

**Sermon Notes of  
Pastor Craig Kuhlman's Sermon on August 13, 2017**

**"Will All Be Saved?  
Part 1 of Exegetical Series  
(Romans 10-11)"**

**[In today's sermon, "Will All Be Saved? Part 1 of Exegetical Series (Romans 10-11)", Pastor Craig Kuhlman gives the introduction to this all important question about salvation.]**

Notes

Introduction:

Will All Be Saved?

- Yes
- No
- Uncertain
  
- If you answered “yes”, then you are what is called “hopeful universalists.”
- This is where God is at – He’s very hopeful because that’s what He desires.

1 Timothy 2:3-4, “God our Savior, 4) who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”

2 Peter 3:9, “Instead he (the Lord) is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

- This is a very important question – will all be saved?
- This is one of the most important questions to be answered.
- Paul addressed this question in his letter to the Christians at Rome.
  
- Now we know that Paul hadn’t established this church at all.
- But Paul did have many dear friends that were living there – he mentions 16 of them by name.
- Paul, in his letter, was addressing some of the tension and friction that was happening over the controversy between Jews and Gentiles.
- The Jews believed that they were God’s chosen nation, God’s chosen people.
- Therefore, the Jews despised the Gentiles.
- But, in his letter, Paul defends the Gentiles, as part of God’s called out ones in Jesus.
- Paul also laments that the majority of Jews, his kinsmen, had rejected Jesus.

### Overview:

- Now at some point in time, because of God's grace, because of God's love, because of God's sovereignty, somehow in the end, He will make this work – to save all humanity.
- Or since He's not going to force anything onto humanity because forced love is no love at all, some will not accept salvation.
- God has given us free will and we have free moral agency.
- However, we can be hopeful that God in His infinite wisdom, sovereignty and grace can work with all humanity to accept His offer of salvation.

### What one word defines Salvation?

- Members from the congregation responded with the words, "faith, grace, love, freedom, goodness, forgiveness, life."
- While, these are all part of what salvation is, they are not the most accurate word to describe it.
- It's relationship.
- We are saved to have a relationship with Father, Son and Spirit and to share in their relationship they have with one another.
- That relationship isn't to come sometime in the future, we can and are experiencing it now.
- We are experiencing the privileges and benefits in having that relationship with our Triune God right now.
- Now only does this make life better, but we get better at life.
- There are privileges and benefits to having that relationship with God today.

### Life's example:

- In pastor Craig's days as a teen, his parents allowed him to do "his own thing."
- They weren't really strict with him.
- So he could say that he led two lives – his YOU (Youth Opportunities United) church life and his high school life. "Never the twain shall meet."
- Now he had the thought that before he got baptized to be saved, he would have to first have all his fun and had to "sew all his wild oats."
- Then he would have the best of both worlds, which was a very dim, naive, twisted way of viewing life.
- In other words, he thought Hollywood was better than heaven.
- Back then, salvation was NOT defined as having a relationship with God.
- But now pastor Craig understands that when we choose heaven, when we choose to have a relationship with God, we're blessed with spiritual blessings.
- At that point in time, the Holy Spirit begins to work with us in a different way.
- Now we know that there is a process of pruning and discipline that will happen.
- Now we know that Jesus is that good tasting bottle of medicine.
- And when we enter into that relationship with Father, Son and Spirit, it makes all the difference from our personal viewpoint.

### What are the 3 miracles (moments) of salvation?

- Perichoretic (ontological) Union – the Father, Son and Spirit together from the beginning of time have a face-to-face relationship in love and in mutual purpose,
- Hypostatic Union – this is through the incarnation, God on earth becomes man or a human being for all time.
- Spiritual Union – this is our spiritual union with the Holy Spirit who encourages us to respond in participation what the Father and His Son have done for us.

### How does each person of the Trinity represent each moment of Salvation?

- Father Declares – He wants to extend that relationship the Triune God has with all of humanity.
- Jesus Embraces – humanity.
- Spirit Illuminates – removes the scales from our eyes, so that we can respond and enter into that relationship.

### Will all be saved?

- Some, who have accepted Jesus now, don't think that all should be saved.
- Their thinking is based on the Parable of the Vineyard where those who got hired early in the morning and worked through the heat of the day were upset at those who got the same wage as they did but were hired late in the afternoon at 5 o'clock.
- But those who came in at 5 o'clock don't have all the benefits and privileges of that relationship with God compared to the ones who had established that relationship earlier.
- Yet, salvation is something to be embraced because of all the future eternal benefits.
- As the parable shows, salvation and God's blessings are not because of what we've done.
- The Father, Son and Spirit did everything for us to make salvation happen.
- When people hear the gospel presented and hear the Spirit speaking to them in that small voice, it shouldn't be taken lightly.
- If one hears the Holy Spirit speak in this way, take heed, it's a miracle, it's a blessing – not something to spurn or reject but to accept.
- So, if you hear the Holy Spirit speaking today in your life, respond because faith requires response, belief requires a response of faith – and faith is that trust and that believing in God, the Father, Son and Spirit.

### Set up for next week:

- Romans 10 summary: Salvation available to all through faith in Jesus Christ.
- We'll begin with verses 1-4: Paul's desire is that Israel comes to salvation through Jesus Christ's righteousness.

### Closing thoughts:

- We will unpack this question, "Will we all be saved?" and more importantly, what does that mean to us?

- When we hear this question, “Will all be saved”, we shouldn’t be thinking about other people, we should think, am I saved?
- Have I entered into that relationship?
- Have I responded to the Holy Spirit?
- Have I acknowledged what the Father, Son and Spirit wanted from the beginning of time?
- Have I embraced what Jesus came to this earth to do – to reconcile everyone to Himself?

## **Closing Prayer**