



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: The Faith That Works (Common Salvation pt 2)

This guide offers a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print it to study on your own or use it in a group to experience transformation together.

Message Theme

The Kingdom Perspective

Prayer Focus

Lord Jesus, Thank You for the gift of salvation - purchased by Your blood and shared among all who believe. Help me to walk in the fullness of Your promises, not as an imitator of culture, but as a reflection of Your truth. Teach me to expect the supernatural and to preach Your living Word with boldness. May signs and wonders follow us - not for our glory, but to confirm Yours.

In Jesus' name, Amen

Key Truths

Our salvation is a *common salvation* - not in quality, but in promise. What God provides for others is within reach for us as well. We all lean on the same covenant, the same grace, and the same faithful promises.

As believers, we are not called to mirror the culture around us. The temptation to please people is real, but our lives are meant to reflect Christ, not the shifting values of the world. There is no salvation apart from the blood of Jesus. On Judgment Day, we won't be measured by society's standards of right and wrong, we will be judged by God's eternal truth.

Signs and wonders follow those who believe, confirming the Word. Where the Word of God is taught, the supernatural is present. Tradition alone cannot produce miracles, but when we preach the living Word, God Himself confirms it with signs that follow.

Jesus is returning - not just to rescue, but to rule and reign. His second coming is not a distant myth; it's a promised reality.

The book of Acts is filled with miracles, chapter after chapter, the supernatural breaks through. And notably, it doesn't end with "Amen." That's because the story isn't over. *We* are living in the continuation of that movement. Jesus didn't just perform miracles - He commissioned us to do the same. He declared that those who believe would do even greater works than He did. That wasn't poetic exaggeration; it was a divine assignment. So we don't just wait for His return, we walk in His power! The miraculous is not behind us; it's meant to follow us.

Practical Application

Expect the Supernatural

When you pray, expect God to move. Keep a “Signs & Wonders” journal to record answered prayers, healings, or moments of God’s intervention, and share these testimonies with your community to build faith.

Mark 16:17-18 moments - look for them, speak them, celebrate them.

“These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won’t hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed.”

The more people you pray for, the more miracles you will see.

Reference Verses

- Jude 1:3
- James 1:27
- 2 Timothy 3:16, 4:3-5
- 2 Peter 2:1-2
- Romans 3:20
- John 17:17, 14:12
- Isaiah 8:20
- Acts 2:38-39
- Mark 16:15-20, 1:14
- 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
- Matthew 28:18-20, 10:7-8
- Zechariah 10:1
- Joel 2:28-32
- Daniel 11:32
- Ephesians 4:11-12
- Luke 22:29

Declarations

- I am an ambassador for the kingdom.
- I have the privilege and the responsibility of sharing the gospel with people around me
- I am not conformed to this world—I am transformed by Christ.
- I expect signs and wonders to follow the preaching of the Word.

What's Next?

This message is a powerful reminder that our salvation is not a passive ticket to heaven, but a complete package of power and purpose meant to be actively defended and lived out. If you are serious about moving past being a "prisoner of the pew" and stepping into your God-given role, here is a three-step guide for applying this message to your daily life.

Step 1: Claim and Understand Your "Common Salvation"

Recognize that your salvation package is identical to that of any great figure in Christian history - it is a "common salvation" not in quality, but in its equal distribution of authority, healing, and deliverance. To apply this, stop thinking of these benefits as something only for a select few. Make an inventory of the biblical promises (healing, provision, authority) and actively declare that they are in *your* "box." When you face a challenge, refuse to accept anything less than the full benefits of the common salvation Jesus purchased for you.

Step 2: Live as an Engaged, Countercultural Doer of the Word

The Bible's purpose is to change the way you think, turning you into a doer of good works, not just a hearer. Apply this by identifying one specific area where your life has been "conformed to this world" (such as moral choices, consumerism, or speech) and intentionally commit to being countercultural there. Crucially, look for opportunities to engage in the "good works" God has pre-planned for you (visiting the sick, helping the poor, or sharing the gospel) as an *everyday believer*, not just delegating them to the ministry staff.

Step 3: Reject Traditions and Contend for Supernatural Results

We are warned that traditions can make the Word of God "of no effect." To apply this, challenge any belief you hold that says the supernatural works of the kingdom (healing, miracles, prophecy) have passed away. Be like the early church, and expect God to confirm His Word with signs following. When you pray for someone or share the gospel, do so with an expectation of power. Seek out fellowship where the Word is preached with confirmation and power, and actively ask God to use *you* to write "Acts Chapter 29" in your sphere of influence.

By consistently implementing these three steps, you will stop letting life happen to you and start living the life of power and purpose that Jesus intended for every victorious believer.

Scripture References

The Faith That Works

Jude 3 (NKJV) Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

James 1:27 (NKJV) Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

Acts 2:40 (NKJV) And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.”

Romans 12:2 (NKJV) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed...

2 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV) All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness...

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (MSG) Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God’s way.

2 Timothy 4:3-5 (NKJV) For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

Revelation 2:20 (AMP) But I have this [charge] against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess [claiming to be inspired], and she teaches and misleads My bond-servants so that they commit [acts of sexual] immorality...

2 Peter 2:1 (NKJV) But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them...

Isaiah 8:20 (NLT) Look to God’s instructions and teachings! People who contradict his word are completely in the dark.

Acts 2:39 (NKJV) For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

Mark 16:15-18 (NKJV) And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents...

Acts 28:1-6 (NKJV) Now when they had escaped, they then found out that the island was called Malta. And the natives showed us unusual kindness; for they kindled a fire and made us all welcome, because of the rain that was falling and because of the cold. But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid *them* on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat, and fastened on his hand. So when the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, “No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he has escaped the sea, yet justice does not allow to live.” But he shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. However, they were expecting that he would swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had looked for a long time and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.

Mark 16:18 (NKJV) “...and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

Mark 16:20 (NKJV) And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs.

Mark 7:13 (NKJV) ...making the word of God of no effect through your tradition...

Joel 2:28-29 (NKJV) “And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

Joel 2:32 (NKJV) And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved.

Daniel 11:32 (NKJV) Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.

John 14:12 (NKJV) “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.

Matthew 10:7-8 (NKJV) And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Ephesians 4:11 (NKJV) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers...

Ephesians 4:12 (HOLMAN) ... for the training of the saints in the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ...