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We are talking about the faithfulness of God, and we got this week, and then we'll finish up next week by talking about our response to the faithfulness of God, and then we'll go move on to something different. But how we got here, basically, in week one, we were talking about God and His faithfulness, and really, it comes from this idea. When you look at the definition, a couple words pop out, and it's trustworthy and true. And so, when we're talking about God's faithfulness, we're talking about how God is true. God is trustworthy, right? And that is so important for us because in a world where we get politicians that we vote on make some promises, don't keep the promises. Rinse and repeat. Doesn't matter no matter what animal is being represented by who's in the office. It's like a whole bunch of broken promises, and so it's like, what does it take for somebody to actually do what they say they're going to do? We're looking everywhere for it. It used to be a real staple of humanity. Used to be able to do with a handshake, and used to be able to look at somebody and be like, "If this person said this, they meant it, and they're going to do it. In fact, the world had a lot more faithful people in it than it does now. However, we're reminded, you know, when Paul's talking about the latter times, gonna be filled with people who are truce breakers. Feel like we are filled with that today. But when everybody around us doesn't want to tell the truth, we have a God who is true and trustworthy. And so we talked about what that means when He's faithful in the area of our temptations in week two. Remember that verse in First Corinthians 10:13 that says, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man. But God is faithful, who will not suffer you above that you are tempted, but will with the temptation make a way of escape that ye may be able to bear it. Right. So we talked about that. We talked about some of these escapes. Right. Going to bed earlier, changing the places that you go or what you listen to, serving others when tempted. Go for a walk, pray for others, work out, look for another job or a different department, delete social media, or if it's a stronghold, then get help. But there are all kinds of escapes so that we can endure temptation. Week three, we talked about how God is faithful in suffering and temptation, and or sorry, suffering and the fact that it is temporary. And we learn that God's strength is perfect in our weakness. We learn that God's grace is sufficient, and that God is the God of all comfort. And then last week we talked about God's faithfulness in the area of loneliness and isolation, and the first time in Scripture we see that something is not good, it's when man is alone in Genesis 21:8, and so we looked at Elijah, and there were some practical steps that we had. One, get up, then get busy, get community, and you're not alone. Being reminded of that, so you're up to speed if you haven't been here, or if you've been in Grenada, right, and now you're up to speed. So this is where we're at today. But what we're going to talk about today is the faithfulness of God in salvation. However, to truly appreciate and understand this, we need to start with an attribute of God. And remember the

definition of faithful when we're looking kind of at pistos in the Greek. It's summarized as trustworthy and true. A. A. Hodge wrote, "The truth of God. Now listen to what he says here: the truth of God, in its widest sense, is a perfection which qualifies all His intellectual and moral attributes, and this is so important. This attributes that God is true. This attribute of God. This is so critical to everything. If He is not true, how can we trust His word? How can we trust that there is a path for salvation if God's word isn't true? How can we trust him for anything if he's not true? So it is the pinnacle, right? It is the it is the one attribute that qualifies all his intellectual and moral attributes. We're reminded of these beautiful scriptures in Romans three four: God forbid, yea, let God be true, and every man a liar, as it is written, that thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged. Or, back under the law in Numbers 23:19, God is not a man. Period. That he should lie, neither the son of man that he should repent, that he hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? We're reminded in John 14 six that Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. Or in John 8:32, "It's the truth that shall make you free." We're told in Titus one two, and this will segue into what we talk about today, in hope of eternal life, which God not that just that not just that He is true, but that He cannot lie. Let that sink in, because we don't have that attribute. Every one of us in here has the ability to lie, but what Scripture teaches here is that God cannot lie in hope of eternal life, which God that cannot lie promised before the world began. God cannot lie, and if He says there is hope of eternal life, then there has to be. But that hope of eternal life encompasses so much more than just where we'll be one day. So today we're going to talk about the three phases of salvation. This is not original with me today, so I'm sure it's something that will be a summary that you have heard before, but I'm hoping that it will be an encouragement to you today. Now, before we get started, I'm going to do a little bit of an exercise here. So, this is the only time I will give you permission to close your eyes and bow your heads and not fall asleep while I'm speaking. But I am going to do a little bit of research project here. You guys are going to be my test subjects. So, I have everybody bow your heads, close your eyes, because I don't want anybody to be embarrassed or looking around. I'm gonna have two questions. Okay. All right, I'm looking. I think we're safe now. Okay. Question number one: Is there anybody here that would raise their hand and say, "I know without a shadow of a doubt, I will not go to heaven" Okay. Question two: Is there anybody in this room that would say, "I'm not sure if I'll go to heaven" I'll ask you to raise your hand right now. Okay, I see several of those hands up today. Okay, you can put those down. All right, so now we can all look up. All right, the reason that's important is we're going to talk about how to get to heaven today. So whether you didn't know, whether you are unsure, or whether you already know, one thing is going to be true: God is going to be true what He says today, and it will be the one true, only way to get to heaven. So, if you just raised your hand, you weren't the only one. First of all, then my hope today is that you will be able to place your faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and you leave here today with that assurance that if you were asked that question again, your head would be bowed, your eyes would be closed, you could even take a nap, you could take a siesta because you already know that you're sealed, you're saved, and you're going to heaven. You will not question it again after today. That is my hope. That is my prayer. And so we wanted to start there. So there's these three phases of salvation we're going to talk about today. In order to kind of illustrate the first one, I'm going to kind of share a little history with me as far as with automobiles. I have this bad habit of driving a vehicle until the wheels fall off. It's embarrassing. I try never to. I just so dead set to not want a car payment. Now, those of you who have car payments, I'm not. I'm not condemning you today. I'm probably condemning myself, right? But but when it comes time to when my cars are broken down, they tend to sit until I can get them fixed. But then never fails. People start asking questions: What's that car sitting out there? Or why are you driving this? Or why are you driving that? And so I thought, well, from a salvation perspective, my car has already been declared righteous and is in need of no works. The first phase of salvation is justification, and it's just that you are declared righteous before God, right? And I think this is where we want to park a little bit here today, and we're going to talk about these other phases of salvation. But it is so important that you understand that each and every one of us in this room, and watching online, or who is in your workplace, your

neighbor, neighbors, family members doesn't matter. We were all born into this life as sinners. I know the world's trying to rewrite history. It's trying to change the terms, right? But the reality is, we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. And even if you're pretty good, you're still pretty much a sinner, right? If you've if you've lied once, if you've stolen once, right? You have sinned. And here's the thing about sin: is one sin you come short of the glory of God, because sin can't enter God's presence. It's not that God has set this standard that could never be met, and that He's a He's just an unrealistic God, and that there's no one could ever get to heaven by that standard. It's the fact that God is holding. Sin cannot be in the presence of God. If that attribute fails, then what other attributes fail? But God is also a just God, so it's not just that we sin, but sin demands payment. In fact, the Bible says the wages of sin is death, and that's not just a physical death. It's not just why we die, although that is why we die. But it is a spiritual death, separated from God for all eternity. Mankind is really in a hopeless state, but they're looking for hope in all the wrong places. So when God looks down, He says, "I created man in my own image originally, but then sin happened, and then sin was passed down to mankind over and over and over again, generationally over and over again. But God made a way because we couldn't find a way. We couldn't be good enough because we couldn't be perfect, right? Nobody has successfully kept all the law. Nobody could ever be right in God's sight. So here's what God did, and this was a secret before the world began, as far as what the death of Christ was going to do. But God came down in the form of man as His Son Jesus Christ. He was born of a virgin, lived 33 years on this life, roughly, did not commit one sin. He was falsely accused, and he was murdered on a cross. When he was on the cross, his blood was shed. It wasn't just a moment in time where somebody got a nosebleed. Payment was being released from God's earthly body in the form of precious sinless blood, as it was coming out of Jesus. Payment was being made, but then Jesus died, and just to make sure that no one would ever confuse it with just the fact that a good man died for a great cause. It was the God-Man dying because three days later he rose from the grave. And here's what was kept secret before the world began: is that everybody, neither it doesn't matter if you're Jew, Gentile, whatever your background today is, if you will receive that gift of eternal life that God has given you, but you have to receive it. The Bible says that you are saved if you've placed your faith in what He has done for you on your behalf. You are saved, and in that very moment, the Holy Spirit takes you out of Adam and places you into the body of Christ, and now you are in Christ. You are sealed till the day of redemption, right? There is no going back, right? At that point, you are His, and you will be with Him in heaven for all eternity. And it doesn't take you repeating words after me. It doesn't determine for you to come up here and pray at these steps. It's you believing right where you're at and receiving that that was for you. And if you've done that, even right