


To get to Heaven,
turn right and go straight



...OK, but which way do we go?





Salvation, Now and Later

- Getting to Heaven or “getting saved”
 - Receiving Christ’s free gift
 - Eternal security after death
 - A done deal
- Getting Heaven to Earth
 - Lowering Heaven instead of raising Hell
 - “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven”
 - Needs to be “worked out”

Heaven and Earth

- Heaven, God
- Powers and Principalities
- Society and Relationships
- Each one of us as Individuals
- Physical Needs and Desires



Doing things right

- “Right way, wrong way, Army way”
- God’s way, the Devil’s way, and the World’s way
- Which way will be OUR WAY?
- Sin = *hamartia* or *missing the mark*
- Good and bad consequences

Consequences of error or sin

- Commission: Did the wrong thing and got bad results that had to be undone or fixed
- Omission: Didn't do the right things so positive outcomes were missed
- Disinclination - Didn't listen for or hear God's voice speaking to our consciences and failed to grow in wisdom and discernment

Our Bottom Line Desire

- Doing it right the first time



But how to know?

Our Enemies from The Beginning



● The World

● The Flesh

● The Devil

The Fall - Deception

- Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"
- The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.' "
- "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

The Fall - Conviction

- When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.
- Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

The Fall - Reaction

- He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."
- And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"
- The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."
- Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"
- The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Scoping out the situation

- Distinguishing between your spirit and your fleshly soul or “self”
- Discerning spiritual influences, heavenly or demonic
- Making wise judgments about human input from family, friends, coworkers, media, etc.
- Setting priorities and guidelines for action

Assessing personal weaknesses

- Preoccupation, forgetting God
 - Not resting, keeping Sabbath
- Fear (ultimately of death itself)
 - Physical threats, real or imagined
 - Psychosocial status, fear of man
 - Spiritual, of God or the devil
- Sexual vulnerabilities
- Anger, failing to honor parents
- Coveting what others have

Remembering and accountability

- Write: Make an abbreviated list of what you want to change
- Read: Review it yourself
- Talk: Share it with someone else here
 - Then share it with important other(s) when you get back
- Pray: Ask for and offer prayer
- Be Accountable: Check your progress