



### Children's Sermon: Truth Nine <sup>i</sup>

- #1 - God is the sovereign Creator of all things. (You belong to God.)
- #2 - God created people for His glory.
- #3 - God is holy and righteous.
- #4 - Man is sinful.
- #5 - God is just and is right to punish sin.
- #6 - God is merciful. He is kind to undeserving sinners. (Why)
- #7 - Jesus is God's holy and righteous Son. (**How** – Who did it)
- #8 - God put the punishment of sinners on Jesus. (**How** – What he did)
- #9 - God offers the free gift of salvation to those who **repent** and **believe** in Jesus. (**How** – How it is given to us)

#### **Ephesians 2:8–10 (NLT)**

<sup>8</sup> God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

#### **Explanation:**

- Salvation means "to save" someone. (death & hell)
- Salvation is a free gift...

**Does this mean that all people are saved from death and hell...?**

**Does it mean that as long as you know the story...you will be saved?**

**How can you and I get this free gift from God?**

- When God decides to save a sinner, He brings about a change in his heart.
- **Turn** (Feel bad, hate, want to stop...our sin)
- & **Trust** (Believe the **who** & **what**; rely upon his **promises**)

**Illustration:** Trusting in Someone

(close with a prayer of blessing)

**Implication:**

- God tells you to **trust in Jesus** and **turn from your sins** and you will be saved.

**Repentance is Necessary for Salvation  
but not its Cause**

**Notes:**

## Israel's Purity in their Camp was Necessary for their Victory but not its Cause

<sup>9</sup> “When you are encamped against your enemies, then you shall keep yourself from **every evil thing**.

<sup>14</sup> *Because the LORD your God walks in the midst of your camp, to deliver you and to give up your enemies before you, therefore your camp must be holy...*

(Cf. Uriah the Hittite)

**David to Ahimelech the priest** (1 Samuel 21:5) "Ritual cleanliness was a part of consecration prior to battle or other important occasions (Ex. 19:15; Lv. 15:18; Deut. 23:9–14; Josh. 3:5; 2 Sam. 11:11–12)."<sup>ii</sup>

### Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...

Victory or defeat entirely depends on Yahweh's pleasure, so keep your camp holy.



## Every Evil Thing (Involuntary Emissions that Defile)

### Nocturnal Emissions (23:10-11)

<sup>10</sup> “If any man among you *becomes unclean because of a nocturnal emission*, then he shall go *outside the camp*. He shall not come inside the camp, <sup>11</sup> but *when evening comes*, he shall *bathe himself in water*, and as the sun sets, *he may come inside the camp*. (Cf. Lev. 15:1–5, 16–18)

### Dishonoring your Own Reproductive Parts

<sup>1</sup> “No one whose **testicles are crushed** or whose male organ is **cut off** shall enter the **assembly of the LORD**.

### Proper Disposal of Excrement (23:12-14)

<sup>12</sup> “You shall have a place outside the camp, and you shall go out to it. <sup>13</sup> And you shall have a trowel with your tools, and when you sit down outside, you shall dig a hole with it and turn back and cover up your **excrement**. <sup>14</sup> *Because the LORD your God walks in the midst of your camp, to deliver you and to give up your enemies before you, therefore your camp must be holy*, so that he may *not see anything indecent* (shameful exposure) among you and turn away from you.

### To Remove Their Defilement from the LORD

1. Go Outside the Camp, Evening... Wash with Water
2. Go Outside the Camp to Cover your Shame

**What does God care what I do with my body? (Eph, 5:3)**

## Washing & Covering Outside the Camp

### Hebrews 13:12–15

<sup>12</sup> So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. <sup>13</sup> Therefore *let us go to him outside the camp* and bear the reproach he endured. <sup>14</sup> For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. <sup>15</sup> Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that *acknowledge his name*.

### God is With Us, He Delivers or Gives Over

#### 1 Corinthians 3:16–17 (Cf. Hebrews 10:26–27)

<sup>16</sup> Do you not know that *you are God's temple* and that *God's Spirit dwells in you*? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and *you are that temple*.

...Fired at our Life & Heart

Our flesh hates God but the Spirit teaches us to fear God and hate every evil thing.



### Our Inner Defilement Cleansed & Covered

#### 1 Corinthians 6:9–18

<sup>9</sup> Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the *sexually immoral*, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, <sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup> And *such were some of you*. **But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.** ...

<sup>13</sup> ...*The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.* <sup>14</sup> And *God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.* <sup>15</sup> Do you not know that *your bodies are members of Christ*? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ...

<sup>18</sup> **Flee from sexual immorality.** Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. (Cf. 2 Cor. 6:6–7, 6:16–7:1; Eph. 5:3–5; 6:12)

### Turn, Run, Confess, Rejoice

- Don't be like the foolish man in Proverbs 7:7–9
- Take any steps necessary to stop sinning with your body

## Taking Our Excrement Outside the Camp...

### Philippians 3:6–8

[Paul says,] <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; *as to righteousness under the law, blameless.* <sup>7</sup> But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as **rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ...**

σκύβαλον, *dung, excrement*<sup>iii</sup>

**As we battle for purity  
we must battle against self-righteousness!**

### Philippians 3:9

and count them as **rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ...**<sup>9</sup> and be found in him, *not having a righteousness of my own* that comes from the law, but *that which comes through faith in Christ*, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

Turn, Run, Confess, Rejoice

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<sup>i</sup> Helping Children to Understand the Gospel

<sup>ii</sup> Sproul, R. C. (Ed.). (2015). *The Reformation Study Bible: English Standard Version (2015 Edition)* (p. 436). Orlando, FL: Reformation Trust.

<sup>iii</sup> Liddell, H. G., Scott, R., Jones, H. S., & McKenzie, R. (1996). [A Greek-English lexicon](#) (p. 1616). Oxford: Clarendon Press.