now as I'm speaking, right, the Bible says that you are saved. When that happens, you are now justified. That means you are now declared righteous because now when God looks at you, He sees His Son's perfect righteousness. It was that exchange that our sin was put on Jesus's account, but His perfect righteousness was put to our account. So that is how we can be in Christ and have a relationship with God, and how we can be in heaven with Him for all eternity. Is because we've had Christ's perfect righteousness put to our account, and believe me, when we get to the third phase, you're going to see that when we stand before Him one day, we will be completely holy without sin when we stand before Him one day. But how do we get there? Right, it's once we believe what happened at that moment. Well, the penalty of sin is what got dealt with during this first phase called justification, because that was for us sin had that penalty that was going to hang over us, and and the only way to pay that was to accept God's payment, or we're going to pay for it in a real place called hell for all eternity. But the moment we are justified, the penalty of sin has gone away. In fact, Acts 13:39. This is Paul's first public sermon, and towards the end of it says, "By him, all that believe are justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses. This is one of those verses when it just Scripture just plainly says what it says. So those who try to say I'm going to work my way to God clearly Scripture says right here that you cannot be justified by the law of Moses. So the only thing you're going to do is become really legalistic and frustrated. But you're not going to stand before God one day, and He's going to say, "Wow, you aced the law! Come on in, because if you've

offended in one point, you've offended in all. Romans 3:24, and really most of Romans three through six describes this quite a bit. But Romans 3:24, especially last part of this chapter says this in verse 24: Being justified freely. You didn't pay for your justification. You were justified freely by what His grace. You didn't earn it. There isn't a person in this room who who gets more of God's grace than somebody else's? There wasn't a person in this room who needed more of God's grace than anyone else, because then merit is involved. It is purely by His grace. He says, "By His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Two verses later, in verse 26, he says, "To declare, I say at this time his righteousness, that he might be just and the justifier of who, him which believeth in Jesus, and are circumcised and gave the law. No, no, doesn't say that. Follow-up question. No, that's not involved, right? Verse 28 says, "Therefore, we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. So, after all these verses in Romans three, Paul says the conclusion is this: It's the same conclusion for us today in 2026 that a man is justified by faith, without the deeds of the law. And I don't know about you, but there is a freedom that comes from that kind of justification. Imagine this endless cycle of working, working, working, having these good days, and then boom-a thought that came into your head, and you did nothing with it, and you let it marinate, and you began to lust, right? Or whether this lie comes about, or you were gossiped, and you were doing so good, but now you feel like you got knocked back down the ladder again. You got to work your way back up. I'm so thankful it is not about us and us trying to be perfect. It is freely by His grace. Chapter four continues this thought, and it says, "If Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory, but not before God. That's why in three verses later it could say, "To him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. We have to believe, and it may seem too simple for you, but I can promise you what God did that was preordained before the world began was not simple. Sending your own son to die on an old rugged cross. It wasn't simple, and it's disrespectful to call it cheap grace. There's nothing cheap about what happened at Calvary. We just happen to be the recipients to receive it freely by gift. Romans five one then says, therefore being justified how by faith. faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. That means there is now no more conflict going on between us and God. There is peace, and that's only by being justified by faith. Later in Romans five verse nine it says, "Much more than being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. And there is a few of these dynamics. We see words like faith that are so critical that we have to have right. We see blood. There is no gospel without the shed blood of Jesus Christ, because that's when the payment is made. And if there is no resurrection, there's no gospel, and we are dead still in our sins. That's why it requires the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But it wasn't it wasn't death by old age. It was death by the shed blood on the cross. You had to have the shedding of the blood to every mission of sins. This is where we get our justification in Galatians chapter two. It says, "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, not by the works of the law. For by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified, but if while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. The moment we believe, we are justified. We are declared righteous before God, or as many have said before, just as if I'd never sinned. That is how we're now viewed. You may not view yourself the same when you look in the mirror. It's about how God views you, because He's the standard by which we're going to have eternity, not you. And the way God can see that is by faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ and what He did, and now He sees His Son's perfect righteousness. And this is the first phase of salvation, if you will. But if you think about it, what if God then He just left us on this earth and said, "Good luck. I'll see you when you get here. There is a second phase of salvation, and that is sanctification. That's just right now. After you've been saved, now the Holy Spirit is conforming you to make you more like Christ. It is setting you apart for holy use. So the first one was over the penalty of sin, but sanctification deals with the power of sin. Today in Christ, sin does not have power over you; only what you give it. We're reminded this in Scripture, First Thessalonians four three. This is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication. We've talked about this verse before in the

