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INTRODUCTION:

“*SAY MY NAME, SAY MY NAME*” IS A POPULAR TUNE THAT HAS INFILTRATED OUR POPULATION.

“*SAY MY NAME, SAY MY NAME*”, A SONG THAT DEALS WITH THE ISSUE OF RELATIONSHIP HAS BECOME OUR TOPIC FOR TEXTUAL THOUGHT.

MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THIS SONG, “*SAY MY NAME, SAY MY NAME*” -- WAS WRITTEN BY A GROUP NAMED DESTINY’S CHILD. BUT, I THOUGHT I WOULD TELL SOMEONE THAT IF YOU WANT TO BE GOD’S DESTINY CHILD;

IF YOU WANT TO BE A CHILD OF GOD, IF YOU WANT TO MAKE IT TO YOUR DESTINY CALLED HEAVEN. THIS TEXT IS TAILORED TO TEACH US THAT WHAT YOU MUST DO IS SAY MY NAME, SAY MY NAME.

FOR THE BIBLE SAYS, “*FOR WHOSOEVER SHALL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED*”.

IN FACT, JESUS IS STANDING ON THE BALCONY OF HEAVEN ENCOURAGING THOSE OF US WHO ARE “CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO OPINIONS”, “STUCK LIKE CHUCK”, “STANDING AT THE CROSSROADS OF LIFE” JESUS IS ENCOURAGING US, INVITING US, SPEAKING THROUGH ME, THE PASTOR, TO US THAT ALL YOU GOT TO DO IS SAY MY NAME, SAY MY NAME.

FOR THE BIBLE SAYS, “*FOR WHOSOEVER SHALL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED*”. ANYBODY WANT TO BE SAVED?

HISTORICAL CONTEXT:

THE APOSTLE PAUL SAYS IN VERSE ONE, “*BRETHREN MY HEART’S DESIRE AND PRAYER TO GOD FOR ISRAEL IS THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED*”.

ISRAEL FELT THAT SINCE THEY WERE GOD’S CHOSEN PEOPLE AND NATION, THAT ALONE AUTOMATICALLY EARNED THEM A SPOT IN THE COMING KINGDOM OF GOD.

SO, ISRAEL DEVELOPED AN ATTITUDE THAT SAYS, “*I CAN DO WHAT I WANT TO DO, SERVE WHAT I WANT TO SERVE, AND ACT HOWEVER I WANT TO ACT*” BECAUSE I AM GOD’S CHOSEN NATION.

TO ME, ISRAEL’S BEHAVIOR RESEMBLES THE TITANIC. THE TITANIC, A MASS OF IRON AND 20TH CENTURY SOPHISTICATION, WAS ADVERTISED AS AN UNSINKABLE SHIP. BUT, I AM HERE TO TELL YOU THAT THE UNSINKABLE DID THE UNTHINKABLE.

AND THE APOSTLE PAUL NOTICED THAT THIS DIABOLICAL DILEMMA MESSED UP THE DESTINY OF ISRAEL.

ANY TIME YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE UNSINKABLE – YOU BETTER GET READY FOR THE UNTHINKABLE.

AND SOMEBODY IN THE CHURCH NEEDS TO KNOW THAT YOU MIGHT BE ON *CRUISE CONTROL WITHOUT CHRIST* IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW, – BUT I NEED TO REMIND YOU THAT THE UNSINKABLE DID THE UNTHINKABLE – THE TITANIC SANK.

NOW, ABOARD THIS SHIP WERE PEOPLE FROM ALL POINTS AND PARTS OF SOCIETY – ON BOARD THE SHIP WERE FIRST CLASS, SECOND CLASS, AND THIRD CLASS.

BUT, WHEN THE UNSINKABLE DID THE UNTHINKABLE, – WHEN THE TITANIC SANK, THE ONLY CLASSES THAT REALLY MATTERS WHEN YOUR SHIP IS GOING DOWN IS WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE SAVED OR UNSAVED.

COME ON AND HELP ME PREACH TODAY!

