

The Great Bailout

Week 4

Bailouts are common place in our society today. We talked last week about the importance of understanding what the bailouts are designed to accomplish. It seems these days they are only designed to get businesses through a few weeks or months until the economy gets its' legs back under it.

The Bible lists a few bailouts that had a much more profound impact on mankind than an amount of money will ever have.

Three weeks ago we talked about the first bailout that happened between God and mankind with The Passover lamb and Israel and their need for a bailout from their slavery and bondage. 2 weeks ago we talked about Abraham' s need for a bailout from generational bankruptcy.

Two weeks ago we looked at the greatest bailout that has ever happened. That is the bailout of mankind. God' s first bailout was provision for Abraham who believed in faith. His second bailout was for all of the nation of Israel which was part of the promise made to Abraham. The third bailout was for all of humanity which completed the promise made to Abraham which said that through him all the nations would be blessed.

Jesus bailed out humanity by dying on the cross for our sins, raising from the dead and ascending from heaven. What is the 4th great Bailout?

Acts 1: ⁹ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹ who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

The 4th Great Bailout has not happened yet. But when it does it is going to be a glorious day! Humanity needs a 4th bailout. We have been bailed out of our generational bankruptcy through Abraham. Out of our Slavery or bankruptcy of freedom. We have been bailed out of our bankruptcy of sin.

We need to be bailed out of our eternal bankruptcy. In other words these human bodies need to go away. We can' t survive for eternity in them. God' s plan to bail us out includes a new body!

1 Cor 15:⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. ⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "*Death is swallowed up in victory.*"^[g]

⁵⁵ "*O Death, where is your sting?*"^[h]
O Hades, where is your victory?"^[i]

⁵⁶ The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Not only will we have new bodies, but just like Elijah and Enoch we will not have to die.

1 Thess 4:¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will 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. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

We' ll get new bodies, we won' t need to die. Our Spirit is crying out to be made whole.

Romans 8:²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³ Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance.

Do you ever wonder about why everyone is so unhappy in life? Why the question of existence is always at the top of the list. What is the meaning of life? Muppets from Space – Gonzo is wondering why he' s the only one on the planet that looks like him. Of course it is because Jim Henson made him unique. God made you unique as well. However we all have this in common – we are eternal beings at our core.

Now not only are we going to have new bodies, not need to die, and find our eternal meaning to life and this existence, we are going to be able to live in a new earth.

No more Global warming or cooling talk, no more carbon footprints, no more hybrid cars, no more go green.

Revelation 21: ¹ Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, John,^[a] saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”
⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me,^[b] “Write, for these words are true and faithful.”

²² But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it,^[i] for the glory^[k] of God illuminated it. The Lamb *is* its light. ²⁴ And the nations of those who are saved^[l] shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.^[m] ²⁵ Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). ²⁶ And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.^[n] ²⁷ But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes^[o] an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb' s Book of Life.

Rev 22:⁶ Then he said to me, “These words *are* faithful and true.” And the Lord God of the holy^[b] prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place.
⁷ “Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed *is* he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

A new Heaven and a new earth. So what are we supposed to do right now? We say what John said at the end of Chapter 22 of Revelation in the 20th verse.

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.”
Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!