

## **REAL SALVATION IS TRANSFORMATIONAL**

Even though God knows all of what will happen in time, the end from the beginning, sin and its consequences still causes Him immense feelings. Jesus wept over Jerusalem. God sees nothing as new, surprising, or unexpected. God's purpose is for a greater good, and that greater good is for man to experience agape love which includes knowing His trustworthiness and experiencing submissiveness to His will, design for life, and truth.

God never changes. God is love. Everything God does is loving, merciful, and gracious.

Every man has free choice. We choose life or death. We choose separation from God or we choose life. It is not as though God punishes us when we choose death. We punish ourselves and God lets us have our way.

God has no need in His person to punish by seeking retribution. If He had needs He would be changing. God never responds to anything as if He didn't see it coming.

God has no need to satisfy justice because the consequence of sin is death. Sin delivers its own ugly consequences.

God does justify giving the believer eternal life by changing the believer into a new creation blameless in His sight.

God is not changing Himself to justify giving the believer eternal life.

God is operating from Eternity and can work totally in restoration of all things to Himself. God does not need to use personal pay back, retribution, or punishment of anything to bring restoration.

Jesus revealed God's character in His life, death and resurrection. Jesus died to prove God's love, to show God's refusal to strike back, and to show God's refusal to force salvation upon anyone.

Free choice of man stays viable. God's trustworthiness is worthy of man's consideration. God chooses to save all who believe in His trustworthiness as demonstrated in Christ. All who receive Christ are then chosen for eternal life. Ephesians 1:4

God does discipline His own children to bring about restoration in the present tense of salvation. Hebrews 12:3-11

**God judges but He does not punish in His restorative work. Man punishes, but God's ways are not our ways.**

**Religion has frameworked God as the enforcer and punisher and has distorted the very character of God. For that reason, people run from organized religion and often run from God because of the distorted view of God. Knowing the distorted view first hand, Jesus said, "Will there be any faith on earth when I return?" God says, "Seek Me with all your heart and you will find Me". Free choice of man is still available. People don't exercise free choice and find God through an unholy fear of His punishment. God doesn't punish. People don't repent because of an unholy fear of God. People repent when they find God good and trustworthy. Jesus revealed God as good and trustworthy and not as the enforcer by using punishment. Jesus was not being punished in our place. Salvation is not a legal transactional payment for sin. Salvation is a transformational new birth of a new creation in Christ who is being changed into His image. "Jesus died for our sin" means He died to rescue us from sin.**

**If all you have asked for is a legal transactional exchange of your sins for the righteousness of Christ, you have never understood salvation. You must be born again. Transformation must be part of your desire. Believing in Jesus is to follow Jesus and be transformed.**

**God has immense feelings for people:**

**Genesis 6:6; Matthew 23:37-39**

**Ezekiel 33:11; John 11:35**

**God has no need to restore by using punishment. Ezekiel 18:32; John 3:17**

**Galatians 6:7; 1 Samuel 15 is judgment and not punishment.**

**God invites all to come to Him and be restored:**

**Matthew 11:28; Revelation 22:17; 1 John 2:2**

**You must be born again: John 3:3; 1 Peter 1:3**

**1 Corinthians 5:17**

**God disciplines and judges. God does not punish. Hebrews 12; 1 Corinthians 3:11-15**