
SHEMA Edifying and Evangelizing
Reformation Service/SEERS/
Proclaiming the sweet life with God

For that has an ear-*shema*

- Hearing is very universal activity; it is connected to ear.(prov 20:12)
- But *shema* mean more than the sound waves that enter your ear.in Hebrew it also mean pay attention to or focus. i.e- Luk 8:1-8
- It also mean responding to what you hear. i.e-psa 27:7,asking God to shema is as the same time asking God to do so.
- ***Notice that*** – from God's point of view listening is basically the same as keeping the covenant. So, shema=listening **+** obedience.
- You may heard a lot preaching and teachings but in the same vicious life, but now God wants you and me to listen and obey like we don't have another chance to do that again. Jacob 1:19-25,ps1:1-3.

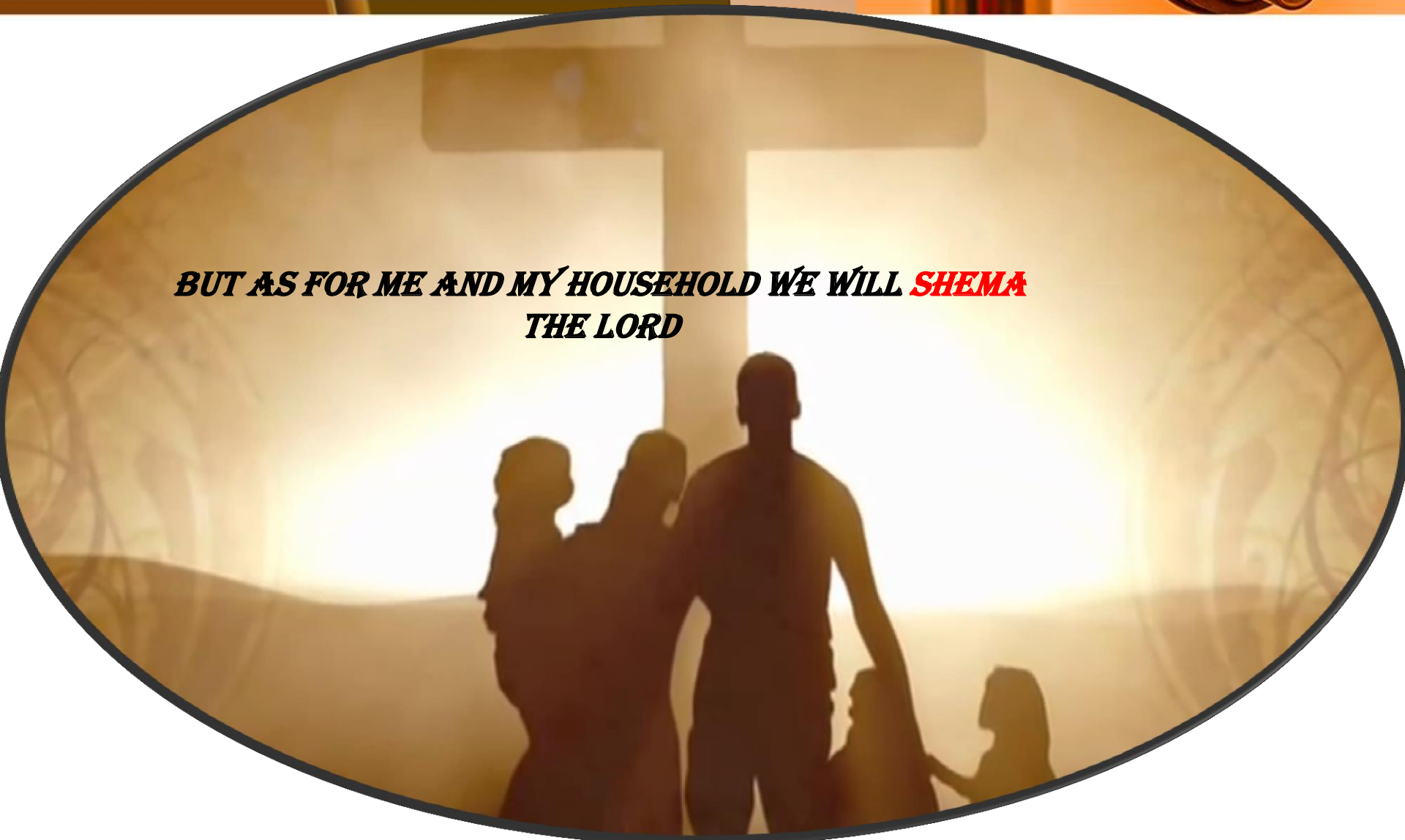
Jesus is coming soon and saying to you now-" I love you ,come to me in what ever mess, life question you are in, I will sustain you." Would you shema(listen and obey) his calling?