past, but it's interesting at the beginning. This says, "This is the will of God, even your sanctification. That's being set apart for holy use. But he's talking to people living in the first century. Even we know this. We love Ephesians 2:8,9, and who wouldn't? You've got the gospel laid out in there, and what happens in our lives. However, in the very next verse, in verse 10, it says, "We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. It doesn't mean that. Oh well, without works you're not saved. He's saying once you are saved, you have a job to do, and I'm going to empower you to do that job. But I didn't just save you so you can live any old way that you want to, because if the any old way that you want to worked, it would have got you to heaven. But instead, it was a one-way ticket to hell. In Colossians 3:1, it says, "In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight. Titus 2:11 and 12. We're like, yeah, but we're under grace today. Well, Titus chapter 2:11 says, "The grace of God that we're under today brings salvation hath appeared to all men. What's it doing? Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live how soberly, righteously, and godly in the world to come. No, doesn't say that. In this present world. Later, two verses later, in verse 14, it says, "Who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. And some people might just say, "Yeah, but positionally, you know, we're holy. Yeah, but are you practically the way you live your life. Do you represent Him? We are called to be ambassadors to see all men saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Today is the body of Christ. He is our head, and we are doing the actions. What are we representing? Are we holding the head up in the way that we live our lives? Whether it's the stuff that we are doing secretly or the stuff we're doing outwardly, right? Is it reflective of who we are in Christ? And that's important that we live that way, because if we are the instruments in which to bring people into heaven one day, and we are living such a life that is a distraction. Who will want to hear what we're saying? That's really the purpose, and we're going to stand before Him one day and give account not of our sins, but the way we lived and what we did for Him in the body. There's a few verses that even talk about this mortal body, just so we're not confused, just so we know. When do we have a mortal body? Right now. There's a time when we will not have a mortal body, but we do right now, so we can all be on the same page, right? If you have immortality right now, please raise your hand. We want what you're having. Okay, so we would all. We are all mortal right now, so listen to these verses: Romans 6:12. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in the lust thereof. When do you have your mortal body? Right now. And what Paul is saying is, let not sin reign in your mortal bodies. Second Corinthians 5:1, for we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be manifest in our mortal flesh, that we may reveal Jesus while we are still living here today, or in Romans 8:11, if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you right now, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you. This is why we reckon ourselves dead unto sin. And believe me, it's not that when you think about certain things in this life, it's not about I can't do these things anymore. It's I get to not do these things anymore because of the one who gave everything for me. I get to live a life for Him that's pleasing. It's not a set of rules. It's the love of Christ that constraineth me. It's not the law that Israel was under that was going to come with all these curses. It was me being able to say, "I love you, Lord. I realize what you've given me, who I am in you, and so I want to live for you, and I want others to live for you, and I want others to have what I have, and so I'm going to keep my body in subjection and under control, that I might be worthy before Him one day. That's where your motivations start changing. That's when your life and your heart starts changing, because the very moment we're saved, we're given the Holy Spirit inside of us. That's an awesome thing. In fact, we're told in First Thessalonians 5:23 and 24 says, "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and I pray God your whole spirit and whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but the next verse says, "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. Think about this: under the law, they did not have the permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit to empower them to obey or to live a life that was holy unto God. I mean, it was pretty much pure willpower and commandments. Today, God says, "I'm not asking to do

