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00:27 [Host - Ezra T. Gray:]

Second Corinthians 6:14 says:

14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

Second Corinthians chapter 6:17 says:

17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

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01:06 [Host - Ezra T. Gray:]

Hello, my name is Ezra T. Gray. I would like to welcome you to the Camp of The Saints Podcast.

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The Camp of The Saints is not a denomination. It's a group of Christians who realized that the new testament was not addressed to a flock that was scattered here and there but was written for godly and righteous men whose households were joined together in a community of faith. Christ never intended for you to live miles from your meetinghouse surrounded by non-believers in your place of residency. Jesus is calling together a group of like-minded people who will worship the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Living and working together in a community that is dedicated to preserving the true faith until He returns to establish, His millennial reign. If we are to survive the difficult times that lie ahead, we must set aside the foolish notion of division we harbor and follow the word of God. Living and working together has the body of Christ should. If one can put a thousand to flight, and two ten thousand imagine what a whole community of spirit-filled men of God can do.

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Or you can continue to stand out in the middle of a forty-acre field all by yourself waiting for the woods to devour you and they will.

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[Loud Thunderclap]

03:00 [Host - Ezra T. Gray:]

Hello, I'd like to welcome you to the second broadcast of The Camp of The Saints. As I spoken in my first broadcast. You know, the camp of the saints is the idea. It's the thought. It's the principle that in the coming times we Christians need to gather together to support one another, to take care of one another, to see the things come to fruition that we need to have happened during the tribulation as we await the millennial reign of Christ. You know, one of the things that I'd like to look at today, the kind of the sort of the basis of everything that we're building upon is a full gospel rendition. And I emphasize full gospel because we've gotten away from that and that's a shameful thing. It really is not God's hand or God's desire that we do that. It's a total and complete breakdown into things that Jesus Christ has done for us.

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But I'd like to start out with a reading in the book of Isaiah. Isaiah 1:18 it says:

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

And the thing I'd like to emphasize here is where the Lord tells us, come down, let us reason this thing together. Let us look at his thing. Let us reason this out. I mean, you know, when we look at life, sometimes we see the experienced side from life. If we can't experience it, if we can't feel it, taste it and touch it and then it's not so. That's not scriptural. You know what Jesus told Thomas? Thomas came to the apostles and told the other apostles, you know, they said, Hey, we've seen Jesus.

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And he says, I won't believe it. I won't believe until I see it. And so oftentimes in our walk with Christ, we're that way. We've negated the full gospel experience for something a lot less and it is a dangerous place we find ourselves. You know, in 1 Thessalonians 5:23 it says:

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And that's basically the heart of what I'd like to talk about today. You are a spirit and you live in a body and you possess a soul. Often times in Christendom, throughout history, we've only emphasized the spirit, but you're more than just a spirit. You're much more than just a spirit. You're a soul and you possess a body and Christ made provisions for all of those things and we're lessening our experience and our faith by not taking full advantage of what he's done for us.

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If someone worked for weeks or days or months to make enough money to provide a gift for you or, let's say it this way, if you did that, if you work for months and months to make money, to buy a gift for someone, and when you gave them that gift, they didn't want it. They said I don't want this. Am I going to use this? This isn't my thing. Even though they needed it, you would be hurt. You would be not happy about that. You know, Christ did so much for us besides this shed his blood. He did numerous things for us and we should take advantage of each and every one of

those things. The most important part of this obviously is a spirit. If your spirit is not right with God, nothing else works. And you know, we always go back to John 3:15-18:

¹⁵ That whosoever believeth in him {that is Jesus Christ} should not perish, but have eternal life.

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And verse 16 says:

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever {And your whosoever.} believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

¹⁸ He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

So, we look at this and we realize clearly, that God sent Jesus into the world to die for us. To die for humanity. And we have to accept that. We have to believe that. In Hebrews, it says, you know, without faith it is impossible to please God. Because those who come to God have to believe that he is. We believe that he came in the form of Jesus Christ, The Son, The Father, and Holy Ghost.

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The third part of the Trinity or the second part, depending on how you look at it. One-third of the Trinity. He lived his life here. He lived a perfect life. He didn't sin and he died on Calvary, and when he died on Calvary, he was buried in a tomb that belonged to Joseph of Arimathea and on the third day he arose, ascended to heaven, and now he's at the right hand of the Father ever making intercession for his children. That's the gist of it. Well, I can read that all day long, but how is it that I become born again? How was it that I make sure that I'm all right with the Lord. How was it that I take advantage of this thing that Jesus did for me. How is it that I come from death and moved to life? It's very simple. It's all about belief. It's all about trust.

