

Why We Must Be Saved

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The Lord Jesus has provided salvation for you, and there is nothing to pay and nothing to do, just trust in Him.

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Description

Robin McKeown emphasizes the necessity of salvation, illustrating that we have nothing to pay and nothing to do for our redemption, as Christ has completed the work on the cross. He references the story of a sinful woman who, despite her past, finds forgiveness through her faith in Jesus, contrasting her with those who believe they can earn their way to heaven. McKeown stresses that salvation is a gift, not a transaction, and warns that neglecting this gift leaves one speechless before God. He urges listeners to accept the finished work of Christ and not to walk away without salvation, as the consequences are dire. The sermon concludes with a call to trust in Jesus, who offers rest and redemption.

Transcript

Some people say you can't know. We've just been listening to that tonight. The verse of scripture came to my mind, it's, you needn't turn to it, 2nd Timothy 1 and 12.

The apostle Paul said, I am not ashamed for I know him whom I have believed and I'm persuaded that he is able to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day. It's knowing the person that you've been hearing about tonight already. Now I have three readings at this part of the meeting and turn with me first of all please to the gospel of Luke and chapter 7. The gospel of Luke and chapter 7 and we'll commence our reading at verse 36.

And one of the Pharisees desired him, that's the Lord Jesus, that he would eat with him.

And he went into the Pharisee's house and sat down to meet and behold a woman in the city which was a sinner when she knew that Jesus sat at meet in the Pharisee's house brought an alabaster box of ointment and stood at his feet behind him weeping and began to wash his feet with tears and did wipe them with the hairs of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment and when the Pharisee which had bitten him saw it he speak within himself saying this man if he were a prophet would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him for she is a sinner and Jesus answering said unto him Simon I have somewhat to say unto thee and he saith master say on there was a

certain creditor which had two debtors the one owed 500 pence and the other 50 and when they had

nothing to pay nothing to pay he frankly forgave them both tell me therefore which of them will love him most look further down please verse 47 wherefore I say unto thee her sin which are many are forgiven for she loved much but to whom little is forgiven the same love of little and he said unto her thy sin are forgiven and they that sat at meet with him began to say within themselves who is this that forgiveth sins also and he said to the woman thy faith hath saved thee go in peace now the gospel of John please and chapter 19 the gospel of John and chapter 19 and verse number 30 when Jesus therefore had received the vinegar he said it is finished and he bowed his head and gave up the ghost those beautiful words in the middle of verse 30 the words of the Lord Jesus on the cross before he

died it is finished now lastly please a short reading in Matthew chapter 22 the gospel of Matthew and chapter 22 and verse number 11 and when the king came in to see the guests he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment and he said unto him friend how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment and he was speechless I want you to remember those words please he was speechless then said the king to the servants bind them hand and foot and take them away and cast them into utter darkness there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth that's our reading at this part of the meeting when I'm going to say to you what I'm just about to say you'll think well we'll get home early tonight I want to speak to you about nothing I want to speak to you about nothing and yet built around

this word that I want to speak to you about there really are some volumes of lessons for us to learn the first thing I want us to notice is from Luke's gospel chapter 7 and we read it in verse number 42 I want to speak to you tonight about nothing to pay nothing to pay we read about the words of the Lord Jesus as he hung up on the cross at Calvary those match matchless words it is finished I want to speak to you about nothing to do nothing to do and we read together in the gospel of Matthew chapter 22 about a man and the Bible says he was speechless the man had nothing to say nothing to say the first of all when we turn to Luke's gospel chapter 7 the Lord Jesus has gone in by invitation to the house of Simon the Pharisee and Simon really was affronted his religious dignity was upset

deeply when a woman came into that house and the Bible says that she's a sinner and you know she stood at the Lord's feet behind him weeping and she began to wash his feet with the hairs of her head with her tears and wipe them with the hairs of her head and she had a box of an alabaster box of ointment which she then broke and she anointed his feet you knew something about that woman that woman's sins had all been forgiven and I want to say to you tonight I sometimes think if I had had only one sin and God forgave that one sin I would contend that he had forgiven me much but I had many sins and they're all forgiven tonight there's not one of them left and sometimes I get down on my knees at the side of my bed and I think of the one who died on the cross that all my sins might be forgiven

and then sometimes my tears will flow and I wonder what he saw in me to suffer such deep agony here's a woman and everything was forgiven and the Lord said her sins are many do you know something she had nothing to pay nothing to pay that's just one reason we don't take up a collection in the gospel tent there's a man and I'm wondering will I meet him in heaven I'll only give you his first name he was very prominent in trade union circles both in in Ireland in the north of Ireland and even on a mainland basis his first name was Tom I remember going to his door in Belfast and I wrapped the door I got no response so I went to put a gospel tract through the door and there was a dog on the other side making a lot of noise and the dog decided to receive the tract so I pulled it back and the

dog pulled it back and said the letter but I pulled it back and the dog pulled it back at last I had to let it go I turned to walk away and I heard a on the window of the house I looked around I thought the man was waving at me and I waved back and on I went and then the window knocked again and it was evident he was calling me back so I went back and the key was in the door and I could hear him shouting open the door and I called him is the dog safe or maybe I should have asked am I safe he says come on in so he had the dog beside him well that man was in his last weeks on earth and here's what he asked me he said are you born again Christian I said yes I am he says I don't believe a word of it I said why did you call me back that puzzled him a bit he said I'm a communist a night and

night communist and I don't believe any of that he says my name's Tom I said well my name's Robin then when he gave me a surname I said I think I should know you and know of you at any he says you probably do he told him about his role I said Tom you're a very ill man said that's quite evident to me he says I haven't long to live Tom what will your communism do for you as you go out into eternity the man was shaken then we had a good exchange and he said to me I want to give you something I said what's that Tom I want to give you money said I can't take it I said what do you want to give me money for I want to give you money for the work you're doing but I said Tom you don't believe in it that doesn't make sense but he was persistent he wanted to give me money I said Tom I won't take your

money because when Christ died on the cross he provided a salvation and you have nothing to pay you're sitting in the gospel tent tonight and you need to be saved and you'll die in your sins and go down to hell if you're not saved in spite of the fact you have nothing to pay it's all paid you know a few years ago way up in the north of Scotland prior to the inception of the National Health Service there was a very benevolent doctor who worked very hard and worked very long hours and he had patients many of whom really were not able to pay his bills the doctor died and there were many many outstanding deaths of course the lawyers came on the scene and relatives were there and they discovered his record books and in these record books of his treatments of patients and the charge in many of

these pages in fact on virtually every page there was there would have been a number of accounts and the doctor had written one word across the account forgiven and signed his name but the relatives would have none of it they were in for the estate you see and the lawyers got on the ball and they took it through the courts and eventually it went to a very high court in the land and the judge ruled where the doctor has written the word forgiven and put his name to it there's nothing to pay my friend i want to tell you tonight all the prices paid jesus paid it all all to him i own senate left a crimson stain he washed it white as snow put your hand back in your pocket keep your money where it is because the lord jesus christ shed his precious blood that you might be saved you know the bible

so clear about this the apostle peter said for as much as you were you know you know you've been hearing about knowing you know you were not redeemed with corruptible things like silver and gold but with the precious blood of christ away with your money there's nothing to pay all the prices paid what mighty son paid all my debt when charged with guilt i stood and has my soul at freedom set to his jesus precious blood you know what we're going to do tonight god willing we're going to sing a hymn in closing about the blood of christ you know i've been to australia on a couple of lengthy visits in new zealand and i was told going out there on one occasion there are people out there don't believe in the blood of christ sometimes people can be greatly misrepresented they were professing

christians and i was speaking to one of these men who supposedly did not believe in the precious blood of christ and i was in this house one day for a meal i'm not going to even give you his first name i said to him

brother i have a question for you what does the precious blood of christ mean to you oh i love this answer he says robin without the precious blood of christ i have nothing i have nothing my friend put your paltry money away you can be saved tonight with nothing to pay all the prices paid well you may say but could i not do something it's a very interesting book the bible i sometimes say and i don't think i've said it maybe in these meetings but i certainly say it quite often back in ireland you don't believe in the bible well i believe it's the word of god i believe it's the

best psychology book i've ever had in my hand you know why it does a complete analysis of you and me absolutely and you know something about the human heart that they want to do something to get to heaven they don't so much think of staying out of hell because they don't like to think there's a hell at all but they're right to think now if i could do something to get to heaven you see the rich young ruler came running and he got down before the lord jesus and he says good master what good thing shall i do that i might inherit eternal life he wanted to do something to do something and people will say but i'm doing the best i can my friend well you've done the best you can it's not good enough it's not good enough you know the bible says all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags keep your

doing out of it you'll only spoil something it's already done because i want to tell you tonight to get saved you have nothing to do the lord jesus christ on that cross he said it is finished and that means i have nothing to do you know the apostle paul said for by grace are you saved through faith and that not of yourselves it is the gift of god listen to his emphatic negative not of works could i say that again not of works lest any man should boast look there's nothing to do so why are you not saved there's nothing to pay well why are you not saved then there's nothing to do why are you not saved you know uh i know traditionally ireland has a reputation for donkeys and carts oh we're not ashamed of that but you know there's a master a master blacksmith quite a number of years ago and

he was really a master at his particular craft and his particular forte was making those great spoke wheels wooden wheels with the spokes coming into the center and then putting a rim of metal around the edge of the wheel and if you wanted a good job you went to this blacksmith but this blacksmith had a neighbor who was saved and the blacksmith you know he really did believe in heaven oh he said he believed in heaven and he was doing his best and working his hardest to get to heaven so this man his neighbor would get a little chat with him when they're having a cup of tea in the blacksmith shop and he'd always try to bring around the gospel and then the blacks would say well you know i'm doing the best i can and the good believer would say but do you not know when the lord jesus died on

