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Series: Foundations

Message: The Gospel

Matthew 22:37-40; Romans 8:18-39 (pp. 980, 1118f.)

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own,¹ but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.³

He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,⁴ and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.⁵

He also watches over me in such a way⁶ that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven;⁷ in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.⁸

Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life⁹ and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.¹⁰

¹ 1 Cor. 6:19-20; ² Rom. 14:7-9; ³ 1 Cor. 3:23; Titus 2:14; ⁴ 1 Pet. 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:2; ⁵ John 8:34-36; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 John 3:1-11; ⁶ John 6:39-40; 10:27-30; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:5; ⁷ Matt. 10:29-31; Luke 21:16-18; ⁸ Rom. 8:28; ⁹ Rom. 8:15-16; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; 5:5; Eph. 1:13-14; ¹⁰ Rom. 8:1-17

Q & A 2

Q. What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. Three things:

first, how great my sin and misery are;¹

second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery;²

third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.³

¹ Rom. 3:9-10; 1 John 1:10; ² John 17:3; Acts 4:12; 10:43; ³ Matt. 5:16; Rom. 6:13; Eph. 5:8-10; 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Pet. 2:9-10

Gospel Outline:

Sin – Salvation – Service

Guilt – Grace – Gratitude

Q & A 3

Q. How do you come to know your misery?

A. The law of God tells me.¹ [Rom. 3:20; 7:7-25](#)

Q & A 4

Q. What does God's law require of us?

A. Christ teaches us this in summary in [Matthew 22:37-40](#):

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.”¹ This is the greatest and first commandment. “And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’² “On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

**Gospel Outline: Sin–Salvation–Service/Guilt–Grace–Gratitude
Response: Admit–Believe–Commit**

Sin/Guilt

Bible Truth #1 - Sin: As a result of the fall, every human being has a sinful nature and doesn't measure up.

Bible Truth #2 - God's Nature: God is righteous and just. This results in my punishment, namely death.

Bible Truth #3 - Good works won't work.

Salvation/Grace

Bible Truth #1 - God's nature: God is loving and merciful, so He provided a substitute.

Bible Truth #2 - Christ's nature: Jesus is the perfect substitute.

- 1. Truly human and truly righteous*
- 2. True God*

Bible Truth #3 - Christ died and rose again.

Service/Gratitude

Bible Truth #1 - Jesus invites me to new life through repentance and conversion.

Bible Truth #2 - A New Mission: I am equipped by the Holy Spirit to do good works.

Christ by His Spirit is renewing me to be like Himself so that:

- a. By my living I show that I am thankful to God and praise Him*
- b. By good works I am assured of my faith by its fruits*
- c. Others may be won over to Christ*

18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us...28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose... 31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His Own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God Who justifies. 34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus Who died—more than that, Who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?...I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8)