



Sunday December 26, 2021
The Same Unchanging Jesus

Mathew 1:21

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.

The Lord Jesus came with a mandate to save.

Sozo (Greek) used for 'save' is the same word used for salvation. It is a comprehensive word and a verb describing what God does.

Sozo means -

- ✓ Spiritual salvation
- ✓ Forgiveness of sins
- ✓ Healing from sickness
- ✓ Deliverance from every work of satan
- ✓ Rescue or preservation from danger and harm
- ✓ Total wholeness

God has extended immense love towards us through His son, the Lord Jesus. Through Jesus, we can experience every blessing of salvation in our lives! No wonder this incredible news was revealed through many prophets ages before the birth of Jesus and then the angels sang of the arrival of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

When we think of the saving work that Jesus had done for us through the cross, it seems somewhat easier for believers to receive His forgiveness in comparison to healing or any other supernatural intervention of God. But, as we have just seen, salvation includes our spiritual rescue, forgiveness of sins (1 John 2:2) and the demonstration of God's power through healings, deliverances, miracles etc.

Total wholeness is for our entire being i.e. our spirit, soul and body. It includes our healing (Isaiah 53:4-5), deliverance from any oppression of the enemy (1 John 3:8, Col 2:14-15) and the provision to experience every covenant blessing (Acts 3:25). All this is possible through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross of Calvary.

THE MANDATE REMAINS

In His earthly ministry, Jesus went about with the *same mandate*.

Acts 10:38



how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

He took up the cross to enforce the *same mandate*.

Galatians 3:13-14

13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”), **14** that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Every disciple was given the *same mandate*.

John 14:12

12 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

THE IMMUTABLE NATURE OF GOD

The nature or the character of God is immutable.

His character is in line with His will, His will is in line with His Word and His deeds are always consistent with His nature.

Jesus Christ is the perfect revelation of the Father’s nature (Heb 1:3).

The nature of God was revealed through the Father’s works that Jesus released (John 5:19).

The Father’s works were an outflow of God’s compassion and redeeming nature.

Psalm 145:8,9

**The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
Slow to anger and great in mercy. The Lord is good to all,
And His tender mercies are over all His works.**

Mathew 9:36

But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

Jesus hasn’t changed, He is the same unchanging Jesus even today! His works haven’t changed.



Hebrews 13:8

8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Those who came to Him with faith, expectation, and an intense desire to receive were never turned away. We are to be people who press in by faith (Mathew 11:12).

Jesus' compassion still flows towards us.
Let's press in by faith.

JESUS HEALS

Mathew 14:14

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

Mathew 12:15

15 But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew from there. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all.

God is a healer by nature. He has revealed Himself as Jehovah Rapha in His covenant name.

Jesus called healing as the children's bread. This implies that everyone under the covenant has the right to receive and walk in divine healing.

It is amazing to see that even those outside the covenant received God's miracles because of their faith. The Roman Centurion (Matthew 8:5-13) and the Canaanite woman (Matthew 15:22-28) were not Jewish, yet they received miraculous interventions in their situation. Jesus was so touched by their faith that He remarked that their faith was 'great faith'.

By faith, we can receive the healing work of God in our lives.

JESUS WORKS MIRACLES

John 2:9-10

9 When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. 10 And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!"



Sometimes we find ourselves in situations where we need God to work a miracle.
A situation where we have done our best, and yet that is not good enough.
A situation where we have encountered a sudden lack, closed door, challenge or adversity which is beyond our control.
A situation where we have exhausted our wisdom and strength.
A situation that calls for nothing less than a supernatural intervention.

Jesus turned water into wine. It was supernatural!
At the wedding in Cana, he stepped in with His miraculous power when the supply fell short. He still steps in when our supply falls short. He is able provide beyond what we could have done. Instead of embarrassment, we come through with confidence as our portion.

JESUS STEPS IN!

Luke 5:5-8

But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.” 6 And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. 7 So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!”

The disciples experienced a miraculous catch of fish. By obeying the Word of Jesus, yesterday’s failures were turned into today’s victories.

When our efforts fall short, He steps in with His miraculous to turn things around. Instead of desperation and brokenness, we come through with victory as our portion.

Mark 5:25-29

25 Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, 26 and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. 27 When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. 28 For she said, “If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.” 29 Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction.

The woman with the issue of blood had battled long and hard. She had done everything in her capacity to receive healing. And then she heard about Jesus, the healer! She was



convinced that He had the power to heal her body. She was convinced and then she reached out to touch His garment. And 'immediately' the flow stopped. Faith causes us to reach out to Jesus, who has the power to heal, deliver and provide. When we reach out by faith, we see His work!

When all help fails, Jesus steps in. Instead of remaining in a state of helplessness, we come through with His miraculous intervention as our portion.

God's covenant has not changed.

What the blood of Jesus has accomplished for us not changed.

What the Cross of Jesus has accomplished for us has not changed.

Jesus hasn't changed. He is the same, unchanging Jesus.

Jesus continues to save, heal, deliver and work miracles in peoples lives.

By faith we can receive every covenant provision of the Cross!

SALVATION CALL

If you ask, does God love me? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 3:16, Romans 5:8

If you ask, how can I have my sins forgiven? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 10:43; 1 John 2:2,12

If you ask, what is the way to God? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 14:6

If you ask, how can I become a child of God? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 1:12

If you ask, where can I find salvation? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 4:12

If you ask, what must I do to experience salvation? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 16:30-31

As an act of your own free choice, we invite you to make this decision to follow Jesus.

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture passages: *Acts 10:38; Galatians 3:13-14; John 14:12; Hebrews 13:8, Mathew 14:14, Luke 5:5-8, Mark 5:25-29*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1, Discuss the three sections in the sermon that talk about Jesus as healer, miracle worker and the one who steps into impossible situations to reveal God's glory.

2, Recount some ways in which people expressed their faith and received healing in the Bible. What can we do today to express our faith to receive from God?

3, Discuss why Jesus is the same as per Hebrews 13:8.



If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, *families to be protected and strengthened*
- 2, *a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*
- 3, *for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.*

Close by thanking God together.



USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

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