THAT'S WHY I HAVE DOCKED MY DISCOURSE ON THIS DESCRIPTION OF DIVINE DELIVERANCE, BECAUSE SOMEBODY RIGHT NOW IS ON CRUISE CONTROL WITHOUT CHRIST BEING THE CAPTAIN OF YOUR SHIP, – BUT WHEN LIFE POKES A HOLE IN YOUR BAG AND ALL THAT YOU HAD STORED UP BEGINS TO RUN OUT – I NEED TO REMIND YOU THAT:

- ❖ *MONEY CAN NOT BUY YOU OUT,*
- ❖ *CLOTHES CAN NOT DESIGN YOU OUT,*
- ❖ *EDUCATION CAN NOT RATIONALIZE YOU OUT,*
- ❖ *YOUR CAR CAN NOT DRIVE YOU OUT,*
- ❖ *WHAT YOU NEED IS A GOD THAT CAN BRING YOU OUT!*

TRANSITION TO THE TEXT:

THE BOOK OF ROMANS IS CALLED “THE CONSTITUTION OF CHRISTIANITY” AND [ROMANS CHAPTER 10] IS OUR DECLARATION OF DIVINE DEPENDENCE , AND I DON’T KNOW ABOUT YOU – BUT SINCE ALL OF US HAVE BEEN IN SLAVERY – SOME OF US HAVE BEEN SLAVES IN SOCIETY – AND SOME OF US HAVE BEEN SLAVES TO SIN, –

BUT I WONDER IS THERE ANYBODY IN THE HOUSE THAT WANTS TO KNOW THAT SINCE THE BOOK OF ROMANS IS YOUR CONSTITUTION OF CHRISTIANITY, AND [ROMANS CHAPTER 10] IS YOUR DECLARATION OF DIVINE DEPENDENCE – IS THEIR ANYBODY HERE TODAY WHO WANTS THEIR BILL OF RIGHTS.

THE WORD OF GOD SAYS, “WHOSOEVER SHALL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED.”

JESUS IS SAYING ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SAY MY NAME, SAY MY NAME.

**I. THE CONDITION OF SALVATION [VERSES 1 – 2]
REALISTICALLY AND HONESTLY – IN ORDER
FOR ME TO KEEP BIBLICAL INTEGRITY TO
THE SCRIPTURES – YOU REALLY NEED TO
KNOW THAT THERE ARE THREE ROADS THAT
LEAD TO HEAVEN.**

A) OBEY THE LAW (THE TEN COMMANDMENTS)

- **HOWEVER, THE ONLY DRAWBACK TO BEING SAVED BY THE LAW IS THAT IF YOU BREAK THE LAW – THE LAW BREAKS YOU.**
- **IN OTHER WORDS, IF YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE TOTALLY WITHOUT BLEMISH BY THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, IF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS HAVE BEEN YOUR CODE OF CONDUCT EVERYDAY, ALL DAY, FROM YOUR BIRTH TO THE REST OF YOUR DAYS – THEN BY THE LAW – YOU CAN BE SAVED.**
- **NO GOD BEFORE ME: THAT MEANS THAT IF YOU HAVE NEVER ONCE IN YOUR LIFE PUT GOODS AHEAD OF GOD, PUT SILVER AHEAD OF THE SAVIOR, PUT YOUR WILL ABOVE GOD’S WILL.**
- **KEEP THE SABBATH DAY: THAT MEANS THAT EVERY TIME THE CHURCH DOORS HAVE BEEN OPEN – YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THERE – THAT MEANS THAT YOU HAVE NEVER EVER MISSED A SUNDAY REGARDLESS OF THE REASON OR GOOD CONSCIENCE**
- **DON’T STEAL: THAT MEANS MORE THAN TAKING SOMEONE ELSE’S POSSESSIONS; BUT IT REALLY MEANS TAKING WHAT IS NOT RIGHTFULLY YOURS. (PEN, PAPER, POSITION) HUSBANDS AND WIVES;**

