

**Joel 2:30–32**  
*Jesus Is Yahweh, Who Saves*



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**Main idea:** The cross and resurrection were testimony that Jesus is the Yahweh upon Whom we must call to be saved, and that the age has come in which He is heard in His church, and people from all nations and walks of life call upon His Name and are surely saved.

<sup>28</sup> “And it shall come to pass afterward  
That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;  
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
Your old men shall dream dreams,  
Your young men shall see visions.

<sup>29</sup> And also on My menservants and on My  
maidservants  
I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

<sup>30</sup> “And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the  
earth:  
Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.

<sup>31</sup> The sun shall be turned into darkness,  
And the moon into blood,  
Before the coming of the great and awesome day of  
the LORD.

<sup>32</sup> And it shall come to pass  
That whoever calls on the name of the LORD  
Shall be saved.  
For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be  
deliverance,  
As the LORD has said,  
Among the remnant whom the LORD calls.

**Introduction:** Recap of 28–29: a pouring out of God’s Spirit that ushers in an age where Gentile slave girls will more fully and richly receive, understand, and proclaim the Word of God than did the prophets of old. But what is the message? What is the basic belief of the saved heart and the basic confession of saved lips? And where does this prophesying and calling upon the Name of the LORD occur? And by whom?

**1. Jesus is Yahweh Who saves, v30–32c**

- a. Wonders in the heavens and the earth (v30–31): visitation by the God of Genesis 15, the God of the bush, the God of the plagues, the God of the Exodus, the God of Sinai, the God of the tabernacle, the God of the temple. (cf. Mt 27:45–54, 28:2). Even Gentiles see the connection between wonders in creation and the death of the Creator!
- b. Joel had put the people in expectation of such signs, and for three years but especially the previous seven weeks, they had wondered about them. Acts 2:15–22, 37–39. Romans 1:4, 10:9–14. Acts 4:10–12. The basic belief and confession of Christians is that Jesus is Yahweh, Who was declared to be such with power by His resurrection from the dead.
- c. Much of our salvation is yet to come, but it continues to come by calling upon His Name. Have you called upon Jesus as Yahweh Who saves? The answer to that question can be found in whether you continue to call upon Jesus as Yahweh Who saves.

**2. Calling upon Him for salvation occurs primarily/ordinarily in the church, v32d–e.**

- a. Yahweh is the One Who appoints how salvation comes, according to His Word (v32e)
- b. And He has appointed especially the gathered church for this (Mt. Zion, cf. Heb 6:4–9, 10:25–29, 12:22–25). The calling upon the Name of the LORD occurs especially in the gathered church with the preaching Christ and the powers of the Spirit at work and on display.
- c. If you desire the salvation of another, tell them of Christ—but especially bring them to where you will admonish them with song, proclaim the Lord’s death, sit together under His preaching, and the secrets of their hearts will be exposed. If you desire the salvation of yourself, keep bringing yourself!

**3. Calling upon Him for salvation is done by that remnant whom Yahweh calls, v32f**

- a. Remnant. A specific group that is set aside from the whole in order to remain, or be left over. Were it not for Yahweh’s mercy, there would be no remnant, and all would perish in their sins.
- b. Whom Yahweh calls. The remnant is determined by His selection, because its preservation is accomplished by His power.
- c. It is plain that not all in the church are part of this remnant, so take heed that the light be not darkness in you!

**Conclusion:** The cross and resurrection were testimony that Jesus is the Yahweh upon Whom we must call to be saved, and that the age has come in which He is heard in His church, and people from all nations and walks of life call upon His Name and are surely saved.

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And come now to worship God in the hearing of his word preached for which we turn in our copies of that word to Joel chapter 2. Joel chapter 2. The sermon will be from verses 30 through 32, but we will read beginning in verse 28 before we do so let us ask for his help.

Our Father in heaven. How we thank you that you have given your son in the fullness of time. And that you have poured out your spirit. And we ask for the help of your spirit now.

Because. As we consider hearing Christ. In his worship, which. He leads from glory. We tremble to think that your word warns us about those. Who attend such worship. And yet the hearing is not mixed with faith. Or we go astray in our hearts or. We refuse him who speaks from heaven.

Crucifying again, the Son of God to ourselves are trampling the Son of God underfoot. What dreadful? Danger there is in the great privilege. That you have set before us and yet what wonderful? And sure salvation there is. When you Lord by your spirit call us. And when you give us light and make us hear and recognize your words, so that.

Our hearts and our mouths are full of your word. So grant that that would be what happens now. By your Almighty power. And your merciful grace. For which we ask in Jesus' name. Amen. Let us rise as we hear the word of God read.

