

Pt 2: **SALVATION: Our Greatest Gift!**

Luke 23:26-27; 32-43

1. The cross of **Rejection** - the **sinner** who died **in** sin
2. The cross of **Reception** - the **saint** who died **to** sin.
3. The cross of **Redemption** - the **Saviour** who died **for** sin.

The Cross of REJECTION.

From the cross of rejection, we learn that:

1. Jesus saves the unholy, unfit, and the unclean, but the unwilling He cannot.
1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.
2. Jesus never forces Himself onto anyone. It is our choice to receive Him.

The Cross of RECEPTION.

From the cross of reception, we learn that:

1. Faith in God's grace alone saves. *Ephesians 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.*
2. No matter how deep our sinfulness is, Jesus' offer grace is enough to restore us and grant us paradise – eternity with Him.
"He who believes in Me shall not perish but will have eternal life." John 3:16

The Cross of REDEMPTION.

From the cross of redemption, we learn:

1. God's unconditional love in action for sinners.
2. The wages of sin is death (*Romans 6:23*)
3. Jesus died as a ransom.

Jesus' death offers eternal life with Him but also gives us the power over sin.

Romans 6:6-8 (nlt) Our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. 7: For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. 8: Since we died with Christ, we know we will also share His new life.

We need to Experience God's Full Salvation

Ephesians 2:8-9 (nkjv) For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9: not of works, lest anyone should boast.

The word "saved" is the Greek word "**Sozo.**"

Meaning: to be "saved, healed, delivered, preserved and to be made whole."

This salvation is given only by grace and must be received by faith.

Luke 7:50 (nlt) Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved (sozo) you; go in peace."
Her faith in God's grace brought about forgiveness of her sin.

Our salvation is not only for the forgiveness of our sin.

Luke 8:48 "Daughter," He said to her, "your faith has made you well (sozo). Go in peace."

The term 'made you well' and the word 'saved' in *Luke 7* is the same Greek word: **"sozo."** Sozo is used for the forgiveness of sins and also for physical healing?

The forgiveness of sins is what Christ's salvation has done for the human spirit and healing is what Christ's salvation has done for the human body.

(Mark 6:54-56; Luke 8:35-36; 49-50; 17:11-19; 18:35-43)

James 5:14-15 (nkjv) Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15: And the prayer of faith will save (sozo) the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

- The same power that forgives sins is the same power that heals **ALL** diseases.
- The same faith that gives us access to God's grace for forgiveness is the same faith that gives us access to God's grace for healing.

The blood of Jesus that was shed for our sins on His cross - is also the same blood that was shed for the healing of our diseases.

Will you receive your salvation?

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Will you receive your healing?

1 Peter 2:24 He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by His wounds you have been healed."