- **DON'T KILL: THAT MEANS MORE THAN TAKING A LIFE – BUT HAVE YOU EVER USED YOUR TONGUE “ONE TIME” TO TRY TO DESTROY OR (KILL) SOMEONE’S CHARACTER OR REPUTATION.**
- **I COULD GO ON BUT BY THE VIRTUE OF LOOKING AT EVERYONE’S FACE IN THIS PLACE. STRIKE ONE.**
- **TURN TO YOUR NEIGHBOR AND SAY, STRIKE ONE**

B) DIE BEFORE THE AGE OF ACCOUNTABILITY

- **NOW, IN DEALING WITH THE WORD OF GOD – WE MUST BE BIBLICAL AND NOT DOCTRINAL.**
- **BEING DOCTRINAL IS WHAT MAN SAYS IT OUGHT TO BE.**
- **BEING BIBLICAL IS WHAT GOD SAYS IT OUGHT TO BE.**
- **AND I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU BUT, I'D RATHER DO WHAT GOD SAYS THAN WHAT MAN SAYS.**
- **DON'T CONFUSE THE AGE OF ACCOUNTABILITY WITH THE AGE OF RESPONSIBILITY.**
- **[PSALM 51:5] "SURELY, I WAS SINFUL AT BIRTH, *SINFUL FROM THE TIME MY MOTHER CONCEIVED ME*:**
- **[PSALM 58:3] "*EVEN FROM BIRTH WE ARE WICKED AND GO ASTRAY*"; YOU DON'T HAVE TO TEACH A CHILD TO LIE.**
- **[PROVERBS 20:11] "*EVEN A CHILD UNDERSTANDS WHEN HE IS DOING RIGHT AND WRONG.*"**
- **A SINNER ISN'T A SINNER BECAUSE HE SINS. A SINNER SINS BECAUSE HE IS A SINNER AND HAS THE NATURE OF A SINNER.**

- ***IS THERE AN ACTUAL AGE OF ACCOUNTABILITY?***
NO. "WHERE THE BIBLE IS SILENT, WE SHOULD BE SILENT."
 - **THE AGE OF ACCOUNTABILITY IS MENTAL NOT DEVELOPMENTAL. YES, JESUS WAS 12 WHEN HE WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUES BUT HE HAD THE MIND OF A 40 YEAR OLD BECAUSE THE BIBLE SAID THE HE ASTONISHED THE DOCTORS AND LAWYERS OF THAT DAY.**
 - **AND YOU HAD TO BE AT LEAST 20 YEARS OLD TO BE COUNTED IN THE CENSUS AND HOLD ANY TYPE OF PROFESSIONAL DEGREE.]**
 - **THE AGE OF ACCOUNTABILITY IS MENTAL NOT DEVELOPMENTAL.**
 - **PASTOR, WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT MY CHILDREN? LET ME OFFER THIS TO YOU -- I FOUND OUT THE HUMAN HEART IS LIKE THE CORNS AND CALLUSES ON OUR FEET. THE LONGER YOU LEAVE IT UNTREATED – THE HARDER IT GETS AND THE WORSE YOUR WALKING BECOMES.**
 - **AND THE REASON WHY WE HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE WHO CAN'T WALK RIGHT BEFORE THE LORD IS NOT BECAUSE OF CALLOUSED FEET BUT CALLOUSED HEARTS.**
- C) ACCEPT JESUS AS THE ONLY WAY**
- **SALVATION IS NOT LIKE ORDERING FROM JE'S RESTAURANT**
 - **WHEN WE GO TO JE'S WE CAN ORDER MASHED POTATOES WITHOUT GRAVY.**
 - **WHEN WE GO TO JE'S YOU CAN ORDER A SALAD WITHOUT DRESSING.**

- **BUT WHEN YOU COME TO CHRIST, YOU CAN'T HAVE JESUS AS SAVIOR WITHOUT JESUS AS LORD.**
- **IT WAS THE LATE RAP ARTIST TUPAC SHAKUR THAT SAID, "HEAVEN AIN'T HARD TO FIND!"**
- **JESUS SAID, "I AM THE WAY!" ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SAY MY NAME, SAY MY NAME.**
- **PASTOR, DON'T YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE (3) GATES IN THE EAST,(3)GATES IN THE WEST, (3) GATES IN THE NORTH, (3) GATES IN THE SOUTH, THERE ARE (12) GATES TO THE CITY (ALLELUIA!)**

BUT, THE WAY TO THOSE (12) GATES IS TRAVELING ONE WAY. JESUS SAID, "I AM THE WAY!"