Joel 2 beginning in verse 28, these are the words of God. And it shall come to pass afterward. That I will pour out my spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters so prophesy. Your old men shall dream dreams your young men shall see visions and also on my men's servants and on my maid servants.

I will pour out my spirit in those days. And I will show wonders. In the heavens and in the earth. Blood. And fire. And pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness. And the moon into blood. Before the coming of the great and awesome day of Yahweh.

And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of Yahweh. Shall be saved.

In Mount Zion and in Jerusalem. There shall be deliverance. As Yahweh has said. Among the remnant. Whom Yahweh calls. So far the reading of God's inspired and inherent word let us hear it as authoritative and sufficient as the word of our God, please be seated.

We got up through verse 29 last week and it shall come to pass afterward. I will pour out my spirit on all flesh your sons and your daughters shall prophesy your old men shall dream dreams your young men shall see visions and also on men's servants and made servants.

I will pour out my spirit in those days and remember that this was the passage with which Peter began at Pentecost when it was just nine in the morning and tongues of. Had come down and then the apostles started speaking and they started proclaiming the good news of the kingdom in languages that they did not know but languages that those who were gathered from all of the Roman.

At the time languages that they knew and some is always uncomfortable when something strange is happening even more uncomfortable when the gospel is being preached because it is a gospel that is for sinners and so some as uncomfortable people often do start leveling accusations rather than then dealing with what they are hearing and experiencing and they call them drunk and Peter announces are these men are not drunk this is what the prophet Joel prophesied.

And he says this is pouring day, this is the pouring out of God's spirit and the time has come when the word of God will not be scarce you will not in order to find out the mysteries of God, you will not have to find a prophet or have God send to you a prophet with him as the Lord says in his word he shares his mysteries, but sons and daughters well, we'll know the word of God and, Your sons and daughters will prophesy your old men children dreams your young men, she'll see visions also on men's servants and made servants of the opening of the floodgates of the knowledge of the word of God which would come not by a stream of new prophets but by God's last great prophet as the book of Hebrews open saying that God had spoken and former days to the fathers and many times and many ways but in these last days, He has spoken to us by his son that anticipated time when the word of God would be known ultimately as the words of Jesus Christ and Jesus would finish the giving of those words as he promised would happen by the spirit's ministry through the apostles in in John chapter 16, so that yeah a gentile slave girl one of these all flesh people one of these daughter people one of these made servant people and, Yet having a completed Bible in her lap and the Holy Spirit convincing her that these are the words of God she can attend public worship where she will have Jesus address her from heaven in the preaching of the word and she will know her shepherd by his

voice but not only that she will have his words and relapse as the congregation begins to sing and she's admonishing even elders and, In the singing of God's praise with the psalms and hymns and spiritual songs and the Lord uses her words that she is singing to fill others in the church with his own spirit and make the words of Christ to dwell richly in the others and the church and then she'll gather at the table with the with the church and eat the bread and drink the cup and and proclaim the Lord's death until he comes and she'll listen attentively as Ephesians 4.

Hides to the. Teaching of those shepherd teachers that the Lord Jesus has given as resurrection and ascension gifts apostles and prophets and evangelists and then shepherd teachers why say so that that Gentile slave girl will not be tossed to and fro but will have the word of God faithfully taught and she will have her doctrine stabilize because he's made her one of the joints in his body that supplies part of the strength and he doesn't want her out of joint or dislocated.

And every member of the body has a part that is necessary for her to be well instructed in the word and so when we think about verses 28 and 29 as they are used in and referred to in the New Testament the Holy Spirit opening up by his word the other parts of his word for us we were choice to know that that day has come and yet the the, Entire passage and there are other parts of the New Testament most notably and especially Romans chapter 10 in which in which at least a portion of verse 32 is quoted and so that presses upon us the question the questions that we will be hearing answered from the scripture this week, what is the message that that the last days in these last days speaking by Jesus Christ supersedes what was, Obsoletes the prophesying and dreams and visions what is the content of it that slave girl or anyone who comes to saving faith in Jesus Christ, what is it that we that the saved heart believes and that the the saved lips confess and the first place and we'll see in the first place then that the content of that message is that Jesus is your way who saves it is of course his name.

Jesus is a contraction of the words for you call way slaves and so it's not surprising but as we see the New Testaments use of this passage whoever pulls on the name shall be saved and that the the belief in the heart on the confession of the lips of a Christian is that Jesus is Lord and that there is no other name by which we may be saved, it is the the basic belief the basic.

Confession of the Christian is that Jesus is Yahweh who says so we'll see that in the first place looking at verses verse 30 and 31 and the wonders and will get into that and the first point and then the the declaration and it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of Yahweh shall be saved, so there is salvation in the name of Jesus Christ and so the first thing we'll see is that Jesus is Yahweh who saves.