the cross he did it all and he finished the work but i'm doing i'm doing my best so this believer arrived down with him one day and there's this beautiful beautiful wheel you know i'm one of four brothers and two sisters and my wife sometimes says to me she says how come that of the four brothers i married only one that's not handy well i want to tell you something i couldn't make one of those wheels that that blacksmith makes but anyway he had this perfection of a job sitting waiting for collection beautifully beautifully done and nicely painted so the believer came in one day and he says that's a nice wheel out there he says yeah i'm waiting for the man to come and collect it so the good believer picked up a chisel and a hammer he made a bit of noise and he went out to the wheel and he

put up the chisel and he drew back the hammer and in the blacksmith shop he said don't touch it don't touch it he said no i'm going to do my bit he said no don't touch it it's finished and the good believer says i've been trying to tell you that for a long time when the lord jesus christ said on the cross it is finished don't you be putting your bet to it you only spoil it the blacksmith says you'll spoil it it's finished could you take it

in tonight that the work that saves is already done done is the work that saves once and forever done finish the righteousness that saves the unrighteous one listen to what the bible says this man after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever sat down at the right hand of god why because the work was done there's nothing to do i want to tell you

something if you die without christ you'll have nothing to say what will i say when he shall punish thee well what will you see you can't see i couldn't afford it because there's nothing to pay you can't see i was so busy in my job i couldn't do enough good works and and and engage in charitable exercise i just haven't no because there's nothing to do what will you say you'll have nothing to say in matthew 22 we have a man and some of those eastern and that eastern culture monarchs and princes and wealthy people often had wardrobes of many maybe as many as two thousand garments and when a wedding took place they issued all the guests with a garment in other words that was provided there's a man who must have refused the provision king said bind them hand and foot take them away cast

them into utter darkness there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth the man was speechless he had nothing to say do you know why because there was a provision made and he wouldn't take it and i want to tell you tonight god has provided a great salvation and if you miss this great salvation hell will be your doom how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation you'll be left with nothing to say william blaine has put it like this he who disregards this news and doth his day of grace abuse shall find the worm that never dies as in the burning lake he sighs his cry forevermore will be there was provision made for me i might have been in heaven above but i despise god's wondrous love are you going to walk out of the gospel tent tonight without christ without salvation and all the while

there's nothing to pay and there's nothing to do he's done it all you'll be left with nothing to say you know in revelation chapter 20 we have the great white throne judgment is identified in the chart here i think it's one of the most solemn scenes in all the bible when the man who died on the cross will sit on the judgment throne you know there was an old bailey judge on one occasion and before him in the dock was a man charged and convicted of a capital offense the days when the judge donned the black cap before handing down the capital punishment sentence he asked the man in the dock have you anything to say he said yes i have he said well let's hear it he said to the judge do you not know me judge said no i don't know you do you not remember me my lord no i don't remember you you

mean you don't remember me no i don't know you do you not remember the night it was in one of the london bridges he said i stood in the parapet of that bridge and i was about to jump to my death you intervene the judge said that night i was willing to be your savior today i have to be your judge my friend sitting in the platfields gospel tent tonight he's willing to be your savior willing to be your savior now he died to save you he paid the price of redemption he did the work of salvation there's nothing to pay and nothing to do and if you refuse him you'll have nothing to say in revelation chapter 20 when those books are opened a record a detailed record of your sins when those books are open i tell you you'll have nothing to say when the book of life is opened and as a hymn writer

there's an ulster man who wrote it in the lamb's book of life on that day sinner your name will be sought for in vain to the dread lake of fire cast away sinner forever you'll unless unless in this day of his grace sinner you trust in the christ who has died why would you why would you not trust him now oh trust him now before it's too late trust him now because if you don't the day will come when you'll have nothing to say may god bless his shall we pray our father we come to thee at the close of this meeting and we ask thee to take thy word all that has been of thyself tonight in the preaching of the gospel and use it mightily for thy

glory oh our god we just long that maybe even an attempt like this tonight maybe even unknown to us there is someone seeking salvation and if they could

only take it in that there's nothing to pay and nothing to do and that this salvation is found in the person of the lord jesus christ is it any wonder he said come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and i will give you rest father bless thy word save souls tonight we pray we ask it in the lord jesus name amen now we're going to sing that hymn that i referred to it's number 182 182 i'm going to read a little bit of it because i've been enjoying it in my soul verse one precious precious blood of jesus shed on calvary shed for rebels and for sinners could you say tonight i can see it shed for me notice the first two lines of verse two precious blood that hath redeemed us all the price is paid and then the last verse four so we're going to sing one two and four verses one two and

four of 182 and after the introduction we shall stand to sing

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