

John 10:10 A Positive Salvation

I. Introduction

- A. Christ's salv takes away/subtracts/leaves us with less – Good cos He takes away bad things; damages/destroys us: sin, guilt, etc
- A 1. Not only neg/takes away but also adds - acceptance, pardon, joy, peace, and many other graces. It gives life "abundant life."
N 2. "I don't need life, abundant or otherwise. I'm perfectly happy with my life." I could disprove claim, won't last, death
P 3. I'll focus on "A Positive Salvation" - Christian life is the abundant life and hope to persuade you that you need it, seek it
- W B. Why did Jesus come to earth?
- A 1. Answers: "To teach people...to help people...to make people better...to feed the hungry...to deliver the poor...to spoil fun..."
H 2. His answer. "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."
D 3. Lots of people in this world and they really exist to drain life from you." They are life-suckers, even life-killers religious/fleece)

II. He Gives Abundant Spiritual Life

- D A. Dead in trespasses/sins: our is dead, lifeless. Not just weak/dead. Not just sick/dead. Not just drowning/drowned.
F 1. Not floating in the water waiting for somebody to throw a lifebelt; it's face down, water-filled lungs, cold lifeless heart.
L 2. Doesn't need a lifebelt. It needs a lifeguard and mouth-to-mouth, or spirit-to-spirit resuscitation. Jesus is lifeguard/belt
W 3. Wait, floating face-down for our life-guard? No, w our physical life, our bodily life, we can ask for/seek spiritual life.
- K B. Jesus did not come just to make sure we knew we were dead in sins. "I am come that they might have life." Starting/end point
D 1. DNC to make us deader, to sink us deeper, to kick our corpses, but to get us out of death, raise us higher, put life in our corpses.
R 2. DNC as the reluctant, hesitant life-giver. My whole purpose, ultimate aim, my life's work is life.
- L C. Spiritual life is simply that – life...and liveliness in spiritual things. *relationship, communion.*
S 1. Spiritual activity: repenting from sin, believing, trusting, loving Christ, choosing the right way for right reasons and ends.
D 2. A dimension of living that we previously knew nothing about. Know about physical life before you were born?
C 3. Spiritual life can only be given by Christ. Without His kiss of spiritual life, we will never repent, believe, love God, worship

III. He Gives Abundant Intellectual Life

- P A. Many think that when you become a Christian you park your brain at the door/lose your mind, intellectual suicide – Educators, etc
L 1. Ligonier motto - Christian faith is so intellectually satisfying and even thrilling – Whole new intellectual life
- S B. New subjects to learn about – God, the human heart, salvation, atonement, 3 persons, ST, BT, PT, CH, - More than greatest mind
M C. New mind: a new way of thinking, mental energy, ability to think, reason, ask questions and find answers. Enlightening
G D. New glasses to view and read other subjects. Mind soaked in God's Word, the Christian also wants to study God's World.
1. God's world in a completely new light. She reads books and listens to lessons with a new filter, a new clarity, a new perception
2. Subjects look so different - We see what we never saw before, we see from new angles, we see with new insight.
- C E. New challenges. Prior to conversion we made decisions based upon self-interest and short-term gain. But now we have to search the Scriptures, prayerfully seek God's help in applying it to our lives.
- F F. New framework that holds it all together (worldview): Knew lots but didn't hold together > a grid, a structure, rels btw ev/God

IV. He Gives Abundant Emotional Life

- P A. Christians: "Poor people, they don't know how to enjoy themselves." Shriveled humanity who have live lives of gloom and doom.
P 1. Christ came to give abundant emotional life. He came to purify, deepen, heighten, add to our emotions (sad and unpleasant too)
- J B. Joy of being a Christian: loved with an everlasting love; love divine, all loves excelling; forgiveness; adoption; hearing God
P C. Peace. Cleansed conscience, in the midst of trouble, facing death and judgment, false acc, financial loss
C D. Confidence. Lack of confidence hampers life – Assurance gives boldness in prayer, in preaching, in witnessing, to fight Satan.
H E. Hope. Live w/o? Future will be better than the past...sun will rise...life after death and that I have title to that life,

V. He Gives Abundant Social Life

- D A. Divine friendship. Abraham/ev Christian friend of God. Mutual naming – 3 infinite inexhaustible persons to know (new discovery)
D B. Deep friendship: deep spiritual friendships based on deepest truths and shared experiences – Friend who asks q's about deeps
W C. Wide friendship: Across the ages, genders, races, nations, languages, cultures (counter-everything)
L D. Long friendships:
L 1. Lifelong but like all friendships in this world, they can be ended by death, by distance, or even by the devil
E 2. Christian friendships however will continue into eternity, be revived in eternity, repaired in eternity. Contrast that with hell
V 3. Life-giving friendship v life-taking friendship" – Not just Pharisees but anyone that gets between you and life in Christ.

VI. He Gives Abundant Physical Life

- G A. Generally Christians live healthier and longer lives (Exodus 20:12; Prov. 3:7,8) but main focus is on res life
T B. Teenagers set the bar too low – We will be Olympian.

VII. He Gives Abundant Eternal Life

- Q A. Not primarily about length of time but quality of time. Focus not on "eternal" or "never ends" but "life", abundant life
E B. It means ever increasing, ever renewing, every improving spiritual life, intellectual life, etc.
N C. Life begun here is not brought to a climax when we die, it will feel as if we've never really lived at all (bump/bounce illus)
E D. We see life depart, they experience life just beginning. "He's dead." "I've come to life." Immediate, immense, immeasurable life.

VIII. He Gives Abundant Life

- S A. See how abundant this life is? Can you see how positive this salvation is? This is not just surviving. This is thriving.
P B. Price: His life/death (11, 15, 17). Our abundant life was bought by his abundant death. Abandoned his life > have abundant life.
R C. Your response? "You will not come to me that you might have life" (John 5:40). Today, judgment, eternity?
E D. This is not an excuse you can lean on, it's heaping full resp upon you. Not a sharing of the blame, piling all blame on you (dispute)
C E. I am come that you might have life and that you might have it more abundantly. You will not come to me that you might have life.
C F. Come to Him for a positive salvation. Come to Him for life. Come to Him for abundant life. More than deserve/imagine/promise