

Understanding Prophecy, Part I

Lesson Three Lecture

A Salvation Ready to be Revealed

Today we are going to deal with the topic A SALVATION READY TO BE REVEALED and what all of that means. Now, I want to encourage you to do your homework every week, so that when you come to class, you will be ready to discuss, then to hear more about what you have already seen. That is very helpful in the learning process. And to look at these things, there are some things that need to be understood in order to put all of this in proper place.

Let's first consider the question: Why is Jesus coming back? We know why He came the first time; He came to die, in order to redeem us. But what is the purpose of His coming back to the earth. Have you ever wondered about that?

Let's look at what the author of the Book of Hebrews says:

Hebrews 9

28 so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

So we have two comings of Christ, each for differing reasons and intentions when He comes. The first time, we know that He came to die on the cross as our Passover Lamb, in order to redeem us from eternal death and afford us eternal life.

But He is coming again, without reference to sin. It says here that He is coming again to those who eagerly await Him. Interesting!

A salvation without reference to sin? Is there such a salvation? So then is there a salvation with reference to sin, **and** a salvation without reference to sin? Let's read it again:

Hebrews 9

28 so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

And we know that Peter deals with this salvation when he says:

In order to understand these things, we have to do what we are supposed to do, and go back the beginning to see what God says about His creating man in the first place. Because it would make sense, that if God created man for a specific purpose, and sin interrupted that purpose, and in His eternal plan, He planned to redeem man, then it makes sense that He would redeem man for the same purpose that He created man!

By now we know full well, God's stated purpose for creating. The passage wherein this is explicitly stated is right in the first chapter of the Bible, and frankly, it could not be stated more clearly!

In verse 26 God says what He is going to do:

Genesis 1

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

In verse 27 He does what He said He was going to do:

Genesis 1

27 And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

And in verse 28, He tells that He did what He said He was going to do and repeated His reason for doing it:

Genesis 1

28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

But man is not ruling yet, is he? We can see that clearly stated in the Book of Hebrews:

Hebrews 2

6 But one has testified somewhere, saying, "WHAT IS MAN, THAT YOU REMEMBER HIM? OR THE SON OF MAN, THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HIM? 7 "YOU HAVE MADE HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS; YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR, AND HAVE APPOINTED HIM OVER THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;

8 YOU HAVE PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET." For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. But

But what?

But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him.

May I ask you something personal? (This is just to get you thinking!)

What do you personally think about that? About the fact that man was created to rule, and in that, you and I have that same purpose! Do you like it?

May I ask another question: What are you supposed to think about it?

Some people really don't like the idea of this rulership stuff...and frankly, God gives them the prerogative to make that choice, doesn't He?

But is it wise do to do something like that? To decided that you really don't like what you read here in these verses and therefore you will ignore.

Because God does give you and me the option to ignore it, doesn't He. He is not forcing anything upon you. He just offers it in His Word, and it really is up to you and me what we are going to do with it. Believe it or not; live by it or not.

It is our choice, isn't it?

But what is wise, and what is right? What is the correct way to view this? According to God's Word, or according to the way we feel about? AND are there ramifications in your choice?

Again, these are just questions to get you thinking. So what do you believe about this?

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Well, we can see here in these verses that God created a being in His own image and likeness. So what is the image and likeness of God? Can we know?

On thing we can know is that He is a TRIUNE being! He exists in three parts, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. So that is one way that we are created in His image, is that we are also a triune being. Three parts: Spirit, soul, body. And we can see that clearly stated in something that Paul wrote, and I am adding the context leading into it, for a reason:

I Thessalonians 5 (I have added these preceding verses purposefully.)
19 Do not quench the Spirit; 20 do not despise prophetic utterances.
21 But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good;
22 abstain from every form of evil.23 Now may the God of peace
Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body
be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ.

Spirit soul and body, three different and distinct Greek words used here in the original language; and that is actually true in both testaments, in both languages.

I added the text moving into the statement because I think it is important to know what Paul is dealing with when he refers to the three parts of man. He wants his hearers to be preserved complete at the coming of the Lord, without blame, which presupposes that it may not be the case!

These are judgment seat issues, aren't they? And that with respect to all three parts! Interesting!

And here again, you and I have the option to believe what we want to believe about this, don't we? I am AMAZED at the Christians who, even in the face of God clearly stating this, they choose not to believe that we were created in three parts, but only two, and choose not to believe that man was created to rule; because, again frankly, we all have that option to believe what they want to believe. Though God is three parts and we have been created in His image and likeness.