Vision, mission and motto of the service.

- ***Vision***-To see edified Christian believers with the word and spirit of God, that are able to evangelize the outsiders in the ground of desperate life.
- ***Mission*** –To give insight for Christian professionals and leaders on having inside-out holistic change in their family, career… so as to have kingdom mind and led missionary life.
- ***Motto -”***No generation in our home be born to die, and those born too, won’t die.”

Theme verse-”..but we aren’t of them who draw back unto perdition ;but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.”-Heb 10:39.

Logo of the service



Sexuality and marriage



"purity in lust saturated world."

"..that you may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke ,in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom you shine as light in the world."philp 2:15


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Introduction



- *Christians and the church tend to shy away from talking about sex, premarital sex and sex outside of marriage . God and sex are rarely mentioned in the same sentence and yet people still have a deep need for spirituality; to experience God in their lives and to seek guidance on sexual matters. It becomes a dilemma when the question is posed, where do sexuality and spirituality meet? One way to answer this question is to attempt to find a link between spirituality and sexuality.*
- *People are both spiritual and sexual creatures- with the need to express their spirituality and sexuality in a moral ,but unashamedly natural way. This Ppt. attempts to find alternative solution for our complex society in small scale on the subject of marriage and sexuality.*

lets brake the silence….

Misplaced shame



- Satan wants us to believe that our sexuality itself is sinful. He knows that if he can confuse us about the difference between our *God given sexual nature* and *the corrupting influence of lust*, our efforts to battle sin will be sabotaged before we even walk out of the door.
- Misplaced shame is shame in response to values other than those found in God's word.
- It's possible for a person to experience misplaced shame ,which results from what you could call a *wrongly programed conscience*.

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- A person who is wrongly ashamed of being a sexual creature with sexual desires will quickly fell overwhelmed and helpless because he’s trying to overcome more than just lust-he’s trying to stop being human.
- If your upbringing, faulty teaching ,and/or harmful sexual experience leaves you feeling ashamed of aspects of your sexuality that God doesn’t say are sinful, He can help you renew your mind .

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- God can help you bring your attitude about sex in line with his values.
- It’s dangerous because it weaken our strength for fighting our real enemy.(lust corrupting thought)

Align with God's value



- One way to get rid of misplaced shame is to talk to God about your sexual feelings. Invite his spirit into the day by day, moment by moment process of yielding your sexual desire to his will. These are kind of interaction and prayer;

✓ God, thank you for making me a sexual creature with sexual desire; I don't ask you remove my desire, but that you help me to please you with it in my thoughts and action.

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- ✓ God, in this moment my whole body seems to be screaming for sexual satisfaction –would you please quiet my desires? My body was made for you and for holiness, not for sexual sin, help me to glorify you with my body.
- ✓ God, you made me for true and lasting pleasure .fill me with confidence that you have good things in store for me –something much better than what lust has to offer.
- ✓ God, thank you for beauty and for my ability to appreciate it, that person is very attractive. But let me look on him/her with purity. I don't want to covet and lust after him/her. Help me to view him/her as a person made in your image, not an object of my lust.

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- Do you see how this kind of open, humble dialogue with God transform the way you view your sexuality? Remember ,God doesn’t just want us to cultivate a hatred for lust; he wants us to cultivate a gratefulness and appreciation for the gift of sexual desire he has planted in us.