And. Second thing we'll see is that God has appointed God has spoken determined that the primary place in which calling upon Jesus as Yahweh who saves the primary place in which that occurs is his church that is not Sinai but especially Mount Zion and in Jerusalem that there is this deliverance that it is in the gathering of the church on earth which participates in the heavenly assembly in glory this.

Gathering unto Zion where God is known as consuming fire and he the Lord Jesus speaks from heaven and shakes heaven and earth and the language there and the second half of Hebrews chapter 12 describing and and opening up further Joel 2 verse 32 in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance and then in the last place we'll see that.

This calling upon him and being saved doesn't occur with everyone who is in those gatherings. It occurs upon or in a remnant whom Yahweh calls to himself that when someone is convinced by the Spirit who has been poured out and the the reading and hearing and singing and showing forth of God's Word about his son.

Jesus Christ that that comes by Yahweh calling them in an effect. I've and powerful and gracious way because there is a particular remnant that the Lord has determined to save for Himself and so we can be certain of salvation not because of how and what men do on earth but especially what God has determined to do Himself in what happens on earth.

So with that by way of introduction, we come to the first part, which is Jesus is Yahweh, who saves. Verse 30, he says and I will show wonders in the heavens and in your. Blood and fire and pillars of smoke the sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon in to blood before the coming of the great and awesome day of Yahweh now one translation point as we come into trying to understand verses 30 and 31 the word before there we are accustomed to thinking of as prior to in sequence but most of the time in in the Old Testament when you see the word before it's, Translated.

Think word that means to the face or in the presence of Nimrod mighty hunter before before before Yahweh and you remember when we were in that passage in Genesis we noted that it it probably meant not that Nimrod was doing it unto Yahweh's glory he was the founder of Babel but then he literally means in Yahweh's face the Nimrod considered himself hot stuff the substance of the first commandment you shall have no other gods.

Before me the fact that we are always before the face of the living God not that you may have a list of gods and as long as no one is before God on that list, no you shall have no other gods before me so that whenever you I forget that we are before the face of God, we are breaking the first commandment and especially in worship when we come and we are gathered in that consecrated way in the holi assembly the necessity of it being done for.

St and formers primarily before the face of God and so when he says before the coming of the great and awesome day of Yahweh, he is saying these things will occur in the presence of these things will occur before the great the coming of the great and awesome day of Yahweh.

Now what are these wonders in the heavens and wonders in the earth they are expressions of the God who made heaven and earth that he is engaging in a climactic way and in a one of these great moments of his acts of redemption in history when you want to know.

About blood and fire and pillars of smoke and some being turned into darkness and moon into blood you don't flip on the end the so-called Christian satellites channel or I don't even know if they still call them satellite channels or cable channels or whatever they are to see what the latest the the latest prophecy is by the guy who's always talking about the blood moon and trying to connect it to what's in the newspapers this week.

About. That he's talking about the arrival of the god of Genesis 15 the god of Genesis 15, you remember that wonderful chapter that is quoted so often in our in our the New Testament portion of God's word because Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness because Abraham was gonna die but he didn't have an error and if he had an error would die and and the the promises of God of his inheriting would always be up in the air as long as death was a problem, but God promised him a seed through whom and offspring.

Ular the, Scripture the New Testament emphasizes through whom the Abraham could be an error and God believed the promise concerning the Son in whom he would inherit who would overcome death. And yet for many of us the favorite part of that chapter isn't the front half in which that occurs but the back half.

And what happens in the back half God has Abraham cut those animals into and set them apart from one another and there would be this stream of blood in between for the covenanting ceremony and God puts Abraham into a deep sleep and then when it is dark a smoking oven and burning torch instead of.

A covenant master and a covenant servant who are being bound together in ancient Near Eastern treaty to which there is some resemblance there in Genesis 15 it is it's Abraham over here when a supernatural sleep and darkness and blood and a smoking oven and a burning torch passing back and forth between living God has come and the living God is securing salvation and he is making display.

The supernatural use of the nature that he is created to make display of himself and guarantee of that salvation and even holding forward to how that salvation would come by the blood of Jesus Christ who would endure the fall of the wrath of God just as all of those sacrifices looked forward to the the God of Genesis 15 and the God of the bush where there's there's a bush and there's fire and there's smoke.

There's still a bush and there's fear and there's others. And Moses goes over to see what is going on with this fire and the smoke but still a bush. And the first thing that he's told is to remove his sandals because the first and most important thing is that it's Yahweh who speaks from the bush and that is Yahweh who is making his presence known God is visiting in a great moment of redemptive history and that moment really extends doesn't it through the plagues and through the Exodus and even unto Sinai.