GOD GAVE US THE LAW, THE (10) COMMANDMENTS TO TEACH US HOW TO BEHAVE. GOD SENT JESUS WITH THE GOSPEL MESSAGE TO SHOW US HOW TO BE SAVED.

AND JESUS TELLS US THAT ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS "SAY MY NAME, SAY MY NAME." WHOSOEVER SHALL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED.

I. THERE ARE THREE ROADS THAT LEAD TO HEAVEN.

II. THE CONVERSION TO SALVATION [VERSES 3 – 7]

A. MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, [VERSE 3] TEACHES US THAT WE ARE NOT SAVED BY OUR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS.

- **IN FACT, ANY OTHER RIGHTEOUSNESS OTHER THAN GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS NOT RIGHT.**
- **[VERSE 3] TEACHES US THAT WE ARE NOT SAVED BY BEING GOOD, LIVING GOOD, GIVING GOOD, DOING ALL THE GOOD WE CAN – WE ARE SIMPLY SAVED BECAUSE OF THE GOODNESS OF GOD. AND THE**

GOODNESS OF GOD IS HIS GRACE.

- **THE LAW OF GOD VERSUS THE GRACE OF GOD
DO AND THOU SHALT LIVE AND THOU SHALT
DO, DO IT**
- **IT'S DONE PUTS SUNDAY AT THE END OF THE
WEEK PUTS SUNDAY AT THE BEGINNING THE
WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH BUT THE GIFT OF GOD
IS ETERNAL LIFE THRU JESUS CHRIST**
- **YOU KNOW WHAT GRACE IS? GRACE IS GOD'S
UNMERITED FAVOR.**

**B. LET ME GIVE YOU A 3RD GRADE THEOLOGICAL
DEFINITION OF WHAT GRACE IS?**

- **GRACE IS GOD GIVING YOU A GIFT
BEFORE YOU COULD TELL HIM THANK
YOU!**
- **HE WOKE YOU UP THIS MORNING BEFORE
YOU COULD SAY "THANK YOU"!**
- **HE GAVE YOU STRENGTH TO GET OUT OF
BED BEFORE YOU COULD SAY "THANK
YOU"!**
- **HE ALLOWS YOU TO INHALE O₂ AND
EXHALE CO₂ (A POISONOUS GAS) AND YOU
DIDN'T TELL HIM... THANK YOU !**
- **HE HAS GIVEN SOMEBODY IN THIS PLACE
ANOTHER CHANCE – DID U STOP AND
TELL HIM...THANK YOU**
- **THANK YOU HOLY SPIRIT! WHEN
LONGFELLOW PUTS HIS NAME ON PAPER –
IT IS CALLED POETRY.**
- **WHEN ROCKEFELLER PUTS HIS NAME ON
A CHECK – IT IS CALLED CAPITAL.**

- **WHEN DAVINCI PUTS HIS NAME ON CANVAS – IT IS CALLED ART.**
- **BUT, WHAT DO YOU CALL IT WHEN SOMEONE TAKES A WORTHLESS LIFE, WASHES HIM IN THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB, WRAPS HIM UP AND TIES HIM UP IN THE HOLY SPIRIT AND PUTS HIM ON A MISSION TO WORK FOR THE MASTER – I’LL TELL YOU WHAT YOU CALL IT – GRACE!**