Lust is the problem



- *Scinero-amazing history of over weighted Raynald III and his reigning brother Edward.*
- Many men and women today are prisoners to their appetite for lust. Like Raynald, they look free, may be even happy. They're doing what they want, but the sad truth is that every bite of lust's delicacies only makes them more of a prisoner. When we indulge in a life of sin and do whatever feels good, we're not free. We have slaves to our sin.

What is lust?



- “lust is a sexual desire minus honor and holiness.” …john piper.
- It’s an idolatrous and ultimately insatiable desire that rejects God’s rule and seeks satisfaction apart from him.
- Lust tells us that what we don’t have is exactly what we need.
- Lust grasps for, with our eyes, hearts, imagination, or bodies, what God has said no to.

Source of lust?



- When we sin ,it's our own evil desire that entice us. Jam 1:14,Mat 15:19
- It's only when we properly identify the source of lust as *our own selves* that we can take responsibility and do something about it.

Mind you-*Though the source of lust is our own evil desire , the one who is offended is God. When we choose lust, we are actively rejecting God.(1st Thse 4:7-8)*

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- After David had committed adultery with Bathsheba and even had her husband murdered ,he recognized his sin as first and foremost against God .he cried out to God: ps 51:4
- When we understand that the very nature of lust is rebellion against God ,we realize the gravity and the serious nature of sin –and hopefully we're more motivated than ever to pursue a life of purity.

When enough is never enough

- "..but fornication and all uncleanness ,or covetousness, let it *not be once(just a hint)* named among you, as becometh saints."Eph 5:3
- Why is God's standard is so high? How can God demand not even a hint of lust when he knows that he made us with strong sex drives?
- One of the reasons God calls us to cleanse our lives of lust completely is because he knows that lust never stays at the level of "just a hint."

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- Lust is always an unholy desire for the forbidden. But though lust longs for an object or a person, ultimately this object isn't its prize; its goal is the very act of desiring. The result is that lust can never be quenched. As soon as the object of lust is attained, lust wants something more.
- In Eph 4:19,paul describes this endless cycle of lust, he speaks about those who have turned away from God and says, "having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more."

❑ that's the payoff of lust-"a continual lust for more."

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- Even when you indulge in every kind of impurity, you are still filled with a continual lust. You won't be fantasize enough to quench lust. you'll be trapped in a never ending pursuit of wrong desires-always reaching for something that can't be grasped.
- Lust will rob you of your ability to enjoy true, godly pleasure. You can't bargain with lust and come out a winner.

What shall I do?



- God wants you to embrace your sexuality. And battling lust is part of how you do that.
- As Christian embracing our sexuality looks radically different we don't obey every sexual impulse-nor do we deny that we have sexual desires. Instead we choose both restraint and gratefulness. For us ,sexual desire joins every other parts of our lives-our appetite for food, our use of money, our friendship, our careers, our possessions-in bowing before the one true God.

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- We are rescuing our sexuality from being ruined by lust.
- We are exalting our God-given identity as sexual creatures by refusing to be trapped in the never ending dissatisfaction of lust.
- He made us to be holy.in holiness we find the best and ultimately most deeply satisfying expression of our sexuality(In holy marriage). And in holiness we experience the truth of what God made.

Where can I find the power to change?

- When we recognize and hear that we're imprisoned by lust ,our first thought is to orchestrate our own jailbreak. But like poor Raynald(the scinero) we can't save our selves.so??
- You have to get in the right source of power and motive for fighting sin excluding your own striving to walk out of the door.
- ***The right source power to change*** is –the good news of the gospel, "Jesus Christ bore God's wrath for everyone of their sins when he hung in agony on the cross." so, Let him live in your body.

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- ***The right motive to sustain in the change***--grace of lord.
- When our motive is wrongly based on earning acceptance and our power is our own will, everything we do to over come lust will back fire. why? Because in essence we'll be trying to save ourselves.
- Out of a desire to over come and conquer lust, you might be inspired to commit yourself to a rigid set of rules for accountability for what you will and won't watch, read, or listen to.in and of themselves these commitments might be very good. But guys, law can never bring about deep, long-lasting change.

