

Isaiah 55:1-13 Salvation Full & Free

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The Suffering Servant and Calvary of Isaiah 53 is followed by the growing church of Isaiah 54, and the free Gospel call of Isaiah 55

V:1 the word “waters” is Hebrew word maw'-kote “living waters” cf:

Jeremiah 2:13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, (maw'-kote) and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

Notice the Jews will “look upon Me (God) whom they have pierced.” When did the Jews ever cause their God to be pierced” ? cf:

John 19:33-37 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: 19:34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. 19:35 And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. 19:36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. 19:37 And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced. (Zechariah 12:10)

Zechariah 13:1 In that day there shall be a fountain (maw'-kote living waters) opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

What is in every fountain you have ever seen in the world – water. Notice the fountain or waters is “for sin and for uncleanness.”

Acts 2: 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Our Baptist and other Calvinist friends say “for” means “because of” (their sins already being forgiven) but that can’t be so because the exact same Greek clause, word for word, letter for letter is used by Jesus and the action He refers to had not yet happened cf:

Matthew 26: 27-28 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave [it] to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Zechariah 13:6-7 Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.

Matthew 26:31-32 Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. 26:32 But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.

Isaiah 55:1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters (maw’-kote living waters), and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Cf:

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

The new birth is another birth a second spiritual birth, "born again" is more explicit and correct ... rather than “born anew” as modernist say Here the emphasis is upon the absolute necessity of being born again.

John 3:4-5 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Paraphrased, this statement means that unless one obeys the gospel of Jesus Christ by believing in Him, repenting of our sins, confessing His name, and being baptized into Jesus Christ, and receiving the Holy Spirit, he can never enter the kingdom of God ... which is the Church. We must be born of water & Spirit.

John 4:10-14 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. 4:11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? 4:12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? 4:13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

John 7:37-39 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Acts 2:37-47 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent,

and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. 40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers ... 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

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The great misunderstanding here is simply that of supposing that the wonderful blessings of the grace and mercy of God are unconditional! Another error is that of limiting the conditions to conform to human theories of salvation "The price for admission into eternal life is repentance and faith plus nothing"! What about the new birth? of which Jesus said, "Except ye be born again, ye cannot see the kingdom of God." What about holiness, "without which no man shall see God"? What about Christ saying, "Except ye eat my flesh and drink my blood" ye have no life in you." And what about a hundred other things which are definitely laid down as requirements for entering into life?

The coming verses 6 & 7) shows that the promises are conditional. People who really wish to know what the conditions are should read their New Testaments instead of listening to the theories, doctrines and traditions of men.

The same Gospel call and the same free gift is repeated in Revelation.

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Isaiah 55:2 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

The immortal soul of man cannot be satisfied with the most wonderful things that the world has to offer. Man cannot be satisfied, with wealth, with honor, or with pleasure. Where is the man who was ever satisfied with wealth, and who says he has enough? Where is the man who is satisfied with pleasure, vanity, or gaiety? There is a void in the human heart which such things cannot fill" On William Rockefeller's tomb is this inscription, "Our souls, Oh God, were made for thee; and never shall they rest until they rest in thee." Why are you attached to false teaching from which your souls derive neither comfort nor nourishment?

Isaiah 55:3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, Cf:

V:3 "I will make an everlasting covenant with you." Hebrew: "ech-re-thah lach-em ber-ith olam" or literally "I will cut the old or everlasting covenant sacrifice with you" which is the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world

Revelation 13:8 ... whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

V:3 "I will make an everlasting covenant with you" These are the promises God made to David, that of his seed one would rise up to inherit an everlasting kingdom II Samuel 7:12. The promises to David,

rightly understood, involve all of the essential points of the Christian covenant.

Concerning David's Throne: God's promise to David that of his seed one would sit upon the throne that would be established forever, cited above, has led to all kinds of wild speculations about Jesus coming back to earth and sitting upon David's throne in Jerusalem ...

All such speculations are nullified by plain statements of God's Word. As to anyone of the seed of David ever again occupying David's literal throne in Jerusalem, all that ended when God said of the last Davidic king, Je-hoi'-a-kim, that:

Jeremiah 22:30 Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man [that] shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.

