one worked by rest and worship God for His goodness.

The sabbath day, has a powerful spiritual meaning for the believer today:

Those who have entered into a relationship with God through their faith in Christ, also entered into God’s rest that is based on the fact that God has finished all the work necessary for our salvation through the works of Christ.

Hebrews 4:9-11 “So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, 10 for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. 11 Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.”

I. WHO CAN ENTER GOD’S REST?

Hebrews 4:3 “For we who have believed enter that rest.”

Those who have believed in Christ, can rest from their works to please God and earn eternal life. Christ has done all the necessary works we couldn’t do in order to be at peace with God. Let’s meditate on what are the specific works Jesus did for us through His life, death and resurrection

II. THREE SPECIFIC WORKS JESUS DID SO THAT WE CAN REST

Everything Jesus did, had a specific purpose:

1. **By living a perfect life:** Jesus fulfilled the law we couldn’t fulfill (Mathew 5:17, Rom. 10:4, 3:25-26) then He accredited His righteousness to us (Romans 4:5, 2 Corinthians 5:21). Freeing us from the curse of the law (Galatians 3:13). No longer need to fulfill it (Colossians 2:13-14, Galatians 2:16)
2. **By dying on the cross:** Jesus paid the ransom for our sins to save us from slavery in the Kingdom of darkness (Mathew 20:28, 1 Timothy 2:6,) and to pacify God’s wrath (Ephesians 2:3, Rom. 5:9, 1 John 2:2). As a result, those who believe are transferred from the Kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of God. (Colossians 1:13)
3. **By resurrecting from the death:** Jesus’s defeated death and made us alive together with him forever. (Ephesians 2:1-6).

Jesus did it all so we can have it all! We can rest from carrying the unbearable weight of our sins and having to live a perfect life in order to earn our way to heaven.

III. COME AND ENTER INTO GOD’S REST

Mathew 11:28-30 “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The yoke of Jesus was the cross on which he carried all of our sins and failures so we don’t have to carry them anymore.

A. *Let us remember that salvation was a gift from God, who permitted us to have a new relationship with Him.*

1. Salvation was given to us by grace (free), through faith and not through works, so that none of us can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

B. He has promised to protect the gift that He gave us.

1 Peter 1:3-5

- a) Our salvation is incorruptible (can never perish)
- b) Our salvation is uncontaminated (can never become spoiled)
- c) Our salvation is imperishable (can never fade away).

2. God has assured His gift of salvation by placing a seal of protection upon us, the seal of the Holy Spirit. Thus, He guarantees that we receive the inheritance of our salvation. The Holy Spirit comes to dwell in us forever. Jesus promised He will be with us forever (Matt. 28:20). The seal of the Holy Spirit is irrevocable; therefore, we cannot lose our salvation (Eph. 1:13-14).

3. The Holy Spirit Himself confirms to us the new relationship, which we have with God. Romans 8:16

4. God tells us that we who have the Son have life and assures us of our salvation. God doesn’t contradict His Word. (1 John 5:12-13)

IV. IS IT POSSIBLE TO LOSE OUR SALVATION?**A. No. Not even we ourselves, are able to do anything to cause it to be stripped from us.**

1. Since salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus, that means it's a gift that cannot be earned by works (Eph. 2:8-9). So we must recognize that we are not capable either to earn or to maintain our salvation.

2. If obtaining salvation depended upon the good works that we do, then the death of Christ on the cross would have been in vain. Galatians 2:21

B. No. We can’t lose it, and no one can take it from us.

1. John 10:27-29 teaches that no one can make us lose our salvation.

2. God, our Father, is above all of us and He protects us. We are safe in His Hands.

C. No. Nothing can make us lose it.

1. God’s love is expressed to us through the provision of His Son, our Savior (1 John 4:9).
2. According to Romans 8:38-39; nothing will separate us from God’s love. “For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
 - a) “Neither death”. We will not lose it when we die.
 - b) “Nor life”. We will not lose it while we live.
 - c) “Nor angels”. None can take it from us.
 - d) “Nor principalities”. Neither can a human authority take it from us.
 - e) “Nor powers”. Satan cannot deprive us of it.
 - f) “Nor the present”. Nothing that occurs in the present can cause us to lose it.
 - g) “Nor the future.” Nothing that takes place in the future can cause us to lose it.
 - h) “Nor height”. Nothing or no one who exists in the heavens can take it from us.
 - i) “Nor depth”. Nothing which exists in the depths of the earth or of the universe will be able to take it from us.
 - j) “NOR ANY OTHER CREATED THING” will be able to separate us from the love of God.

V. CONCLUSION:

You can rest! Because all the work needed for you to be with God in an ever-ending relationship with Him it’s been finished.

John 19:30 “So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. *What are the three things Jesus did for us?*
2. *How does knowing that In Christ our salvation is secured bring rest to our souls?*
3. *What would you say to a person, or to your own conscience, that might tell you that because something wrong you did, you’re no longer a child of God?*

We encourage you to memorize these powerful promises:

Mathew 11:28-30 “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

John 10:27-29 “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me; is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.”