Holiness Vs. legalism



- Pursuing ***holiness*** divorced from an understanding of what Jesus had accomplished for us is ***legalism***.
- C.j Mahaney writes, "legalism is seeking to achieve forgiveness from God and acceptance by God through your obedience to God.”
- It’s seeking to relate to God based on our works, instead of based on the works of our representative and mediator, Jesus Christ.

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- The law, and our obedience of it, could never make us righteous.it only reveal how sinful we are and how incapable of changing by our selves. The law is a huge-sign post pointing out the fact that we need a savior.
- Please don’t base your battle against lust on legalism. It never works. You will either become hopelessly disillusioned at your failure, or if you succeed, you'll become puffed up with self righteous pride.
- Not only would it be displeasing to God, but you wouldn’t change. Your behavior might change for a while, but your heart wouldn’t change.
- That isn’t the life Christ died to give you ,”it’s for freedom that Christ has set you free, "Paul writes. "stand firm ,then, and don’t let yourselves be burdened again by yoke of slavery.”Gal5:1

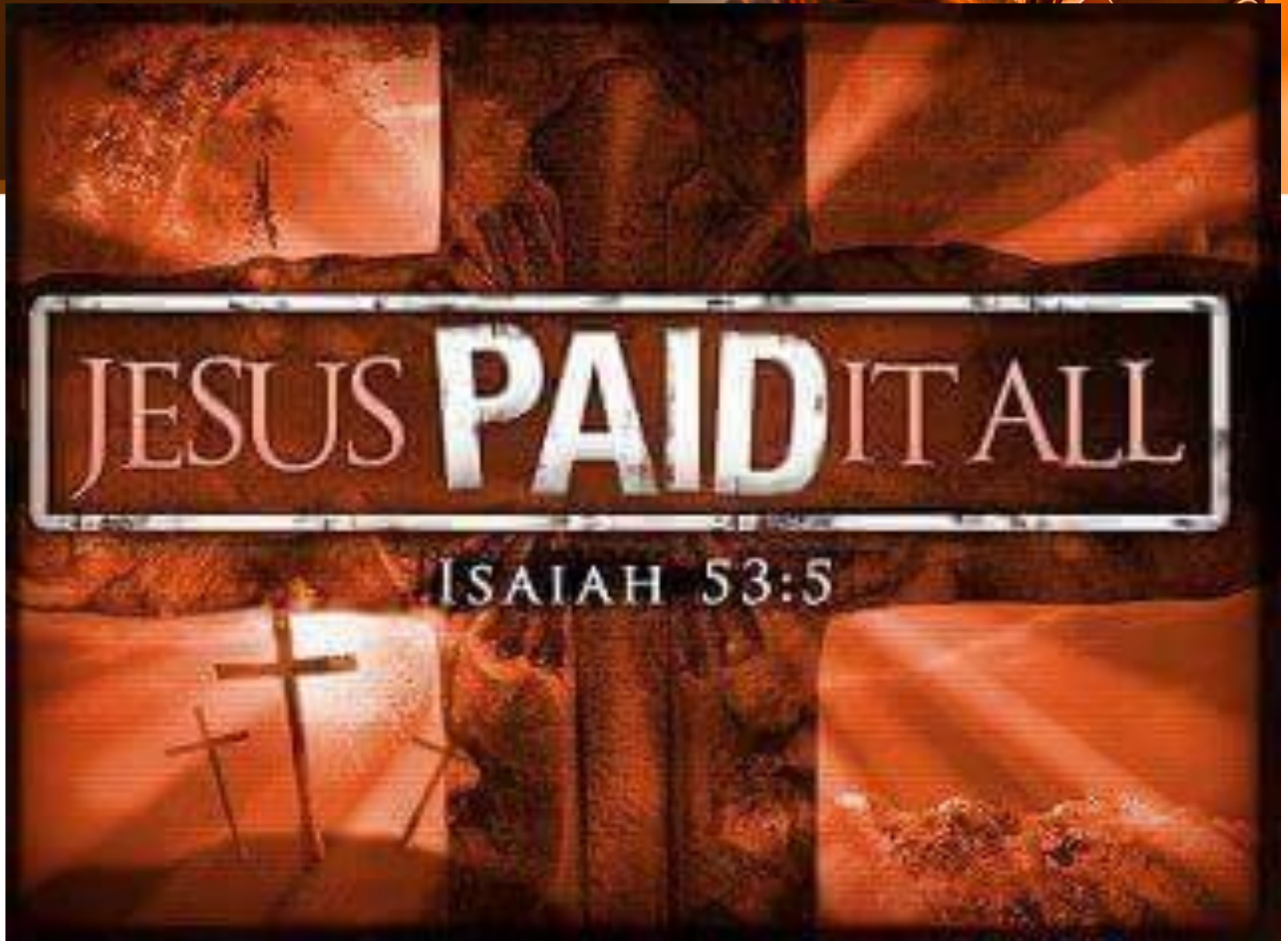
Justification and sanctification

- An important part of standing firm in the gospel and avoiding legalism is understanding the difference between the work of Christ accomplished to save us and the work of becoming holy that he enables us to participate in after we have been saved.
- Theologians assign the terms justification and sanctification to these closely related but different concepts. What?

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- ***justification***-refers to your status before God. When you placed your faith in Jesus, God the judge handed down the verdict that you are righteous. He transferred the perfect sinless record of Jesus to you. God completely and totally forgave you. He not only wiped away the record your sin; he credited the righteousness of His son to you.


JESUS PAID IT ALL
ISAIAH 53:5

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- ***Sanctification*** is a process-the process of becoming more like Christ, of growing in holiness. This process began the instant you were converted and will end until you meet Jesus face to face. Through the work his spirit, through the power his word, and through fellowship with other believers, God peels away our desire for sin ,renew our minds,and change our lives. This ongoing work is what we call being sanctified.

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- Too many people confuse the process of sanctification with God's declaration of justification. They think that their work at becoming holy and fighting lust is what save them.NO,the process of sanctification is the result of being justified. Nothing we do in our pursuit of holiness adds to our justification.
- All the necessary and important aspect of pursuing holiness don't add to our salivation; they are the response to and the result of God's finished work of justifying us.