I remember one person, who was well respected as a Bible teacher saying to me years ago, "Cindy, YOU cannot separate the soul from the spirit, they are one in the same!" She said it with such force that honestly, it scared me a bit. I mean scared me to believe what the WORD of God said. I wish I knew then what I know now! I would have said to her, "I KNOW I can't divide the soul and the spirit, only the Word of God can!" And it is the Word of God that DOES divide the soul from the spirit. Look at this very succinctly stated verse:

Hebrews 4

12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

And here again, in this verse, you have the division of the soul and the spirit, in the setting of the judgment! Interesting!

So please allow me to put a question or two before you: What are you going to believe about these things?

Was man, in fact, created to rule...or not?

We know that:

Numbers 23

19 "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

We know that God cannot lie, and He cannot change his mind! What He says, He will do; what He speaks, He will make happen.

And so the question: Was man created in God's image or not? Is God three parts or not? Is man three parts or not?

And why am I bringing such emphasis on this? Because the way you believe on these things, determines what you believe about prophecy, to a large extent, and determines what you believe about the whole scope of salvation, as well.

I hope that the remainder of this message will bear these things out, and present clearly God's Word concerning these things.

(May I say something on a personal level here? I usually like to say this at least once in each series. And I know it should go without saying, but I always like to say it anyway.

Do you remember the very first verse that we looked at in the INTRO Lecture for this Bible study? It is this:

I Corinthians 2

5 that your faith should not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

Can I just tell you that I really do believe that! I may work hard at presenting these things to you; I may deliver these things in such a way that shows my passion for these things — that I really do believe these things and I really do want you to believe them too!

But my heart's desire is that you consider what GOD says about these things, and not what I say about them. I truly do not want your faith to rest on my study, but on the power of God in your own study, and your

own struggling through these passages, and your own asking God to give YOU knowledge and understanding, and wisdom as a result of that! That's why it is good for you to do your homework in this study. So that when you come here, and listen to these lectures, you will have already grappled with passages, and have seen for yourself whether the words I speak are based upon what God says, or not! It's as simple as that! OK?

So...Let's talk about SALVATION for a moment. Most of us sitting here in this building right now, and I am assuming that most of the people who will be taking this Bible study and/or listening to this message will agree that Salvation is from God, and through faith in Christ's shed blood, one is eternally saved! Right? It is through faith, and faith alone in His work and His work alone. Right?

And that is the Truth. When the Philippian jailer asked Paul what must he do to be saved? Paul answered most carefully: Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved!

We know that we have been saved through faith and not by works. We know that it is a gift of God, not of works that no man should boast! We know that! But distinctions must be clearly made here, concerning the three parts of man, which is why it is important to see the foundational things in God's Word as He presents them.

According to the whole of Scripture, we can see past, present and future aspects of this thing called salvation. Here is the past:

Ephesians 2

5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)...

Ephesians 2

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God...

It is the free gift, based upon faith, and faith alone in the finished work of Another. This has to do with our spiritual birth! It has to do with our spirit.

Jesus said:

John 3

6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

This is referring to salvation in the past sense. You and I have already been saved, meaning we already possess spiritual life. We are no longer spiritually dead, which is the eternal state of an unsaved person (they have been judged already). Not us! We passed out of death, passed into life, through the means of believing in Jesus, and this affords to us eternal life (in the true sense of eternal...never ending.

But that is our spiritual birth. The PAST aspect of salvation, if you will. "You have been saved!"

Now let's look at the present aspect of salvation!

Paul says very clearly:

Philippians 2

12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

There is an aspect of salvation that must affect our soul (presently) which will have a future effect on our bodies, which is actually born out in the Scriptures. And believe it or not, all of this has to do with prophecy, for prophecy does not exist within a vacuum apart from all of this. For us to understand prophecy, and the whole scope of it, we have got to understand something about the salvation to be revealed in the last days.

This is the salvation which we are to (presently) work out in fear and trembling, as Paul says to the Philippians. (The past tense of salvation is totally apart from WORKS, except for the WORK of Jesus! But this is the part of salvation wherein we must work!) So when Paul says we must work out our salvation in fear and trembling, he adds:

13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

God is working in you (and me) not only to do His good please, but also to WANT to do His good pleasure. According to this, can you see that it is HIS WORK in us, to WANT TO and to DO what He wants us TO DO?

Again, He doesn't force us. He gives us the option. It is our choice. But what is WISE in this...to ignore it, thinking that WORK is a bad thing, or to accept it, not resting our faith on the wisdom of man, but on the power of God?

Man these things are important!

