

Sunday Morning | August 14, 2016

## FANTASTIC SUMMER

### *Sundays*

"IF YOU MAKE HEAVEN"

#### 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

##### I. THE BATTLE OF SALVATION

**TRUTH:** The plan of redemption is to make us perfect.

A. Salvation is a process begun by a change at the core (Romans 13:11).

**TRUTH:** Being truly saved means being truly changed at our core (2 Corinthians 5:17).

**TRUTH:** Becoming new in Christ means a new heart and a new spirit.

**INSIGHT:** Biblical salvation doesn't mean perfection but the journey toward perfection (Romans 6:11).

B. Salvation is a battle or it isn't real.

**TRUTH:** To be saved while on earth is to be enveloped in a body that fights God's work in me (Romans 7:15, 17).

**TRUTH:** If you are truly saved, then in the deepest part of your eternal soul, God planted the incorruptible seed of eternal life...and you have the power to do what is right.

##### II. HEAVEN IS A PLACE OF PERFECTION.

**TRUTH:** Sin fights every day the eternal life of the Spirit at our core.

**TRUTH:** We enter heaven perfect or we don't enter at all.

##### III. WHAT WE WILL BE LIKE IN HEAVEN

A. We go to heaven as spirits without bodies (2 Corinthians 5:8; Hebrews 12:22ff).

B. Perfected in spirit is a blessedness to yearn for (Revelation 22, 14).

C. A resurrection body to join our spirit (Genesis 2:7)

**TRUTH:** Man was created to be flesh and spirit.

**TRUTH:** The Christian message is that a great resurrection is coming (John 5:28; Revelation 20:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13ff).

D. How bodies come out of ashes, dust or particles (1 Corinthians 15:35-36)

**TRUTH:** Our resurrection bodies will have some connection to our earthly bodies but be different.

E. What will our bodies be?

- 1) Imperishable
- 2) Glorious