

The Ultimate RESCUE

1. The Clarification - from our SIN? Or from our situation?

Defined - to free or deliver from confinement, danger, or difficulty:

Law. to liberate or take by forcible means from lawful custody.

Shelter or sanctuary given to intervene from impending doom.

SpcA "animal rescue"

Humanitarian crisis organizations like Samaritans purse, Salvation army provide disaster relief

Lyrics Lauren Dagle -

You are not hidden There's never been a moment

You were forgotten You are not hopeless

Though you have been broken Your innocence stolen

I hear you whisper underneath your breath

I hear your SOS, your SOS

I will send out an army to find you In the middle of the darkest night

It's true, I will rescue you There is no distance

That cannot be covered Over and over

You're not defenseless I'll be your shelter

I'll be your armor I hear you whisper underneath your breath

I hear your SOS, your SOS

PSALM 68:5-6

A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing;

ISAIAH 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor

and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

Matt 25 - "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

MARK 2:17

Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Clarifying the Debate of Eternal Security –

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| 1. once saved always saved | Baptist |
| 2. backsliding | Assembly of God, Salvation Army |

“Works” for salvation / “conditions” for grace

Some live “eternally insecure”

Did you? Can you? Play a part in your salvation

Do you / can you play a part in your relationship with God?

2. The Confusion –

LIE - You need RESCUING from THE Rescuer

The snake said in the garden... (I will rescue you from outside control)

Why Someone would try to **manipulate** healthy boundaries:

- a. they get credit for rescuing you
- b. they enable you to not change bad behavior
- c. they relieve (appease) their own insecurities

example – I know you gossip, rebel against authority and cause division,

but ill give you a shoulder to cry on and take up for you. (why)

ENABLING (confuses the truth) – to give permission, means, or cause something to happen.

misguided support, facilitate self-destructive behavior

Does God always take away consequences?

Whats most important:

1. taking you out of desperation or turning your desperation to God?
2. giving you a blessing of abundance of provision or giving you wisdom?

Is there a time we should and a time we should NOT rescue people?

The Bible teaches:

1. Healthy “sowing / reaping” (natural consequences)
2. Conditional Blessings - Not the same as God’s love & Salvation

(If you will...then I will...) “the wages of sin”, you earned it!

- Recently removed a resident from THP...”that’s not very Christian!”

2 Thessalonians 3:10-15

For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good. If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed. ...

Galatians 6:5

For each will have to bear his own load.

Ephesians 5:11

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

2 John 1:11

For whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.

Prov 26:4 - Don't answer the foolish arguments of fools, or you will become as foolish as they are.

Prov 1 –

Out in the open wisdom calls aloud, she raises her voice in the public square;
²¹ on top of the wall^[d] she cries out, at the city gate she makes her speech:

²² “How long will you who are simple love your simple ways?

How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge?

²³ Repent at my rebuke! Then I will pour out my thoughts to you,

I will make known to you my teachings.²⁴ But since you refuse to listen when I call and no one pays attention when I stretch out my hand,

²⁵ since you disregard all my advice and do not accept my rebuke,

²⁶ I in turn will laugh when disaster strikes you; I will mock when calamity overtakes you—²⁷ when calamity overtakes you like a storm,

when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind, when distress and trouble overwhelm you.²⁸ “Then they will call to me but I will not answer;

they will look for me but will not find me,²⁹ since they hated knowledge

and did not choose to fear the Lord.³⁰ Since they would not accept my advice and spurned my rebuke,³¹ they will eat the fruit of their ways and be filled with the fruit of their schemes.³² For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them;³³ but whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm.”