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1. Call to worship: **Psalm 28:1-9** (pg. 583)
2. Opening Prayer
3. Hymn **271**, "Standing On the Promises"
4. Hymn **435**, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
5. Hymn **462**, "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
6. Traditional Hymn: "Quyaciu Angayuqaq"
7. Announcements:
  - a. Services This Week ~
    - i. Today's Services Worship:
      1. Morning (11:00am)
      2. Children's Church (2:45pm)
      3. Evening (7:00pm)
    - ii. Elder Visitations (Tuesdays & Thursdays)
      1. Nathan Kaganak, Tuesday 11:00 a.m.
      2. Bertha Wilson, Thursday 1:30 p.m.
    - iii. Greetings from Pastor Ken Silva
      1. Connecticut River Baptist Church in New Hampshire
8. Congregational Prayer
  - a. Please keep these things in prayer this week:
    - i. World Missions
    - ii. Our Troops on deployment
    - iii. Safety for those traveling
    - iv. Young people undergoing treatment
    - v. Pastor Grant Funk's son, Caleb (in Iraq)
9. Offertory: Hymn **47**, "God Will Take Care of You"
10. Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A--men.

11. Message: **Matthew 5:6-9** [pg. 934]  
"TRUE SURRENDER, PT 2"

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In this Living Sacrifice series, we continue to look at the Sermon on the Mount. As Christian believers we have an exhortation from the Word of God, **Romans 12:1**,

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

We've already looked at the whole Sermon on the Mount... (1/7/07)

And although it doesn't say right out that it is about the Cross of Jesus Christ, it is!

We have been discovering that the only way to understand the Sermon on the Mount is to see it through the atoning work of Christ upon the Cross.

What does the atoning work of the Cross do?  
What are we saved from?

### The **Penalty** of Sin

*For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Romans 6:23***

### The **Partition** of Sin

*But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear. **Isaiah 59:2***

### The **Power** of Sin

*For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. **1 John 5:4***

When the Lord appears, we will be saved from:

### The **Propensity** to Sin

*Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see him as he is. **1 John 3:2***

*Who shall **change our vile body**, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself. **Philippians 3:21***

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The first 7 blessings actually express the seven-fold work of the Holy Spirit in the salvation of the soul.

In salvation two things are going on at the same time...

REPENTANCE & RECEIVING THE GOSPEL  
TURNING FROM SIN & TURNING TO THE SAVIOR

Two weeks ago (1/14/07) we saw the Holy Spirit's **miraculous work** in reproofing the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment,

to bring about TRUE REPENTANCE to the sinful soul, especially, as it is revealed in the SoM in **Matthew 5:3-5**

And TRUE REPENTANCE does not come from me convincing you that you are a sinner. It comes from the preaching of the CROSS

When the Cross is preached, the Holy Spirit awakens in the dead soul the truth of CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS & **HIS SACRIFICE**

And we saw over the last two weeks that we cannot merely REPENT from sin to be saved. WE MUST ALSO turn to Christ. Trust Him, surrender to Him.

This is also the **miraculous work** of the HOLY SPIRIT. Last week, we began to look at 4 KEY ELEMENTS to truly surrendering to Christ:

PASSION, COMPASSION, VISION, MISSION

The Bible says,

*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17*

When the soul is being saved by God in TRUE SURRENDER to Christ by the transforming work of the Holy Spirit, these 4 things will take place.

### **MATTHEW 5:6**

**PASSION** (key element #1 to True Surrender)

There will be a stirring in that soul to desire Christ and His righteousness more than filling & quenching natural needs of the flesh.

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The Holy Spirit will place within us a supernatural desire to want to be like Jesus, to walk in His righteousness.

### **MATTHEW 5:7**

**COMPASSION** (key element #2 to True Surrender)

When the Holy Spirit reveals the reality of God's forgiveness of sin, TRUE SURRENDER to Jesus Christ will result in the same kind of merciful compassion that God demonstrated toward us when He sent His one and only Son to the Cross of Calvary.

The Holy Spirit will place within us a supernatural desire to forgive others as God forgave us, to exhibit God's mercy...

We looked these 1<sup>st</sup> two elements in detail last week in **PT.1** of the message entitled, TRUE SURRENDER.

Today, we will conclude this message, TRUE SURRENDER, with the last two elements of the Holy Spirit's **miraculous work** in transforming the DEAD SINNER to SAVED BELIEVER.

### **MATTHEW 5:8**

Pure GK. *katharoi*, which means "pure" or "clean"

*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10 [pg. 595] nkjv "steadfast spirit"*

לב טהור ברא לי אלהים ורוח נכון חדש בקרבי

"God, create from nothing a pure heart for me... and a new correct spirit in the center of me."

If you can recall our TRUE REPENTANCE message, God does not repair a damaged heart, He replaces it.

*A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. Ezekiel 36:26 [pg. 847]*

This means salvation.

This is walking in the truth of the forgiveness that the Cross

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of Jesus Christ brings.

*Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. Titus 1:15 [pg. 1169]*

**As A SIDENOTE:** There might be some preachers, or Christian counselors, that might tell you that you have to "forgive yourself" To suggest that, suggests that you're power to forgive sins is greater than God's through the Cross.

That's some kind of psychological BALONEY!

If you've committed a sin, then ask God's forgiveness— DON'T SEEK IT WITHIN YOURSELF.

**VISION** (key element #3 to True Surrender)

When the Holy Spirit reveals the reality of God's forgiveness of sin, TRUE SURRENDER to Jesus Christ will result in the kind of VISION that God has for the surrendered soul, seeing all things through the grace of God because of the Cross of Jesus Christ.

*Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isaiah 1:18 [pg. 683]*

Notice, that the Cross (scarlet sins turned white as snow & crimson sins becoming white as wool) is the only way that one can come together with God to reason with Him.

Anyone who tells you to try to reason with God without coming to Him through the Cross of Jesus Christ, will be unable to do so.

*But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Corinthians 2:14 [pg. 1116]*

The "natural man" (the unsaved; dead, impure hearted soul) cannot understand the Word of God, the Bible. Therefore, **Seeing God means**

Walking by faith not by sight; in other words...

Walking according to the TRUTH of God's revelation.

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*Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. Proverbs 29:18 [pg.667]*

*Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but happy is he who keeps the law. (NKJV)*

Vision/Revelation = Hebrew **חזון**, meaning,

What God reveals, unveils, uncovers, discloses about Himself

General revelation: God revealed in nature

Special revelation: God revealed in Scripture

We know that the VISION/REVELATION spoken of here is SPEC REV, "but he that keepeth the law, happy is he."

The Truly Surrendered soul sustains a VISION of God by staying founded and grounded in the TRUTH of God's Word, the Bible.

In the Word, a precious View of the Cross is maintained, and a deeper love for God grows and the result is a life of purity, unsoiled by the evil in the world:

*Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth. John 17:17*

*Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: 1 Timothy 1:5*

In our verse in **Prov 29:18**, we have the result of a lack of VISION: "the people perish" or "cast off restraint"

Hebrew **פרע** from root **פרע**, meaning "to be unrestrained" or "act as [your own] leader" or "to loosen"

In other words, being unbridled, doing whatever they want because they are not surrendered to the REVELATION of God in His Word.

"The Bible will keep you from sin: or sin will keep you from the Bible"

Stay in your Bibles! Read the Word!

[Jesus said]"...blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it" **Luke 11:28**

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Jesus said all Scripture was about Him **John 5:39**

**Psalm 138:2** says that God has magnified His Word above His name.

Men like Tyndale, Wycliff, and others literally gave their lives so that each believer could have a Bible.

If we have not fallen in love with the reading of Scripture, perhaps we ought to examine whether or not we have truly REPENTED and SURRENDERED to Christ.

In fact, examine how much television you watch in one week and compare that with how much you read your Bible.

If you read other Christian material more than you do your Bible, something's wrong.

If you've truly REPENTED from sin & SURRENDERED to Jesus Christ, then read the Bible and you'll be surprised at how much you'll understand that you never understood before.

I'm going to give you **2 AWESOME REASONS** to read your Bibles...

(begin w/ **v.18**)

**19** *And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:*

**20** *That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel. Deuteronomy 17:19-20 [pg.214]*

In Christ, we have been made kings & priests in His kingdom:

**5** *And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,*

**6** *And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Revelation 1:5-6 [pg. 1200]*

SECOND IMPORTANT REASON:

(begin w/ **v.10**)

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**11** *These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Acts 17:11 [pg. 1084]*

It says that we need to be watchful, especially in the last days

**1** *Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;*

**2** *Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 1 Timothy 4:1-2 [pg. 1163]*

Don't just take my word for it. You need to be in the Word of God to make sure even what I'm saying is truth! Be as the Bereans!

If someone is an unbeliever, the Bible won't make any sense to them:

*But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1*

**Corinthians 2:14**

This is why God has ordained preaching of the gospel as the means in which the Holy Spirit works upon the souls of the unbelieving...

the Holy Spirit that resides within the believer also comes upon the believer to empower him to be a witness unto Jesus Christ.

### **MATTHEW 5:9**

*Peacemakers = "those who abide in peace"*

Jesus is our Peace...

### **Ephesians 2:14-16**

**14** *For He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;*

**15** *Having abolished in His flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in Himself of twain one new man, so making peace;*

**16** *And that He might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:*

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**MISSION** (key element #4 to True Surrender)

There will be a stirring in that soul to desire to tell others of the wonderful work of God, the Cross of Jesus Christ; to bring unto others the gospel of peace.

The Holy Spirit will place within us a supernatural desire to want to witness for Jesus, to talk of His righteousness.

**18** *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.*

**19** *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

**20** *Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. **Matt 28:18-20***

Certainly, this is a commandment; however, when you're in love with someone, you'll want to do what they say.

*If ye love Me, keep My commandments. **John 14:15***

**NOTE:** the COMPASSION of TRUE SURRENDER is NOT a tolerance for sin. Because of TRUE REPENTANCE, we hate sin within ourselves, and we also hate the damage sin brings to the lives of others. Therefore, we want to bring to them the GOOD NEWS!

*But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for He is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. **Luke 6:35***

**12** *But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name:*

**13** *Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. **John 1:12-13***

When this mission is taking place, you will know true peace in your lives... YOU ARE SAVED!

*And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace. **James 3:18***

**SUMMARY**

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**PASSION** The Holy Spirit will place within us a supernatural desire to want to be like Jesus, to walk in His righteousness.

**COMPASSION** The Holy Spirit will place within us a supernatural desire to forgive like Jesus, to exhibit God's mercy.

**VISION** The Holy Spirit will place within us a supernatural desire to learn of Jesus, to read of His truth.

**MISSION** The Holy Spirit will place within us a supernatural desire to witness for Jesus, to talk of His righteousness at the Cross of Calvary.

That's the work of the Holy Spirit in converting the soul in TRUE SURRENDER to Jesus in conjunction with TRUE REPENTANCE.

That's the gospel of salvation folks.

There are NO STEPS!

Just the work of the Holy Spirit by the preaching of the Cross!

We are JUSTIFIED by faith.

12. Closing Prayer
13. Closing Hymn
14. Benediction