Jesus was not born through the back-sliding idolater Solomon's house and his descendants but through David's other son Nathan Luke 3:31.

Je-hoi'-a-kim had an illegal successor, Zedekiah, but he was terminated ... after his capture the last thing he saw was his sons put to death, his own eyes were put out, and, being loaded with chains, he was carried captive to Babylon. Then God said of the kingship,

Ezekiel 21:25-27 And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity [shall have] an end, 26 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this [shall] not [be] the same: exalt [him that is] low, and abase [him that is] high. 27 I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no [more], until he come whose right it is; and I will give it [him].

Christ the Servant is the One, whose right to the throne is His and the promise to David was fulfilled in his coming.

Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of [his] glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Acts 2: 30-31 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; **31a** He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ ...

Acts 13:34 And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.

Isaiah 55:4 Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

Christ is our leader and commander.

Isaiah 55:5 Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

This refers to the zeal with which the Gentiles in the future will accept the Gospel call of V:1 and flee to the Messiah, that they might be saved and enjoy the blessings of eternal life in His reign as King.

The result of the suffering servants work is the following invitation:

Isaiah 55:6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

The call for sinners to repent and turn to God is urgent business.

Note the dramatic imperatives of this chapter: "Come to the waters," "Come ye," "Come ye," "Buy and eat," "Come, buy, on and on ... the necessary imperatives are listed ... the New Testament has this verse

II Corinthians 6:2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

"He will have mercy ... he will abundantly pardon ..." This identifies the chapter with the times of the New Testament Covenant, because forgiveness is the hallmark of the New Covenant only

Jeremiah 31:31ff

God is so different from men. Men are not inclined to be forgiving. Men drink in forgiveness by the bucketful, and dribble it out under pressure

These verses indicate that, The response to the LORD's call involves a complete change of both lifestyle and heart. We must completely renounce evil activities and thoughts; when one does that, God will pardon and forgive all of his sins.

Isaiah 55:8-9 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

God's blessings upon the Church through Christ.

Isaiah 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

The word is the seed of the Kingdom and the word will bear fruit if we just preach it unto all the world as He commands cf:

Matthew 13:1 ff

This is a remarkable passage in the word of God, especially the declaration that God's Word will always accomplish the thing where to God sent it. This is exactly the thing Paul referred to when he said,

II Corinthians 2: 15-16 For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: 16 To the one [we are] the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life ...

Paul's wonderful metaphor here is derived from the custom of the Roman Triumphal Processions in which tremendous quantities of incense were burned along the parade route. Those destined to die in the arena, following the triumph, and those to be released by the clemency of the triumphal Emperor, naturally viewed the tremendous odors of incense that day in different ways and in a different light.

Yes, God's Word will either destroy the persons who hear it and does not obey it, or it will redeem the ones who receive it and obey it.

Just as the same sunshine will melt butter or harden putty, the same glorious gospel of Christ will either redeem or condemn them that hear it. Speak God's words not your pontification and bliberish.

Isaiah 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

Mark 16:15-16 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **16:16** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

I Timothy 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

Notice this New Testament is not an evolving revelation. Paul first generation, taught Timothy second generation, Timothy was to commit the same to faithful men third generation, who shall be able to teach others also fourth generation “the same” ...

Isaiah 55:12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

When the Lord uprooted His vineyard, took away the hedge, broke the wall, and laid it waste, briars and thorns came up just as Isaiah 5:5-6 prophesied.

The Old Israel suffered, first the Babylonian captivity and then they murdered their Messiah, persecuted the Apostles and the New Testament saints ... for yet 40 years a generation God suffered them finally sending Titus of Rome to destroy them, their City and Temple.

But the New Israel the Church under the New Covenant will be abundantly blessed. It should always be remembered that no Jewish individual of the old racial Israel is excluded from the New Covenant. Any or all of them may indeed be redeemed unto everlasting life upon exactly the same terms and conditions required of all who come ... but no member of any race whatsoever, even Jews, shall ever be saved upon the basis of race alone. Race is absolutely irrelevant with regard to salvation in the Christian Church dispensation!

The mountains and the hills mentioned here are highly poetical images to express a happy state attended with joy and exultation.