Forgiven in full

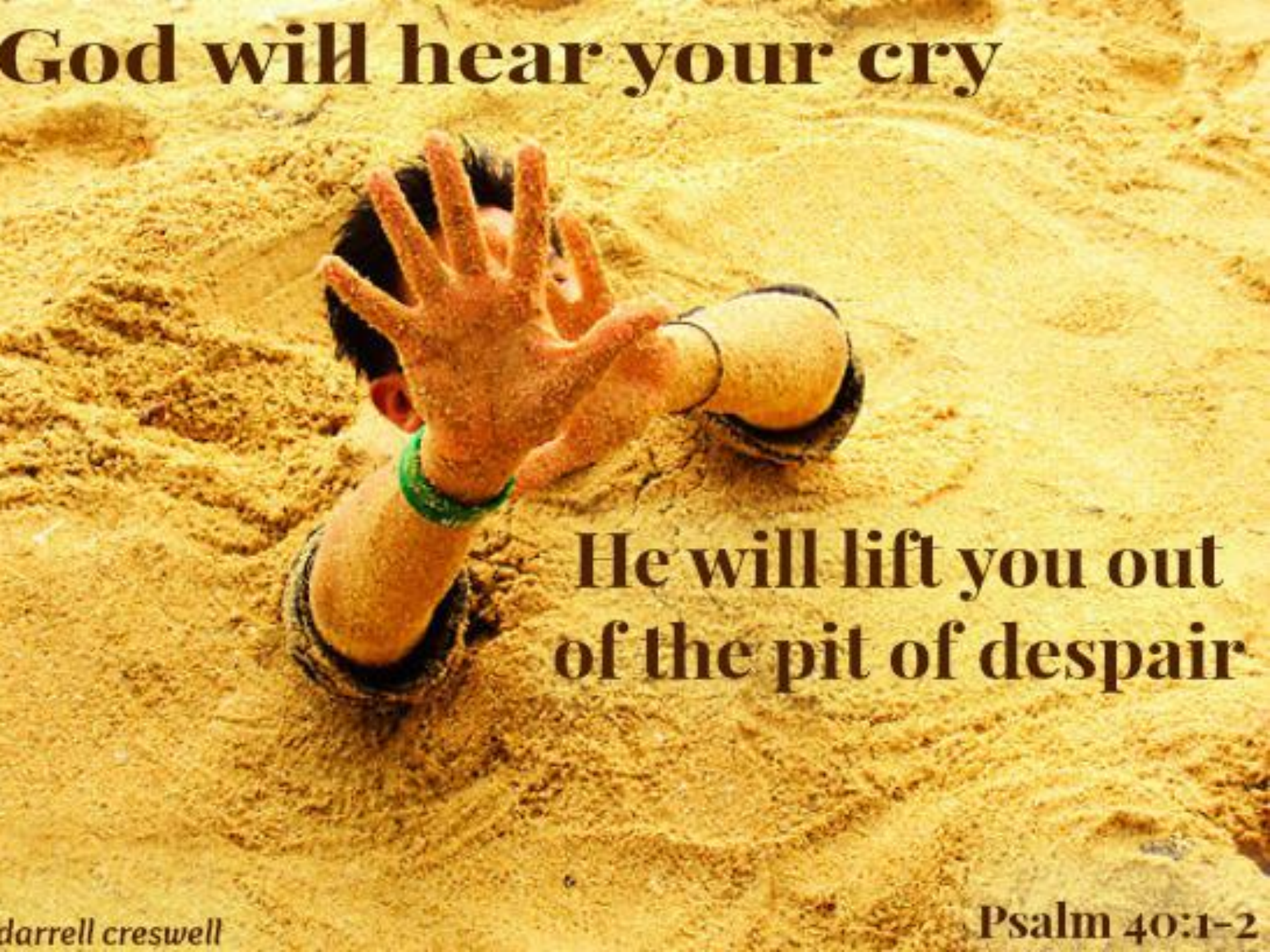


- Justification is a finished work. We don’t have hold our breath wondering what God thinks of us. When you turn from your sin in repentance and through faith in Jesus ask for forgiveness, God forgives you. Period. don’t let anyone tell otherwise.
- Yes ,there is guilt within. But Jesus has made an end of all my sin ,don’t let this truth get away from you . Focus on this reality . Don’t doubt your forgiveness. When you fell condemned and separated from God,
- You’re more likely to turn back to lust for comfort, and that’s certainly not what God wants you to do. Don’t let anything distracts you from rock-solid reality that when God forgives, you truly forgiven.

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- When you sin for the millionth time and then in true repentance cry out for mercy, when you do what you promised you'd never do again and call out to him with genuine faith in his grace, God forgives.
- Psalm 32:2"blessed is the man(put your name),whose sin the LORD doesn't count against him."
- What an incredible truth because of Jesus' death for us, God doesn't count our sins against us.


God will hear your cry
He will lift you out
of the pit of despair
darrell creswell
Psalm 40:1-2

if Jesus sets
you **free**
you **will be**
free
indeed









Marriage



- "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife , and they shall become one flesh." Gen 2:24
- Marriage is one of the most challenging and rewarding of the relationships.
- God the creator of marriage has given us very clear instruction on how to make marriage work.
- Couples can learn specific skills to maintain and enhance their oneness.

Marriage is for companionship

- " The man who finds a wife finds a treasure and he receives favor from the lord."…Prov 18:22
- When two people get married , they take on many new roles. They become husband and wife. They become lovers. Eventually they become mother and father , and even grand mother and grand father. They essentially becomes partners in life, and even in business. Yet ,as the years go by, it is easy for that couple to lose of the ne thing that brought them together in the first place; friendship.
- Marriage isn't just some simple agreement between two people . It is a unique blessing from God himself. While God has given some people the ability to be happily single ; he has given others the gifts of a lifelong companion.