It is such a shame that for so many Christians that word “WORK” is such a bad word. I once did a computer search on the word WORK, and was amazed at how it is seen throughout the whole of Scripture, especially when you add the sense of OBEDIENCE. You know, like “obeying the commands of Jesus” et al.

It’s like the Children of Israel. They were redeemed out of bondage through faith in what God said about the blood of the Passover lamb. And thereafter they were to obey and keep the covenant, if they were to be a kingdom of priests (Ex. 19:4-6).

So we see a present tense aspect to salvation. This is what Paul means when he says to the Church at Corinth:

I Corinthians 1

18 For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

“The word of the cross” — What is this word? It is not the word about Faith in the death of Jesus on the cross that Paul is dealing with as he is writing to

I Corinthians 1:2 ...to the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours...

He already knows that they are saved due to their faith in Jesus. But he is dealing with the fact that Jesus told His disciples that if they wanted to be disciples of His, they would have to deny themselves, take up their cross and follow Him.

This is the Word of the cross. Because a saved person can decide whether they want to take up their cross (an instrument of death...putting to death the deeds of flesh. It is a conscious decision on every individual Christian’s part...

I either choose to believe this, and take up my cross, or I choose not to believe it, and simply be concerned with the free gift and the free gift alone.

This word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing...in the process of perishing. But to those who are being saved...in the process of being saved. And ongoing process.

Yes, there is a present tense in this...we are in the process of being saved...it is the power of God.

Paul says it again to the same group of believers:

II Corinthians 2

15 For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing;

With respect to the spirit...A person dead in trespasses and sin (unsaved) is not in the process of dying. With respect to the spirit...A person who has passed from death unto life, passed out of judgment is not in the process of being saved.

And while our spiritual birth is a once for all thing...believe on the Lord Jesus Christ — at one point in time you believe, and that has ongoing, even eternal ramification, which cannot be changed or altered in any way, (that is past) there is presented here a “working out of salvation”. An ongoing “being saved” portion of salvation.

This is present tense! And with respect to the salvation of our soul, it is stated so, clearly in Scripture.

And to see that this salvation has specifically to do with our SOUL is easy! Look at these passages, which very specifically deal with the salvation of our soul! It is very obvious:

James 1

21 Therefore putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls. 22 But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

James altogether connects the salvation of the soul with the way a person lives. With the way he considers trials, and the way he is persevering, etc.

So in understanding this and seeing it like this, when you come to chapter 2, it is easy to see what he meant when he said under inspiration:

James 2

14 What use is it, my brethren, if a man says he has faith, but he has no works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them

what is necessary for their body, what use is that? 17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.

He has already told us that he is dealing with the salvation of the soul in 1:21. And this salvation (with respect to the soul) requires work.

Then James even ends his epistle rather abruptly with these words:

James 5

19 My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth, and one turns him back, 20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his [the one who strayed from the truth] soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins.

The author of Hebrews deals with the way a person endures through trials

Hebrews 10

36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.

What was promised? (Remember nothing exists in a vacuum in Scripture! This has to do with the promises made to Abraham and to his descendants:

Romans 4

13 For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith.

This is speaking of obedience (OT and NT alike) obedience that emanates out of faith...

not of some law that can emanate out of legalism!) The promise has to do with INHERITANCE.

So the write of Hebrews can say:

Hebrews 10

36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. 37 FOR YET IN A VERY LITTLE WHILE, HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME, AND WILL NOT DELAY. 38 BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH; AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM.

39 But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

The very next statement in the Book of Hebrews is this:

Hebrew 11

1 Now faith [within context, “faith to the saving of the soul] is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Faith having to do with our spiritual birth is believing that Jesus bore our sins upon that cross, right? And we can have eternal life through His death!

But this verse says “faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. And having faith to the saving of the soul (within context here in Hebrews chapters 10 and 11 would demand **actions to come along side of faith**...faith concerning things hoped for but not yet seen.

Then of course chapter 11 is replete with a divinely inspired list of OT **faithful** saints, who are a cloud of those we can witness as individuals who persevered through and ACTED upon their faith...acted upon what they had believed but did not see.

And so over and over again we read the words, By faith...

By faith, Abel...did something
By faith Enoch...did something...
By faith Noah...did something...
By faith, Abraham...did something...

Each one recorded having done something different from the other, and each one having gained approval through that which they did by faith!
Again:

Hebrews 11

1 Now faith [to the saving of the soul] is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the men of old gained approval.

And let's add verse 3

Hebrews 11

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it [this type of faith] the men of old gained approval. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds [Lit., ages] were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

In other words, by faith, we understand that the ages were prepared by the word of God, and that which we see with our spiritual eyes (by faith) does not come from that which we see around us.

