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EXPOSITION ON SALVATION IN CHRIST

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Whoever: This is referring to a person whose identity is not known.

Believes: To admit that a story is true.

Him: This is masculine pronoun referring to Jesus Christ.

Eestablish: That is, to begin communication with a person which will last for long time.

Relationship: This means the manner in which two parties feel and react towards each other.

God: He is Supreme, the maker and controller of the universe, perfect in knowledge, power and wisdom.

B. Historical Background

Jesus educated Nicodemus to understand the reason why man should believe in Him.

Transition: Let us examin the word of God and know how we can apply the word.

Main and Sub points

A. The attribute of God. v16 # For God so loved the world

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Fatherly love had been a bond between God and man right from the onset of creation. He is love, made the world and everything in it out of love. He demonstrated His love towards mankind by creating him in His own image. He made man as caretaker of the world. He is filled with Agape love. Agape in Greek is the highest form of love. Agape love is eternal, sacrificial and unconditional.

Life application: Christians should love one another and teach others to love themselves.

B. Demonstration of divine love. v16# That He gave His only begotten Son

Through Agape love, God sent His only Son into the world to atone for the sins of humanity. Agape love is perfect love but the only begotten Son is referring to Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ delivered man from the bondage of sin through crucifixion. He saved us from the condemnation of the Old Testament laws and assured us of everlasting salvation.

Life application: We must learn to dedicate our lives to the ministry of God.

C. How to receive salvation. v16 # So that whoever believes in Him

Everyone can receive salvation if we place our confidence in Christ Jesus. Salvation is not base on tribalism and God is not partial when it comes to granting salvation to man. Wether we are poor or rich we can obtain salvation in Christ if only we believe in Him. No one was born as a Christian and being born into Christian family does not grantee our salvation.

Life application: We should believe in the Lord Jesus Christ with our whole hearts.

D. Significance of relying on the only begotten Son of God. v161. Shall not perish

God will be merciful to those who put their confidence in Jesus Christ so Christians should not fear about the judgement of God. In the Gospels the word "perish" indicates "physical death" or "destruction". In John 3:16 "perish" is referring to destruction that God would save Christians and not physical death. Perish means everlasting destruction of being condemned of sin and rebellion. This is a promise to those who believe in Jesus Christ.

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Life application: We must live by the word of God.

2.But have everlasting life

The Bible promises those who follow Jesus Christ that they will have everlasting life in the world to come. In Greek "everlasting life" means "perpetual", "eternal" and "forever". The word "perpetual" well explain "everlasting life". This life started on earth and progresses into eternity. That means, the life of man is not limited to physical but our life is spiritual. When the physical life ends, the spiritual continues into eternity. We obtain everlasting life when we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord and savior. The rebirth take place in our hearts when we accept Him as our personal savior and Lord.

Life application: We ought to place our conference in Jesus Christ as Lord and savior.

Conclusion: Brethren, it is time for us to rise up and teach people to know and understand the need to believe in the only begotten Son of God so that we can establish relationship with God.

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