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- When you trace marriage back to its roots, you see that God brought Adam and Eve together because of Adam's need for companionship. That is pretty amazing when you think about it. Even though Adam was made in God's image and has constant access to the creator , he still felt something was missing. That is when God decided to bring Eve in to the picture. He didn't want man to be alone.
- Couples should constantly cultivate their friendship. Look as grate one another as you did when you are dating. Listen to each other with interest. Tell your partner how much you appreciate him or her. Make time to pray and study the bible together to deepen your spiritual bond. Above all, remember your partner is precious gift from God.

Dilemma of modern marriage



- Couples struggle to balance personal fulfillment with relational fulfillment .
- Modern marriage have an individualistic focus.
- If two people are to become one , there must be a mutual desire that seeks the good of the relationship not just the needs of the individual.

God's plan for marriage



- Our relational God created us to be in relationship with Him; then He created us to be in significant and fulfilling relationships with others.
- God intends for our relationship to be a reflection of Him.
- God has given some the ability to remain "happily unmarried". 1st Cor 7:35 remind us , when it comes to marrying, it is vitally important to make sure that your decision "will help you serve the lord best"
- If you contemplating marriage ,here are four important things to consider;

#1- Take time getting to know one another. Don't rush in to marriage. If you are really in love with someone , you will want to build your friendship with that person as well. That is the foundation of your marriage. As Benjamin Franklin humorously said, "keep your eyes wide open before marriage and half shut afterwards"-not the other way around.

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#2-Test the depth of your love. Love is more than some gooey emotion. It is a commitment. In the Greek language, love was described in three different ways: Eros(physical attraction), Philia(love between friends), Agape(unconditional love). Marriage that are simply based upon Eros or philia love are destined for trouble. but marriages built around the agape love that Christ displayed will last. Emotion will come and go ,but true love is more than that. The bible says ”Many waters can not quench love , nor can rivers drown it.”(song of songs 8:7)

#3- Make sure of your commitment- Ask yourself the following questions: Are you ready to spend the rest of your life with this person? can you see yourselves going through parenthood together? Are you wiling to make sacrifice in relationships, hobbies, and even your career for the sake of your marriage?

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#4-Consider your witness for Christ. If this other person isn't a believer , don't even consider marriage. Scripture gives stern warning against being teamed with those who are unbelievers (2nd Cor 6:14). You need to also consider the spiritual implications of this relationships. Will the two of you together be a more effective and powerful witness for Christ than the two of you apart?

Mind that- whether you marry or remain single, learn to be content in whatever situation the lord place you. Then you will possess one of the keys to true happiness.

Four basic elements of essential to healthy relationships

- ***Covenant*** –God's intent is that the relationship between husband and wife is modeled after his endless covenant with his people.
- ***Grace*** –God wants us to understand that grace is about forgiving and being forgiven.
- ***Empowerment***- it is love in action ; it's about mutuality and unity.
- ***Intimacy***-couples who base their marriage on covenant love ,grace and empowering one another ,know each other deeply and intimately.

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- “Love imparts to its possessor ,grace, propriety and comeliness of deportment. It illuminates the countenance and subdues the voice ; it refines and elevates the entire being.” Ellen G.white

Barriers to oneness



- ***Self –protection and fear of rejection***
- ***Sin and selfishness***
- ***Lack of knowledge***

God hates divorce



- Biblically we can conclude that marriage is a covenant not contract.
- God is witness in between the couple. Malachi 2:14

" You ask, "Why?" It is because the LORD is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant."

- God want not this holy covenant broken, that is why He said on malachi 2:16

"I hate divorce," says the LORD God of Israel, "and I hate a man's covering himself [Or his wife] with violence as well as with his garment," says the LORD Almighty. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith."

I pray that we all may have a wise decision on this life time issue in consideration of God's Will; In name of jesus.

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