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It's all about something. The Bible talks about a lot, a lot. Jesus talks about belief constantly. He is always talking about belief. As a matter of fact, Jesus talked more about belief than he did about love. Hmm. That's not something that we think about 126 times in the gospels. Jesus, either used the word for faith, which is *pistis* in the Greek. The word for belief is *pisteuō*. And then there are a number of other derivatives thereof. He used the word 126 times or the derivative of one of those words either *pisteuō* or *pistis*. He only used the word *agápi* less than 50 times. And about six of the times we see the word love, it wasn't *agápi*, it was another word. But he used the words faith, belief, or a derivative of those words over twice as much as he used the word love.

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You can't love Jesus if you don't believe in Jesus. As a matter of fact, to show your love for Jesus, it is imperative that you believe in Jesus. So you say, well, I do believe. I do believe.

Where do I go from here? What is the formula? What is the path? What are the steps I need to take? Well, Romans 10:10 is very clear. It begins. Actually Romans 10:10-13 says:

¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness;

So, you're saying, well, you know what brother Ezra, I believe. I believe. I believe. I believe. I believe. Very good. But James says, the devils believe also and tremble. Belief is not enough. I know somebody thinks that I just committed the unpardonable, right? Belief is not enough. And we know this because we're looking at Romans. We are looking at the word of God.

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We're looking at the thing that is our litmus tests. The word. It's not in the word, it's not true. If it's not in the word, then it doesn't matter what anyone else says. So, the word of God says in the book of Romans 10:10

¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

¹¹ For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

¹² For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

¹³ For whosoever {And my friends, that means you. You are a whosoever.} shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Period. So, if you call upon the name of the Lord and you believe in your heart and you confess with your mouth, then you are born again.

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You say it however it comes to you. But here's a simple rendition.

Lord Jesus, I come to you right now. Father God, I believe that you sent your son, Jesus, to this world to die for me. I believe he was born of a Virgin. I believed he lived a sinless life. I believe we was crucified, on the third day resurrected, and he's at your right hand. And his blood, the shedding of his blood, was given to for the remission of my sins. And now in the name of Jesus, I accept that blood in my life and I accept Jesus Christ as my savior.

That's the sinner's prayer we call it. That's our recognition that our spirit has been renewed. Now that our spirit has been removed, we can move forward and look at a number of the things that God has provided for us. Now you say, well, that's simple. That's the simplest thing ever heard.

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It can't be that easy. It is that easy. Jesus did all the work for you. Jesus came here, lived out his life and died for you, and he left it for you. Jesus worked all those years to provide something for you and now it's up you to accept that. The scriptures say, that it is a gift of God. It's not by works and it doesn't matter, Paul said, in Romans 10:10 whether you're a Jew, whether you're a Greek, doesn't make any difference. What your lineage is, has nothing to do with whether or not

you can be safe. I don't care what color you are, I don't care where you came from. I simply don't care if you are a human being, and God doesn't care either by the way, if you're a human being and you are born into this world, you are a whosoever. If you're black, if you're white, if you're Asian, if you're native American, it doesn't matter. If you're Eskimo, if you're from South America, it doesn't make any difference. And it doesn't even make any difference who your people were or what they've done.

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And furthermore, it doesn't matter what you've done. Once you accept Jesus Christ as your savior, all of those things are gone. All of those things do not matter, and it didn't matter to him in the first place. He died for everyone. Christ died for Europeans. He died for Africans, he died for Asians. He died for everyone on every continent, anywhere. Wherever they live, wherever they are. If you were born on the moon and you're a human being, salvation is available to you. If you call upon the name of the Lord, as we talked about.

Now that we've established that you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ with your heart. The second component of that is extremely important and that is with the mouth. Confession is made unto salvation. We have to say it. We have to tell people. We have to profess that we're born again. We have to say, I accepted Jesus Christ as my savior.

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I accepted Christ into my life. I am no longer a person who is without Christ, but I'm someone who is with Christ. Christ abides in my heart. We have to make that confession and we have to make that confession continually. It's not something that you can do just one time. I've seen that so many times in my life. Someone steps up and says, I accept Jesus Christ, and that's the last you ever hear of it. That's the last you ever hear of it. We have to continue to make that confession daily and sometimes hourly. Sometimes it's a moment by moment choice, but we have to confess and continued to confess. Paul and Peter went around confessing Jesus Christ all the time. Have you ever known someone that you don't have to be around them very long and you know they're a Christian? You know they love Jesus.