something unrealistically here because I'm going to be inside you, helping you, and I'm going to give you the finished word of God, which is how your faith is going to grow, and how I'm going to talk to you, and then the Holy Spirit's going to energize you and empower you to do that thing. We have the very power source inside of us to live a holy life today. More often than not, though, we quench it, or we grieve it, or we walk right over it. And that's exactly what we do when we sin today. We step right over the Holy Spirit, who is inside of us, but I love this. God also says in Philippians one six, being confident of this very thing that he which begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Christ. Or in the very next chapter of Philippians, chapter two, verse 13, it is it is God which worketh in you both to will and do of His good pleasure, you're not trying to do this alone. We're told even through through prayer, and I think this even prayer in Ephesians chapter three to be strengthened in the inner man with His might. God says, "I want to empower you to do this. That's why we're told in Galatians 5:16 to walk in the Spirit and not fulfill the lust of the flesh. This is that sanctification part. God says, "I'm not just saying see you when you get here. I'm wanting to empower you to live a life that is holy and blameless before me now. In which we are told in Romans 12 one and two, right? He says, "I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. It's not an unreasonable ask. And he says, "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind. So this was sanctification, which was how we live a life today over the power of sins. Glorification was about dealing with the penalty of sin, but the third one is glorification. And finally, the presence of sin will be no longer. Amen to that, right? Titus 2:13 says, "Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior, Jesus Christ. We use this one in a lot of funerals, but First Thessalonians 4:13 through 18. I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say by the word of the Lord that we which are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. So shall we? So shall we be, forever with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. What this is describing is an event that you know whether you call it the catching away or the rapture, but it is talking about this event. But it starts that glorification process to those who are alive and will remain, right? Because here becomes the forever portion of our salvation, the eternal portion of our salvation. But there's a little bit more of this that is revealed in First Corinthians 15. So here Paul is describing something very critical about when we go to meet with him and being with him in in his presence, right in verse 53 of First Corinthians 15, it says, "This corruptible must put on incorruption. This mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall we be brought shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, death is swallowed up in victory. See, part of the glorification part of salvation is there will no longer be presence of sin. That's because you will be unable to sin. You are going to be given a new body. Yeah, only one person. I'm looking at you people. There should be a lot more of you, amen, than one. But anyway, we are giving a new body. We are removed from suffering, from the sight of sin, from the penalty of sin. Right? There will not be any funerals in heaven, and by the end of Revelation, there will be no tears in heaven. There's not going to be any arthritis in heaven. Yes, I knew it. I knew I could get some attention for that one. The point is, we are going to be changed because we have to be changed to be in His presence. Here He views us with His Son's perfect righteousness, but one day He is going to look at us and be able to look at us apart from His Son's righteousness, because we are going to have a glorified body that has no sin. This is our faithful God who says, "I saved you the moment you believed. I'm sanctifying you through the process, and one day you're going to be with me in heaven for all eternity in a process called glorification. We're told in Philippians 3:20 and 21, he says, "Our conversation is in heaven. Another way to kind of say that is it kind of means like not so much talking about our language, but like our

citizenship is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. For those people say, "I don't know. I'm so vile. He says, "He's able. He's able to subdue it all. It makes no difference of what your past is. Right? You're not going to be with your glorified body with tattoos of everything that you've ever done. It's going to be fashioned like unto His glorious body. What a promise we have of that glorification. Romans 8:23 says, "Not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. And I personally believe, as we were talking about adoption in Ephesians chapter one, on our Wednesday night study. Shameless plug, if you want to come and join us. But as we were going through that, I believe there is that adoption as children, right? That I think that's a lot of what happens with Galatians. There's also the adoption of our body that's future tense, right? And that is this glorified body. So we look at these three things, and we're like, God shows just how faithful He is, and it starts with the truth about how you have eternal life. It's faith alone, and the finished work of Jesus Christ and His resurrection. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "We are saved by grace through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast. When we get saved, we receive what He has done as a gift that we absolutely cannot work for. And the very moment that we do, you can look at this process in Ephesians 1:13. We'll look at here in a moment. But we trust here, believe, and we are sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, and that is an earnest or a down payment of what we will have with Him for all eternity. He gives that to us now, that Holy Spirit, the moment that we are saved. We'll talk later. So as we come down, I told her I was like, "Tell me if I'm going over. I'm not even there yet. Okay, just so a way to kind of think about this is that we were talking about is justification deals with the penalty of sin, sanctification deals with the power of sin, and glorification deals with the presence of sin. We will have complete eradication from sin and its curse for all eternity, and to me, that's worth it. That subtle reminder on the daily-I can't wait to get that away from me, especially for all eternity. During the Vietnam War, there was a U.S. Navy fighter pilot, and he was shot down on his 75th mission. He ejected and parachuted into enemy territory, and he spent six years as a POW. Years later, after returning home, he was eating at a restaurant, and a stranger approached him and said, "You're Arthur Plum. You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down. And he sat there, and he's like, "I'm just a guy. I'm just sitting here eating dinner. But who would know that information about me? Gosh, he he looked up and he was astonished, and he said, "How did you know that? And the man said, "I packed your parachute. That guy on that day packing a parachute, being faithful, being true, probably thinking that the parachute was never going to be used, ended up saving somebody's life, and I was thinking about that in response to God and salvation and His faithfulness and the Holy Spirit. Now remember these verses: Ephesians 1:13. It says, "In whom you also trusted, after that you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and whom also, after you believed, you were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, but then later in Ephesians 4:30, and we looked at these last week. Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed until the day of salvation. And then we're told in Romans 8:35-39, you can't be separated from God. And all I could think about was just like the man who packed the parachute, who was trustworthy, faithful, and true. God promised eternal life and cannot lie. I trust the one who packed the parachute. In other words, I trust the one who's already given me the Holy Spirit and sealed me. Even if I'm not seeing signs and wonders each day, I know the parachute's been packed, and I can trust it. It's true because He packed it, and I'm going to be with Him in heaven for all eternity. And when I was thinking about this week, I was like, "Oh, I want to share that. I had never heard it till this week. I was like, "It goes perfectly with what we're talking about. Even in this moment of sanctification, if you can't see it, if maybe you don't feel it, and you can't maybe touch it, just know he packed the parachute. The work's been done. The work has been done. You can trust him. He's faithful. He is true. There's no reason to question your salvation. If you've truly been saved, he is going to. That, and if today was the day, we rejoice with you, and we'd love to help you in that walk,

and show you some next steps. And hopefully, we all leave here today, knowing that we are saved and going to heaven. And I would love to hear. If today was the day, I would love for you to come and tell me about it. We've got some books that we can give you to get you started. We can try to help you in some ways to now start growing. The first part is getting saved. The next part is growing in the knowledge of the truth, and we would love to be able to help you with that. But we wanted to spend a week talking about how faithful God is in salvation. He can be trusted. He didn't just start it; it's still going, and it's going to go on for all eternity. So, from us, we now have salvation, which gives us gives us power over the penalty of sin, the power of sin and sanctification, and the presence of sin and justification. Sin does not win. I know who packed the parachute. I'm going to have you guys all stand at this time. If you're new, or if you're curious about jumping into a small group, or you got questions about what do I do now that I've been saved, you got questions. Making sure that you get your questions answered, even about salvation. If something wasn't clear today, we'd love to talk to you. We invite you. We have people up here at this front front room up here. If you, like I said, if you'd like to join the church, now would be a good time too. You can get out ahead of everybody, if you will. I'm going to give us time in case you want to step out, but we're going to pray right now. Then we'll sing a song, and then we will dismiss you. Let's pray, Heavenly Father. I thank you so much that you are trustworthy. You are true, Lord. I thank you for sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins, and that He shed His precious blood, died on the cross, and three days later rose again. And you offer that freely to us today is a gift. You're not coercing us, you're not forcing us, but you offer this as a gift. We can either choose to receive, and all our sins will be taken care of, or we can pay for our sins ourselves in eternal separation from you in hell. I pray, Lord, that not to scare anybody, but but that today would be the day that everyone would leave here saved and knowing that they're going to spend all eternity together. I pray today maybe was a day where people can now leave here confidently, knowing they can't lose what you've already given them, because you are sealed until the day of redemption. So, Lord, we thank you so much for that gift, and Lord, we just pray you'd edify the body of Christ today through your Word. And Lord, I pray that we would leave here unified today and give you all the honor and glory in Jesus' name. Amen. We hope you received a blessing from today's service. We would love to have you visit with us in person. For more information, please visit our website at gpeindy.net or contact us by phone at 317-535-3512. For more options to watch, just click on demand on the website. Until next broadcast, may God bless you. Is our prayer.