And so in the in the course of that whole momentous event that you could call it the day of Moses. You have the mild turned to blood and do you have the the plague of darkness which is second in greatness only to the flag of death and what happens in the plague of death you have a roasted lamb whose blood does put upon the outside of the door and death visits some houses whereas roasting blood had to visit other houses and then you have the people of Israel who come out and you have the army that traces them.

And what? Between them and the army the chases them the pillar of fire and the cloud and they pass through and appears before his people and fire and cloud he brings them to Sinai and when Hebrews chapter 12 is talking and will pull a little bit from from the the third point here and you you know, he says in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance and he tells us that when we don't forsake the assembly of ourselves together Hebrews chapter 10 and verse 20.

To 5, but we do come by forth into the public gathered worship of God to hear the Lord Jesus himself and in chapter 12 what don't we come to we don't come to a mountain that shakes and the mountain that burns and the mountain that smokes. But we come to Zion because it was God who visited at the bush and it was God who visited the plagues upon Egypt and it was led his people out and it was God who had met with his people at Sinai in the burning and the smoking and the shaking.

It is God who made heaven and earth that uses wonders in heaven and wonders on earth to declare his great and awesome day not the signs that they will come soon so that you know, the meteorologist tells you that the moon is going to look you know, 20 percent bigger and you know 40 percent more orange and then you know, the the Christian prognosticators who are actually the only people on earth who are worst prognosticators in the meteorologists will tell you about the end of the world that's about to come.

No it's about the God of Genesis 15 and the God of the bush and the God of the Exodus and the God of Sinai who uses wonders in the creation that he made to say I am here. And that's what he did throughout Jesus's ministry actually in the works that Jesus has done if you turn.

To Acts chapter 2. You know will have to. Pull from this in the the next sub point there on your outline. This is what was spoken for him spoken by the prophet Joel and reading beginning in verse 16 initial come to pass in the last days says God that I will pour out of my spirit on all flesh your sons and your daughters will prophesy your young men's visions your old men so dream dreams and on my men's servants and on my maid servants.

I'll pour out my spirit in those days and they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath blood and fire and vapor of smoke the sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the coming of the great and of the Lord and it shall come to pass that whoever shall call whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved and then he goes on to open the text man of Israel hear these words Jesus of Nazareth a man attested by God to you by miracles wonders and signs which God did through him in your midst as you yourselves also know.

Him being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God you have taken by lawless hands have crucified and put to death whom God raised up having loosed the pains of death because it was not possible that he should be held by it and so forth and so the apostle says God was already testifying God was already doing wonders on earth.

Through. Before Jesus died and throws again and you had people who are coming to Jesus and they didn't like his preaching so they would say show us a sign but often the show us a sign is not someone who's actually looking for a sign because there were already signs and Jesus said no sign is going to be given to this generation except for the sign of Jonah what's he saying he said you don't get to decide what signs you get.

You get him doing all of the testimony that divine testimony that are in the Christ and then you get my death and resurrection right that was the sign of Jonah as Jonah was in the heart of the fish for three days and three nights so the son of man will be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights and what do we read about his death and resurrection well Matthew Mark and Luke especially some people call them the synoptic gospels, but they aren't really that's an optic they they each by the spirits different use of each one.

Do give us something differently there's a lot of overlap however so that's why they call them the synoptic gospels. Matthew Mark and Luke record the signs. Matthew does a more complete job of it, so in Matthew chapter 7. And this is this is the day that Jesus dies says now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land.

Now all those who want to naturalize everything supernatural in scripture, there is no such thing as a solar eclipse either that lasts for three hours or that gives darkness over all the land for those three hours. Okay so from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land and about the ninth hour of Jesus Christ out with a loud voice saying there's my God my God why have you forsaken me Psalm 22, which we've had two marvelous weeks in in the prayer meetings some of those who stood there when they heard that said this man is calling for a larger immediately one of them ran took sponge filled it with sere wine put it on and read offered it to me drank the rest said let him alone.

Let us see if Elijah will come to save him. Jesus Christ again with a loud voice in the yield of epirate then the temple was torn into from talk to bottom. And the earthquake and the rocks were split. And the graves were up and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised and coming out of the graves after his resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many so when the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus, they don't even have the Old Testament.

They don't know about Genesis 15 and the bush and the plagues and the Exodus and Sinai all they know is that there's a heaven and an earth and they've got all sorts of theories about the God or God's who made them and whenever something happens that is out of the ordinary either in the sky, you know, the first two heavens in the ancient cosmology atmosphere were outer space or in the earth yeah, there were superstitious.

