



RESCUE

Rescue // Part 2

Introduction:

This week Matt continues a new series called **Rescue**, with the message titled **Part 2**. This series is about the Gospel, the Greek word Euangelion which means Good News.

For this week we're going to look further at the idea of **Rescue**, and begin to look at the Good News vs the bad news we looked at last week. Last week we looked at the 4 buckets we run to and that none of them really work. And all of that was the result of sin entering the world through the fall that happened because of Adam's rebellion.

Questions:

1. What if we aren't victims of Adam's rebellion, but are active participants in the rebellion, what happens when you realize that you are unclean? What makes you unclean? Why do you try to fix yourself up, by reaching for religion? **Roman 3:23; Mark 7:14-23**
2. What does it mean when Matt says "the heart of the problem is the problem of the heart"? Do you realize that you are the problem? Is this why you can't do anything to just clean yourself up without your heart being transformed?
3. When you realize the reality of your sin, and that you are unclean, why do you try to blame others for your sin? Do you feel like other people make you sin? How does Jesus shoot this idea down immediately? **Mark 7:21**

4. If no one can make you unclean but you, how can you control what you think? Would you agree that no one causes evil thoughts in your mind but you & no one controls what you think about but you?
5. If no one can make you unclean but you, would you agree that no one can make you walk in sexual immorality but you? When you try to fix it yourself are you just smearing the mess? Do you know that it's your heart that's the issue?
6. Does it concern you if people say that Christianity is just a crutch, that it's for the weak minded? Do you realize that God loves the weak, and often uses the weak to shame the strong? What if God's power flows most vividly through the weak?
Romans 5:6-11
7. Do you have a new heart, has your heart been transformed? Do you know that while you were in open rebellion against God, that He intervened to rescue you? If you don't have a new heart, you have never met the Savior, because He transforms your heart & gives you new desires, and new appetites that only He will satisfy. Isn't that Good News the best news ever?

Key takeaway: The Gospel is the remedy to the problem of the heart. The only remedy. Nothing else will ever solve it. Those buckets will never ever satisfy. You're not the Rescuer! He is the Rescuer and He Rescued you! That's why you have hope, that's why you have life today.

Summary:

- When you realize you are unclean, one of 2 ways you can go: #1 - you reach for religion
- The heart of the problem is the problem of the heart, what's unclean is inside of you
- When you realize you are unclean: #2 you blame others for your problems
- Nobody can make you unclean but you - you can control what you think
- Nobody can make you unclean but you - you can control Sexual immorality
- Do you have your heart transformed? While you were weak, Christ died for you; God's power flows thru the weak

- While you were in open rebellion against God, God intervened and rescued you; He transforms your heart & gives you new desires, new appetites that only He will satisfy