Isaiah 55:13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Lord will give the Church a name,

V:13 and it shall be to the LORD for a name, let us follow this new metaphor “name” and see where it leads us in the next chapter cf:

Isaiah 56:5 Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

Isaiah 62:2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.

The result of the Messiah’s work is the Gentiles will come to God and at that time – when the Gentiles come to Christ – the people of God will be called by a new name that originates with God.

But to the Jews He says:

Isaiah 65:15 And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord GOD shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name:

The name “Jew” has been a curse for 2,000 years.

The LORD God slew the Jews when Christ returned in judgment at the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD by Titus of Rome. This judgment was brought on because the Jews persecuted and murdered the Christ, the Apostles, the prophets and the saints of the early Church.

Back to the “new name” will come WHEN the Gentiles come to God

Isaiah 62:2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.

So when the Gentiles see and receive Christ who is “the righteousness” of God a “new name” will be given to God’ new “chosen” people “which the mouth of the LORD shall name.”

Acts 11:1 And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

This verse fulfills Isaiah 62:2 that the Gentiles will come to Christ so we can expect to see something about a new name soon really quick

Acts 11:26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians (khris-tee-an-os’) first in Antioch.

Acts 26: 28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

I Peter 4: 16 Yet if [any man suffer] as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

**1) In context, "if any man suffer as a Christian" has the meaning if any man suffer persecution or is put to death for being a “Christian” exp
(2) It identifies the divinely authorized name which was bestowed upon Christ’s followers by the mouth of God Himself, that is, the name Christian. (3) The chosen people, the new Israel of God, the church of Christ is commanded to glorify God in this name ... Christian.**

The “ian” in Christian means belonging to or a part of ... Christ.

One of the most significant facts in the New Testament is that the name "disciple" which was everywhere applied to Jesus' followers

throughout the Gospels and Acts, absolutely disappears from the New Testament from Acts to Revelation!

The apostle John used the expression "disciples" some 77 times in his gospel, but never once in the three short epistles that bear his name, nor in the book of Revelation ... why ... obviously "Christian" has taken the place of "disciple".

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

"Neither is there salvation in any other..." This declaration is universal. It shows that every human being who is saved at all will be saved in the name of Christ.

Wherein we must be saved ... In the Greek, the "we" is the last word of the Greek sentence; it means, "we priests, elders, scribes, fishermen - all of us" must be saved by faith and obedience in the Christ.

Thus, Peter included his wicked judges in those invited to participate in the new life in Christ. The priests, however, rejected the way of salvation taught by Jesus. They were among those who imagine themselves so lovely in God's sight that he simply could not afford to damn them. Such damnable self-loveliness may be either of race, character or culture ... these classes of self-righteous bigots are equally certain that heaven would be impoverished without them. They feel that they need no forgiveness.

Peter preached the same plan of salvation to the Jews of the Sanhedrin Court which he had proclaimed on Pentecost, and before the Gate Beautiful of the temple; but our own age, no less than that, prefers some other way of salvation ... many claim a social Gospel, put social work first and never speak the wonderful name "Jesus"

We feed the poor more than you all but the truth is that the church's business is not concerned with social or political issues at all, except in a secondary sense. Like Christ Himself, the church must teach men regarding the salvation of their souls.

Let churches return to the Great Commission and preach to all the world the glorious Gospel of Christ.

Loving concern for brothers and sisters in the Lord is taught and is mandatory for Christians; but involvement in the social issues of the times is always, for the church, a sacrifice of first priorities for those which are secondary ... except at Main Street where:

The unique and glorious message of salvation in Jesus' name, through faith and obedience to the gospel, has our eyes set upon the impossible ... we believe

I Corinthians 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

Romans 16:16 Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you

The salutation here is not that of Paul, as if he had said, "Kiss everyone for me," but the salutation of the members themselves for one another with a sacred kiss of Christian love. Such a kiss, cheek, or upon the hands, as in the Greek orthodox church until this day, was a common form of salutation in ancient times. It was brought over into Christianity by apostolic commandment .

the churches of Christ ... refers to Christians wherever in that period of time. Each community of believers was separately designated as a congregation and all of them together were called collectively the churches of Christ.

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