Precisely because they didn't have Genesis 15 and the bush and the exodus and Sinai. Because they didn't know anything except that there's a God and he is angry. And so you get the the the wicked idolatrous imaginations of God but when the centurion and those with him Jesus see the earthquake and the things that had happened including the darkness sign in the earth earthquake sign in the heavens the darkness, they feared greatly saying truly this was.

The son of God, they'd heard the rumors, they'd laughed at the superstitious Jews and their silly religion. And then heaven and earth started coming undone. The Sun went black for three hours at high noon. And then there was a massive earthquake. When this one who they had fought was a man cries out.

But he cries in the earth splits. Who is this?

And so the the signs that Jesus describes our signs. That there is a connection between the creation and the Creator. God used signs. To announce his arrival at the bush in the exodus in the plagues in the exodus. Sinai. God used signs to declare that it was he who had died on the cross.

Not just a man. But God himself. Who had become a man. Who had added humanity to himself so that he could die and Joel too 28 through 32 gives you the why? God had come. God had died. Because that was the only way we could be saved. And he gave those signs to demonstrate that that salvation is sure Joel had put us in expectation of such signs and for three years such signs had been done among them.

But especially on the day of Pentecost for the last seven weeks. His less than two months. I mean these people weren't you know, stupidified by Twitter and the four-hour news cycle. In the past it was less than two months. Since the darkness over all the land for three hours.

Since the great earthquakes and people who had come up out of tombs in the earthquake had appeared to many in the city of Jerusalem. You think they were still wondering about that?

And when fire comes down on the day of Pentecost and there's the new sign of the tongues the apostle says, Haven't you been paying attention for three years of Jesus doing these miracles or at least in the past seven weeks? As the sun getting turned to darkness and the earthquake and the tearing of the curtain of the temple that no man could have torn tearing of that into from top to bottom.

And the blood of the Passover lamb not putting out a doorposts. But having gushed out of the side on the insertion of a Roman spear. Says this is what Joel was talking about. God has come as a man and he has risen again from the dead. Now the apostle.

Paul the also the apostle. Paul picks up on this. In Romans chapter 10.

Romans chapter 10 he quotes from Joel chapter 2 and verse 13 when he says whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved now it's curious in the Greek but it's translating an Old Testament verse in which it was Yahweh in the Hebrew and that's why the New King James gives you the all caps there, but it is at least the way Paul wrote it for whoever calls on the name of the large shall be saved, but he's referring to Joel chapter 2 to our passage before us this morning.

And if we if we back up to the salvation that the Lord brings Moses writes about the righteousness of the law verse five the man who does those things shall live by them but the righteousness of faith speaks in this way do not say in your heart who will ascend into heaven that is to bring Christ down from above or who will descend into the abyss that is to bring Christ up from the dead in other words, you can know more save yourself than you can incarnate the Lord Jesus Christ, you didn't go up to heaven to get him.

He made himself a man to come here. And you didn't go to to reflect his his body in order for him to be resurrected, what does it say the word is knew you in the mouth and in your heart that is the word of faith which we preach now we get to the the substance of what it means to call on the name of the Lord and we can say call upon the name of Yahweh from Joel chapter 2 verse 32, which is before us this morning and be saved.

That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and some of your translations will say and not incorrectly that if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord. And believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead. Now you have so much about the true doctrine of Christ there,

don't you because you're confessing with your mouth that Jesus is your way, but you're also believing in your heart that God raised him from the dead, how can you die?

Well he can't unless he adds himself to you as humanity to himself unless he does Philippians chapter 2, although equality with God is not something to be grasp he takes the form of a bond slave he becomes a man why so that being found in appearance as a man he could die and that not just any death but the death of the cross.

And that because he does so. He receives the name that is above every other name. That he is as Romans chapter 1 and verse 4 says he is declared to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead. He's not only son of man that which is son of man is man, but that he is the only begotten or correctly theologically correctly scripture interpreting scripture eternally begotten son of God.

Not adopted son the way you and I may be in him. But. The sun of God and the sun that which is born that which is son of man is man that was just son of God is God and so what the Apostle Paul is saying and Romans 10 verses 9 to 13 is that salvation comes when you come to know that Jesus is Yahweh, but you also believe that he became a man.

And that he died. Not that there was an illusion of death. Or an illusion of a man. But that he became a true man and he truly died and he bodily rose again. You have all sorts of heresies in the first 300 years or so of the church and there are heres that we continue to have today and hearts that resist the truth about Jesus Christ that either say oh I believe he's a man but I don't believe he's God or I believe he's a God, but I he's God or I but I don't really believe he became a man or you have the the illusion of death or the body swapped theory of the Muslims or whatever it is.