And so in believing these things which we are studying in Scripture, concerning the ages that God has prepared (with one age being the age of the ages) we adjust our lives so as to live in such a way that our actions are in accord with that which we believe concerning the age of the ages, the coming age. We work out our salvation now in fear and trembling.

Tell story about woman who said, "This is scary!"

Then after a long list of OT saints, we come to this:

Hebrews 12

1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God

Ok. So now let's deal with the fact that Jesus is presently sitting at the right hand of God. We looked at a good number of verses in our homework this past week concerning the fact that it is clearly stated that He is sitting there only for a time. He is sitting there UNTIL God makes His enemies a footstool for His feet. Let's put together some passages which will make this picture come together for us.

Psalm 110 (A prophecy of David)

**1 The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand, Until I make Thine enemies a footstool for Thy feet." 2 The LORD will stretch forth Thy strong scepter from Zion, saying, "Rule in the midst of Thine enemies."
... 4 The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind...**

I Corinthians 15

25 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

Isaiah 66

1 Thus says the LORD, "Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool..."

This is millennial in scope, taking place on the 7th day, the day of rest, the Sabbath rest. And all of this (this rulership) has to do with a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last days.

In our opening minutes this morning we were to consider the two comings of Christ, each for differing reasons and intentions.

Again, the first time He came, we know that He came to die on the cross as our Passover Lamb, in order to redeem us from eternal death and afford us eternal life.

But He is coming again, without reference to sin. It says here that He is coming again “for a salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.”

So let’s start making some connections here with things we are learning with respect to salvation, in fact with respect to what the Scriptures call the salvation of the soul:

What does this salvation have to do with? We are going to go to a passage that perhaps you have seen many times before. Could you just allow me to teach it one more time, and you look at it as if it was your first time. We need to look at this passage with awe and amazement because of what it holds for us!

I Peter 1

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Notice the phrase “living hope”. We have been born again to that! Hold onto that and we will get back to it.

So Peter is dealing with Christians...people who have been born again...in order to

I Peter 1

4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

These two words “last time” The English word “last” has been translated from the Greek word:

“last”: eschatos: a superlative, the farthest, final, ends of, last, latter end
“time”: kairos, kahee-ros' an occasion, i.e. set or proper time, due season

I Peter 1

6 In this [in what?] you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, 7 that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

This clearly states what the outcome of this kind of faith is. That word outcome could also be translated goal

I Peter 1

10 As to this salvation...

So what do we have here? We have a salvation connected to an inheritance, which is reserved IN heaven for us, which won't be revealed until the last days, which has to do with the salvation of our souls. And notice that this inheritance is protected (by God) through our faith with respect to these things, because vv. 4, and 5 say:

4 ... an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

This salvation is based upon the works that we do: Check these passages out:

Our spiritual birth is by faith apart from works. We have seen that in

Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

But the very next verse speaks to the works which should follow

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

And what about these works? How do they fit into the overall scope of our inheritance, which, according to Peter has to do with the salvation that is to be revealed in the last time?

Colossians 3

23 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men; 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve. 25 For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.

And that Paul preached this message in his life-long work is easy to see too:

After he spent three years in Asia Minor, and when traveling back through the area:

Acts 20

17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church.

18 And when they had come to him, he said to them, "You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time,

19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials which came upon me through the plots of the Jews; 20 how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house,

21 solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. 22 And now, behold, bound in spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there,

23 except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me. 24 But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, in order that I may finish my course,

and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God. 25 And now, behold, I know that all of you, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, will see my face no more.

26 Therefore I testify to you this day, that I am innocent of the blood of all men. 27 For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.

But as to this salvation mockers will come with their mocking, won't they?

II Timothy 4

1 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom; 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths.

And we have already seen Peter warn of these false teachers as well.

II Peter 2

1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. 2 And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; 3 and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

So what do we do with all of this?

We know that all of this:

The kingdom,
The inheritance
The day of rest
The Day of the Lord

All has to do with that COMING AGE OF THE AGES. The one that all the prophets and all the apostles spoke of. The one that Jesus endured the same of the cross as He looked to the joy that was set before Him.

We, too, are to look out ahead to the coming day, and rejoice!

We'll close today by seeing this passage in Titus. Paul deals with what was accomplished in the past, at Christ's first coming, and how that is to affect us in the present:

Titus 2

11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

Presently we are to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present age, for THIS reason, as we:

13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

Paul tells Titus to:

15 Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.