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You know they loved the Lord. I am a close friend of mine. He's a Catholic priest and you can't be around that man for two or three minutes without knowing that he loves Jesus Christ. That's all he talks about. That's all he talks about is Jesus Christ. And he talks about other things, but everything that he talks about, he incorporates Jesus Christ into it. He loves Jesus. He confesses Jesus. You say, Oh my gosh, brother Gray, he's Catholic. Yeah, well, get over it. There's born again, Catholics too. So, the thing you have to remember is once you have moved to believe in your heart and you have that in your heart, you have to confess it with your mouth. And confession is our bread and butter in the world of Christendom. And we have lost that. We have lost confession. We just totally lost it. We say at one time or if we're put under the gun, we say it, but we need to be saying it all the time, with the heart.

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Cause you don't stop believing with your heart that Jesus is Lord. So why would you stop confessing with your mouth? We have to confess it. We have to confess it all the time and it's very important to confess it.

We look at the spirit, soul, body, and we see that our spirit is renewed. We were dead, we were dead in sin, and then we accepted Christ as our personal savior and we became alive and it says, for whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Now we are saved. We are born again. Well glory hallelujah. Now let's all wait to die and that's all there is. That is not right. That is something that is taking place. And one of the reasons that I feel that to move of God is so important right now to talk about this is because Christianity is backsliding.

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Christianity is moving away from a full-gospel-gospel, for the lack of a better term, to something else. They're negating the things of God. They only want to look at the spirit. They don't want to look at anything else. They don't want to look at the soul or the body. They have this idea that God can only provide for a spiritual resurrection, for a spiritual renewal, or a spiritual blessing. That's the farthest thing from the truth that there is. That's the farthest thing from the truth that there is. God has made provisions for our spirit by the shedding of his blood and that is the most important thing. That's not all there is though. It's like going to first, second, and third grade and then saying, okay, we're done. No, there's more. There is more to this than that. There's a lot more to this than that. Now you're born again, you needed to be water baptized.

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People say, well you know if the thief on the cross didn't have to be baptized and I don't. That is the biggest fallacy that I've ever heard in my life. Jesus ordered us to be baptized. He told us to be baptized. You know what? Look it up in this scripture. We need a water baptism and you know there's something called a baptism of the Holy Spirit and that is very important as well. That gives us the power that we have and it gives us the ability we have to minister from a very strong standpoint. Along with that, you know, comes the evidence of speaking in tongues. And I know, hey listen, I used to be a Baptist minister. I started a Baptist church and I can tell you, I know how some Baptists, and some denominational churches, have a tendency to not want to enter into that. It's a total shame because the word of God is very clear throughout the New Testament that tongues are an important gift.

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And I heard someone once say, that someone had an inability to speak in tongues. They cannot do it. Well, if you can't speak in tongues, then I would question whether or not you're born again. Now you can tell me, oh you have no right to do that. But I can imagine anyone in the book of Acts having hands laid on him and not receiving the Holy Spirit. It never happened. And the evidence of the Holy Spirit is *glōssa*, which is speaking in tongues. And that is your prayer language. That is, you talking to God. To deny the baptism of the Holy Spirit is to deny what Christ did in the church. It is part and parcel. You can't deny it. Now, can you live without it? Sure, sure, sure, sure. I know men of God who had been men of God for many, many years.

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They weren't baptized in the Holy Ghost. I don't know how they did it. Honest to goodness, truthfully, if someone told me right now that God would take away my ability to pray in tongues, I would rather die. I would rather die right now and go to be with Jesus because I couldn't live without it. I can't live without it. I just could not. It's almost like having one lung taken out and then half of the other, then wanting to run a marathon. I'm not saying it can't be done. I'm just saying it's a whole lot easier if you got both lungs functioning. It's imperative. And also there are people, and I know this is a bold statement, but there are people who have backslidden who have lost their salvation, died, are burning in a devil's hell now, that would not have had they been filled with the Holy Ghost because they would've had a closer walk.