To get away from the mental Christian belief in the heart and confession with the lips that Jesus is Yahweh became man to die for sinners and wrote again from the dead. Without that there is no Christianity without that there is no salvation.

But with that. There cannot be but salvation. Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. He goes on to say. How then shall they call on him and whom they have not believed and how so they believe in him of whom they have not heard. Much of our salvation.

Is yet to come as the same apostle would say in a couple of chapters in in verse 13, sorry in chapter 13, he would say our salvation is nearer to us than when we first believed yes you believe and our justified for the heart one believes unto righteousness. And yet we continue believing justification isn't the whole of our salvation with the mouth confession is made unto salvation we are still those.

Who call upon the name of Jesus as Yahweh because he is still saving us it's his spirit who is growing us in him and sanctifying us and producing in us that holiness without which you or I would not see the Lord we don't yet have resurrected bodies. We have a citizenship in heaven with hear about that in the afternoon sermon today and we are eagerly awaiting a savior from heaven who is not yet done saving us because he is going to give us resurrected bodies like unto his.

And so we continue calling upon the name of Jesus as Yahoo who saves sometimes because of the the great emphasis that has been placed on making a decision which is not necessarily the same as the new birth you must have the new birth and you must be brought to faith in Jesus Christ, but because there's been so much emphasis put on on that moment there are believers who when you're, Worried about yourself and whether you are saved and whether you will be saved in that last great day the day of judgment the gathering of the nations before Jesus Christ, like we're going to hear about Lord willing by his health next week and in chapter three and you're worried about whether you'll be safe in that day, sometimes the the the reflexes to think about the day in the past.

When you know did I really believe Jesus to to be the living God who created the heavens and the earth and who and who appeared to Abraham and Genesis 15 and who appeared to Moses at the bush. I believe that it's Jesus who brought the plagues on Egypt, but I believe that it's that it's Jesus who was the the fire and cloud and the led his people in the wilderness is Jesus who came down upon Mount Sinai.

Did I really believe that well the answer to the question of whether you have called upon Jesus as Lord is a simple as are you calling upon Jesus as Lord? Because those who are brought by his spirit to know him through his word and call upon him and be saved continue calling upon him.

And being saved and so if you're worried about yourself and you don't know if you believe that his Lord that if you have before, you know, if you have trusted in him he is still a Savior now and he's still addresses you now from his word. And you know have to enable yourself to believe.

You cry out to God that his spirit would convince you. Like the child who cannot lift himself up. To his father's arms. Yet you look to him. And he lift you up. The child illustration actually isn't even. That good because most children lift their arms. Spiritually we have no arms.

We're like those bitten in the wilderness. We look to the bronze serpent be healed, that's what Jesus said the spirit giving the new birth to look to him. Was like, He can save you. He can save you. Primary place he does that in the second place is in his church, we begin to get that in polls ongoing use of that.

In chapter 10 verse 13 of Romans for whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved he says how then shall they call on him and whom they have not believed and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard and how shall they hear without a preacher?

The the text there saying that God sends preachers by whom we hear Jesus and believe in Jesus and call upon his name what he's doing is he's making use of the next truth that we find in our passage. In the shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of Yahweh shall be saved in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, there shall be deliverance as Yahweh has said.

As a frightful thing. To be a preacher. Because you stand before the people of God in the assembled worship of God on the Sabbath keeping that remains so that God blessing our hearing and mixing it with faith that it would do us good and we would not have God swear that we will not enter his rest so rest so Hebrews chapter 2 verse 11 Jesus saying that it's he who declares God's name in the midst of the brethren Hebrews chapter 3 and 4 beginning to open up Psalm 95.

And how today when you hear his voice do not harden your hearts and that there is a Sabbath keeping that remains a today that remains in which Jesus declaring God's name and declaring that God's name is Jesus so that when you're baptized into the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit as Jesus commands at the end of Matthew 28, you are baptized into the name of Jesus Christ as the rest of the New Testament summarizes so that the triune name at the end of Matthew.

28 is known by another name, which is Jesus. He is the triune God appeared in the flesh, yes, he is God the son. But he is also the image of the invisible God, he is how God is known to us. And so with the book of Hebrews describes in chapter two and chapter three in chapter four and by the time we get to chapter 12.

We find that it's a frightful thing to be a future because you have a duty to open the word of God and and so stick to what the scripture says that when those who hear try to obey the Bible they receive commands like or warnings, like see that you do not refuse him who speaks from heaven.

So there's a frightful thing to be a preacher because you have to speak in such a way that the speaking is from heaven. But if the preaching is faithful to the Texas also a frightful thing to be a hearer. Because it is in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem that the deliverance of the pouring out of the spirit is known now look at the way that Hebrew is builds up to this.

Hebrews chapter 6.

Meaning universe for it is impossible for those who are once enlightened and have tasted the heavenly gift and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit and have tasted the good word of God and the piles of the age to come if they fall away to renew them again to repentance what is that saying it's saying that Mount Zion and Jerusalem the gathered worship of the people of God in which you go as chapter 12 of Hebrew is going to say not to Sinai but to Zion that in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance Joel 2 verse 32, and so, Hebrews chapter 6 says if your gathered there, you are actually gathered.

Where you find. Light from heaven the heavenly gift the the Holy Spirit tasting the good word of God tasting the powers of the age to come. You see there's not just the the converter gentile slave girl, there's also unconverted people. And they are for Corinthians 14 says if the word is spoken plainly some plainly prayed plainly having the secrets of their hearts exposed.

And realizing that God is among you. Not that you're yeah. Having some ecstatic experience that I would like ahead of the the way of some you know, like oh look, they've got some kind of spirit drug. I'll take that. But the hearts are exposed and they see the heavenly gift and the difference that the Holy Spirit makes and the people when he's saving and they taste of the good word of God and the powers of the age to come.

And then comes the frightening part. Is impossible for them. If they fall away to renew them again to repentance since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God. And put him to an open shame. Then he goes on verse nine thankfully and he says we are confident for hopeful the better things concerning you then again in chapter ten.



Chapter ten where he says now forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as is the manner of some but exhorting one another and so much more as you see the day approaching for if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth then no longer means a sacrifice for sins but a certain fearful expectation of judgment and firing ignition which will devour the adversaries anyone is rejected.

Moses law guys without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses how much worse punishment to use suppose will he be felt worthy who has trampled. The son of God underfund. Counting the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified and this is consecrated set apart. A common thing and insulted.

The spirit of grace if we started earlier up in verse 19, you would see how we come through his flesh and by his blood and there's these implicit references to what the Lord testifies at the Lord's table and he says it's actually possible to attend worship with our people who are converted and there is the preaching not Moses law now being read but the son of God himself addressing us and his shed blood being shown forth as the supper is being taken.

And there are people who attend the worship that should never ever be forsaken.

Because if you live a thousand years on earth. And you forsake the assembling of yourselves together what you're doing is you're abandoning Zion and Jerusalem and which are deliverance. And you will perish for unending ages. Whatever age you were able to attain by forsaking the assembling of yourselves together.

Then he comes in chapter 12. When he makes it all the more plain. He have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire. And to blackness and darkness and tempest and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words so that those who heard a beg that the words not be spoken to them anymore for they could not endure what was commanded and if so much of the beast touches them out and it shall be stoned or shalt with an arrow and say terrifying was the site that Moses said I am exceedingly afraid of trembling.

But you have come. You have come to Mount Zion. And the city of the living God to the heavenly Jerusalem to an enumerable company of angels. He's really saying there. He's in you haven't come to the Sinai of which Joel too 30 and 31 spoke. But you have come to the new mountain of the new visitation by the living God, who is Jesus Christ, you have come to the Joel to verse 32 Zion which is blood that speaks better than that of able.

And in which he who shed it himself speaks to you. But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God the heavenly Jerusalem to enum company of angels to these general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven saying they even keep membership roles in heaven to God the judge of all to the spirits of just men-made perfect to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant.

To the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than able. See that you do not refuse him who speaks. He's speaking. And he's shaking heaven and earth you don't feel it in the floorboards or see it in the buildings. Because it's a spiritual shaking. And when Jesus addresses his church from heaven in the assembly at Zion and Jerusalem.

There are those who are being saved. And those who are being hardened.

Whose voice then shook the earth, but now he has promised saying yet once more I shake not only the earth but also heaven. Now this yet once more indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken as a things that are made that the things which can opt be shaken may remain.

Therefore since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken. Let us have grace by which we may serve. God acceptably with reverence and godly fear for our God as a consuming fire. In verse 32 of our Texas says for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, there shall be deliverance.

In Hebrews, 12 comes and he says, You are still in the day of earthquakes and consuming fire. But it's a shaking of heaven and earth that comes by the preaching of the word of God by Jesus, who is God. The consuming fire. But has borne his wrath and shed his blood.

For all who call upon his name. This is the appointed place of salvation. God, who is the only one who can save has appointed how it comes. And he says in Mount Zion in Jerusalem, there shall be deliverance as he always has said. So that means not only that you don't forsake the assembling of yourselves together, but that if you want to see someone saved yes means you tell them about the Lord who made heaven and earth who became a man to die and rise again.