- I. **THERE ARE THREE ROADS THAT LEAD TO HEAVEN.** [VERSE 1-3]
- II. **THE CONVERSION TO SALVATION** [VERSES 3 – 7]
- III. **THE CONFESSION OF SALVATION** [VERSES 8 – 13]
 - A. **CONFESSION** MEANS, “YOU GOT TO DO SOME TALKING.”
 - [VERSE 8] SAYS THAT YOU HAVE TO DO SOME TALKING. MOUTH
 - [VERSE 9] SAYS THAT YOU HAVE TO DO SOME TALKING. MOUTH
 - [VERSE 10] SAYS THAT YOU HAVE TO DO SOME TALKING. MOUTH
 - IN FACT, TO GET INTO HEAVEN YOU BETTER LEARN HOW TO OPEN YOUR MOUTH AND START TALKING TO JESUS.
 - [VERSE 11] -- ATTEST TO SOMETHING, “FOR THE SCRIPTURES SAITH, WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH ON HIM SHALL NOT BE ASHAMED.”
 - [VERSE 12] -- DETEST SOMETHING; “FOR THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE JEW AND THE GREEK FOR THE SAME LORD OVER ALL IS RICH

UNTO ALL THAT CALLS UPON HIM.”

- [VERSE 13] -- CONFESS SOMETHING; “FOR WHOSOEVER SHALL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED.”
- CONFESSIOIN MEANS TO REPENT
- *GOOD EVENING MY CHILDREN AND MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU REAL GOOD.*
- RE-PENT IS A TWO-PART WORD.
- ‘RE’ MEANS DO OVER AGAIN ‘PENT’ IS SHORT FOR PENTHOUSE

MY BROTHERS AND MY SISTERS, WE USED TO BE IN THE PENTHOUSE OF GOD’S PROMISES BUT, BECAUSE SIN SET IN WE FIND OURSELVES ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF GLOOM (AND DESPAIR)

I AM GLAD TO TELL YOU THAT GOD IS IN THE RE- BUSINESS. BECAUSE ALL YOU HAVE TO DO TO GET BACK TO THE PENTHOUSE IS RE-PENT.

HE WILL:

- RESTORE
- REPROVE
- RETURN
- RE-ESTABLISH
- RENEW
- REDO
- REVIVE

BUT YOU GOT TO DO SOMETHING FIRST – YOU MUST RESPOND.

JESUS SAYS, ALL YOU GOT TO DO IS SAY MY NAME, “SAY MY NAME.” “FOR WHOSOEVER SHALL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED.”

IS THERE ANYBODY HERE THAT CAN CALL ON HIS NAME?

JESUS THE ONE WHO:

- **PAINTED THE SKY BLUE AND THEN ETCH THE CLOUDS WITH HIS FINGERNAILS.**
- **SCOOPED OUT THE RED SEA AND LET ISRAEL WALK OUT ON DRY LAND.**
- **LET DANIEL USE HUNGRY LIONS FOR HIS PILLOW.**
- **LET JONAH REST ON A WHALE’S TONGUE.**
- **TOOK A BLACK COW LET HIM EAT GREEN GRASS SO HE CAN EXPEL WHITE MILK SO WE CAN HAVE YELLOW BUTTER.**

MADE SALT TANGY, PEPPER HOT, PEACHES SWEET, AND LEMONS SOUR

IF DOGS CAN ‘BOW-WOW’ GOD AND CATS CAN ‘MEOW’ GOD!

IF OWLS CAN ‘OOO’ GOD AND COWS CAN ‘MOO’ GOD!

I BELIEVE THAT THERE OUGHT TO BE SOMEBODY HERE THAT CAN PRAISE GOD!

- **IS THERE ANYBODY HERE THAT CAN CALL ON HIS NAME? WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN YOU SAY HIS NAME ?**

CONCLUSION

MY COMPUTER BEGAN TO PREACH TO ME ABOUT HOW TO CLOSE THIS MESSAGE. I TYPED THIS MESSAGE IN MICROSOFT WORD 2000 AND WHEN I PRESSED THE SAVE

BUTTON – THE MESSAGE ON THE SCREEN SAID “WORD IS SAVING:

“ SAY MY NAME, SAY MY NAME”. SAYING HIS NAME WILL SAVE YOU....