"The Gospel According to Luke: Our Great Salvation" (Part 1) Luke 1:67-75

"So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of His purpose, He guaranteed it with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul...." (Hebrews 6:17-19a; cf. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

- The Introduction: (Luke 1:57-66)
 - The Godly community's reaction to mercy being shown is rejoicing being done. We are brought together to rejoice together in light of the mercy of God! (Ephesians 2:4-5; 5:19-20)
 - God gave Zechariah and Elizabeth a son just as He had promised and Zechariah obeyed God in naming their son John. Confidence in God's promises should lead us to obedience to His commandments.

We are Redeemed:

- Filled with the Holy Spirit....Anytime God's Word is proclaimed it is a prophecy (to speak forth).
 Prophecy is either foretelling, what will happen in the future, or forthtelling, saying what God has already said. There is no more foretelling because we now have the full revelation of God in Scripture, so now all prophecy is forthtelling or sharing God's Word.
- Redeemed: We have been released from our slavery to sin and death. We celebrate our freedom by living holy lives. We are so in awe of His grace and mercy it moves us to worship.

God is Faithful:

- Through His Covenants and His Prophets we would understand the work of Christ. The more we know the higher our capacity for worship!
 - The Davidic Covenant points to Christ's *universal* reign as King both spiritually (now) and physically (in the future).
 - The Abrahamic Covenant points to the *national* (all people) reign of Christ as the Savior of both Jews and Gentiles, both spiritually (now) and physically (in the future).
 - The New Covenant points to the reign of Christ *individually* through the gospel of Jesus Christ for all people for all time.

The Prophets:

- Jesus was the Prophet to come that Moses prophesied about (Deuteronomy 18:15,18).
- Jesus was the One that David prophesied would sit at the right hand of the Father on High (Psalm 110:1).
- Jesus was the One that Isaiah prophesied would be punished for our sins (Isaiah 53).
- Jesus was the One that Jeremiah and Zechariah and Micah prophesied would be the branch that would reign over Israel (Jeremiah 23:5, 33:15; Zechariah 3:8, 6:12-13; Micah 5:2).
- Jesus was the One that Jeremiah prophesied would be our righteousness (Jeremiah 23:6).
- Jesus was the One that Ezekiel and Zechariah prophesied would be our Shepherd (Ezekiel 34:23; Zechariah 13:7).
- Jesus was the Son of Man that Daniel prophesied about who has everlasting dominion over all things (Daniel 7:13-14).

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- We are Saved to Serve:
 - We should worship God for His redemption (1:68).
 - He has saved us from the enemies of sin, death, and the Devil and will deliver from every enemy of the gospel (1:71,74). We are called to love our enemies (Luke 6:27-28).
 - We are to serve Him without fear of judgment (1:74).
 - We are to serve Him with holiness, not doing what God forbids, and righteousness, doing what God commands (1:75).

Announcements:

- ★<u>DONATIONS:</u> *TODAY* is the *LAST* day we are collecting monetary donations for the Lambs, one of the missionary families that we support as a church body. For more information about the Lambs, their life, and work in Papua New Guinea please see the board on the back table. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please make sure to note that your donation is for the Lambs.
- ★"FOURTH OF JULY" SERVICE: We will be having our annual "4th of July" service <u>NEXT</u> Sunday, July 2nd, at Andy Wesney's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron) at 5pm! There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring a food item to this event. Please bring any yard games that you have and bring your lawn chairs! Mark your calendars and plan on attending our annual outdoor Worship Service and Fellowship Dinner!
- ★NEW MEMBERS CLASS: If you are interested in church membership, we will be offering a 3 week New Members Class starting on Sunday, July 16th, from 4-5pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is also something we would encourage our current church members to participate in, as we will be working through our By-Laws, Statement of Faith (our church's belief on Salvation, Baptism, Marriage, Eschatology, etc.), why our church has church membership, and the roles of Elders and Deacons in the church. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up if you are interested in participating in the New Members Class. If you are unable to participate in this class in July, we will be offering the New Members Class again in October.
- ★<u>MEMBERS MEETING:</u> We are having a Members Business Meeting on Sunday, July 23rd, immediately following the worship service. This meeting will be to discuss the *potential* of moving to a Sunday morning worship service. At this meeting we will be sharing the results of the anonymous ballot from the vote in May and opening the floor for Q&A. If you are currently a church member, please mark your calendars and plan to stay for this important meeting.
- ★CHURCH DAY OF PRAYER: This Wednesday, June 25th, is our monthly church day of prayer. We ask that you set aside time on this day to pray specifically for the elders, deacons, and the ministries of this church body.