But you also do what you can to bring them into the holy assembly that they can have the first Corinthians 14 experience of having their their secrets of their hearts exposed. And say God. Is

among you. See that seeker friendly worship. Not to make it comfortable. But to follow what God says because God saves and it's God who seeks and he saves by making them uncomfortable.

So that they can find everlasting comfort. In the Lord Jesus Christ who is blood speaks better than Abel so that when His word shakes heaven and earth they will be among those who remain and inherit the things that remain. And have grace not to worship lightly. But with reverence and all.

Because God is a consuming fire and it is in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem that there is deliverance. Oh me in Jesus, we just have an understanding. I don't need church. Well, the Jesus of the Bible gives deliverance ordinarily in his church. And the figment of your imagination. Can't save you when you stand before the real one.

We've done a lot. Um, There's so much to say it's important to. We'll do it in brief, but please don't. Don't attribute less importance to this last sentence in verse 32 by the amount of time we spend on it. Among the remnant whom Yahweh calls. Remnants are left overs.

Some of us know that because that's how we shop for carpet or flooring. We don't have the big fancy houses or we did but we're still frugal. Some of you know that because you like to go get the fabric remnants and you're artsy and skilled and can turn them into beautiful things anyway.

But there's nothing more beautiful. Than a remnant that the Lord decides to set apart for himself. You see if there wasn't a remnant. Then all of humanity would be like all of the angels who sent. They would go into the lake of fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

That's where a part from the remnant that Yahweh calls. Every last sinning man woman boy and girl belongs. And the justice and holiness of God would not suffer forward to it. And neither would his goodness. Because God alone is ultimately good. And in right goodness to himself. He would damn all of us.

And yet because He Yahweh. Came as Jesus Christ. That wonderful statement the apostles give for the councils in chapter four of acts. There's no other name given under heaven by which men may be saved. And you know the council may be scratching their head. What about the name Yahweh from Joel 232 and what are the apostles saying there?

Yahweh is Jesus. If you don't call Yahweh, Jesus, you can't be saved. They're saying they're in Acts chapter. Chapter 4 verses 10 through 12.

Unless the Lord had come so that in his goodness to himself, he might be good to men. You and I couldn't be saved, but there is a remnant. The Lord whom we have seen in this book as the captain of the frightful army, which was frightful enough when it was locusts.

But in the last day each of the hundreds of millions of locusts is going to be replaced by a holy angel. And yet the one at the front of the army is going to be more frightful than the hundreds of millions even in the angels.

He has come and he has died. And he calls those for whom he has died. Among the remnant cause he said well, that's not fair. What if I'm not one of them? Oh, if you're not one of them, it's still fair. Because you've sinned against him. And you deserve his wrath.

But the fact that he's the one who has set apart a remnant means that there is salvation and the fact that he's the one who calls. Means that even if up until this moment you have rejected the offer of salvation in Jesus Christ every single time. The power to receive him the power to know him the power to call upon him for that salvation comes from him.

Then you may let now cry out to him that he would give you the new heart that he would pull out his spirit that he would convince you that he is the one who came became a man died on the cross and there was darkness for three hours and the earth shook and even a centurion and a Roman guard knew that the creator had died on that cross.

That no idea that depths of what that meant but they knew that much.

And God will convince you. You will call upon him and he says whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved not just Jews who understood Joel but from all flesh not just kings and philosophers and theologians who get all the stuff that the bastard said today in that south theological sermon, but boys and girls and made servants and manservant slaves.

Call upon the name of the Lord Jesus. Because he has set apart for himself those whom he is saving. And you find that when he enables you to do so. It's him that enabled you it's him that called you and that's why it can't be undone. Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord Jesus.

Will be saved the cross and the resurrection we're testimony that Jesus is Yahweh upon whom we must call to be saved. But also that the age has come. In which he makes himself heard in his church by the ministry of His Spirit so that people from all nations and all walks of life if they call upon his name, they shall surely be saved.

Amen let's pray.

Oh Lord how much there is here. Of your goodness to sinners. Of the wonder of all of your visitations. To the sinful race of Adam. But especially when you came. As a man. Truly human. So that you could die as our savior. As the lamb who takes away the sins of the world.

There's so much here about. The deliverance that is in Zion and Jerusalem and what it means to come to Zion and Jerusalem and to hear you and worship and.

So we're grateful. For the last part. That it's not by blood or. By the will of man. But by your will and your power and your blood. And so we pray that your spirit would do the work about which we have read here. And that you would make us to be more and more.

Those who believe grow us in our faith. And that you would make us to be more and more those who call upon your name. Even until you come and complete our salvation in the day of the resurrection. In Jesus name. Amen.