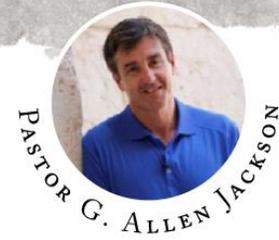


Through the Cross

Deliverance and Freedom

Intend



I. Jesus, Our Lord

A. Death and Life — two aspects of the cross

Romans 4:25 (NIV[®])

²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

B. Power for Freedom

1 Corinthians 1:18 (NIV[®])

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but **to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

C. Jesus' Intent for the Church

Matthew 16:18-19 (The Message)

I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out. [19] "And that's not all. **YOU WILL HAVE COMPLETE AND FREE ACCESS TO GOD'S KINGDOM**, keys to open any and every door: no more barriers between heaven and earth, earth and heaven.

II. Learning to Trust

John 2:11 (NIV[®])

¹¹ This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

A. Trust is learned

- Do not be critical of those who struggle to believe, encourage them.
- Do not mock those with faith beyond yours, grow.

B. Seen & Unseen

Hebrews 11:3 (NIV[®])

³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

John 1:50-51 (NIV[®])

⁵⁰ Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." ⁵¹ He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

(authority over wind and waves)

Luke 8:24-25 (NIV®)

²⁴ The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" **He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters;** the storm subsided, and all was calm. ²⁵ "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

Luke 4:31-41 (NASB®)

³¹ And He came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and He was teaching them on the Sabbath; ³² and **they were amazed at His teaching, for His message was with authority.**

(authority over demons)

³³ In the synagogue there was a man possessed by the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, . . . ³⁵ **But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!"** And when the demon had thrown him down in the midst of *the people*, he came out of him without doing him any harm.

(authority over disease)

³⁸ Then He got up and *left* the synagogue, and entered Simon's home. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Him to help her. ³⁹ And standing over her, **He rebuked the fever, and it left her;** and she immediately got up and waited on them.

III. To be Saved?

Greek – “sozo” = made well, cured, delivered, healed

Romans 10:9 (NIV®)

⁹ That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

A. Into the Kingdom

Acts 2:46-47 (NIV®)

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, [47] praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily **those who were being saved.**

B. Physical Healing

Matthew 9:22 (NASB®)

But Jesus turning and seeing her said, "Daughter, take courage; your faith has made you well." And at once the woman was **made well.**

C. Deliverance from Demonic Oppression

Luke 8:36 (NASB®)

And those who had seen it reported to them how the man who was demon-possessed had been **made well.**

D. Physical Restoration (Jairus daughter)

Luke 8:50 (NASB[®])

But when Jesus heard this, He answered him, "Do not be afraid any longer; only believe, and she shall be **made well**."

John 5:4 (NASB[®])

for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was **made well** from whatever disease with which he was afflicted.

Acts 4:9 (NASB[®])

if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been **made well**,

IV. Delivered from this Present Evil Age

A. We are from another age—

Galatians 1:4 (NIV[®])

⁴ who gave himself for our sins **to rescue us from the present evil age**, according to the will of our God and Father.

PRAYER

Almighty God I rejoice today in Your extravagant provision for my life. I believe Jesus of Nazareth is Your son. I believe He was born of the virgin Mary, that He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. I believe You raised Him from the dead. I choose Jesus as Lord of my life today. Forgive my sin, I forgive those who have sinned against me. I want to live for Jesus glory and honor. I rejoice in the hope of my salvation. Amen.

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