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They would've had a better understanding of the word of God. They would have been moving me forward. And if you look at it from a thirty, sixty, and one-hundred fold ministry, no matter how far you go without being baptized in the Holy Spirit, no matter how long you're a Christian, no matter how good you become in Christ, no matter how Holy you become; because your righteousness is given to you at salvation, we are made the righteousness of God when we are saved. You can't add to that or subtract from that. It's the righteousness of God. But when you are delivered from that and you're given the righteousness of God, then we work on the holiness part. We can increase in holiness. We can't increase in righteousness. And one of the ways we increase in holiness is by utilizing the gifts of the spirit. And if you do not have that, the best you can ever do is thirty-fold.

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That's all you can do. You can't move past it because you're not baptized in the Holy Spirit. You're not in that thirty to sixty-fold ministry. You can't move past that. And so, once you get baptized with the Holy Ghost, then you can move past that. And you have a number of things that God can do in your life. And you can say, well God is God, he can do whatever he wants. Now you absolutely right, he is God, but God can't lie. The Bible says it's impossible for God to lie. He's not a man that he could lie. It is very plain in Numbers. He's not a man that he can lie. And I used to disagree with that when I'd hear people say it until I looked it up and read it in scripture. God can't lie because Jesus was very clear to the disciples, you know, go until you're endowed with power.

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And that power was the baptism of the Holy Spirit. So you know, if you're driving around in a car and it's hitting on three cylinders, that's not power, my friend. You need all eight cylinders and you need some high octane fuel to make that vehicle run good. And that high octane fuel is a pure word of God. So, we look at our spirit and we look at how to be ministered to and advance our spirit. First and foremost, we have to be born again. We have to accept Jesus. Secondly, we have to be baptized in water. And thirdly, we have or need, I should say, we need, you don't have to, but we need to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Now, I've said a lot about being baptized in the Holy Spirit, and I'm not going to say much else about it right now, but I'm going to tell you something.

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You don't have to be baptized in the Holy Spirit to get to heaven. You don't. But I believe with my whole heart and I'm going to make another bold statement. That living through the tribulation will be impossible without being baptized in the Holy Spirit. You simply will not make it, period. You won't make it, and that's all there is to it because you won't have the gifts necessary to fulfill the mission that God has set us on. This is *the* tribulation. It's the worst time that there ever was. It's worse than what was going on with the early church. It is the most horrid time ever to happen on the planet, period. And if you don't have power, you're not going to make it. Now I know that's a bold statement, isn't it? Further Brother Gray. You just said that if we aren't filled with the Holy Ghost...

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...we can't live to the tribulation yet. That's what I said, and I'll stand by it. I will stand by it. Where's that in the scripture? You're going to have to have the power of God to live through those times. This is not for the faint of heart, and I just said that it's my opinion that you're not going to make it. I didn't say it was written in the scripture. I said, it's my opinion and you may not care about my opinion, but you need to look at what thus sayeth the Lord. If you look at the twenty-fourth chapter of the book of Matthew and you see the Christ returns after the tribulation, meaning that we're going to be here for it. Unless you die, then you're going to have a very difficult time and tell me dearly, beloved, how are you going to survive without the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, without the word of knowledge, without a word of wisdom, without healing, without the gifts of tones, without me being able interpret tongues, without all of those things, how are you going to survive in your spirit?

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It will be very difficult. Now you may die and you know what? That's fine too. You'll go on to heaven. You'll be with Jesus. What was at God's best for you? When you're on the track team and you're in high school and you were to run a particular race and for some reason you didn't finish that race, you fell down or you sprained your ankle or for some reason you weren't training well enough or you weren't doing well enough and you didn't finish or you didn't win. They let you ride home on the bus. They didn't throw you out. They didn't keep you from being part of the team, but that wasn't your best, was it? That wasn't the best thing you could have done. If you're on a baseball team and you go and you lose baseball game, they don't stop you from being on the team.

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I mean some professional leagues will, they'll do those things, but generally speaking, when a team loses a game, they don't fire everyone. But that's not the best. That's the way it is with life. We want to do our best, particularly want to do our best for the Lord Jesus Christ. Our best will come when we're filled with the Holy Spirit, and we're standing on the word of God, and we're believing the things that thus saith the Lord.

So, we're talking now about spirit, soul, and body. And we've talked about how God ministers to the spirit and how God brings a spirit from death unto life, and how God fulfills that and shows us the things and how he adds to what we already have. So, what I'd like to do in this next section is to look at the soul of man. [Closing Music] [Loud Thunderclap]