

Volume 2 – Day 15: Married or Living in Adultery

You may have been often told the facts of the cross, the facts of the life and death and resurrection of Jesus. The fact that your sin (relationship crimes) are the reason you need a savior. You may have been given a *sample* prayer that you prayed to receive Jesus as if it were a formula. All of this can be done in an intellectual way. It can be done in the mind without ever producing salvation. Salvation comes only through relationship, a marital commitment of the entire being to another. It is a capitulation of one's will to the will of another.

Just as in marriage, two people are joined to each other, to put each other's needs and desires ahead of their own. Such marriages thrive and flourish. Marriages which lapse into selfish pursuit and demanding from the other things that we want for our selves, destroy the relationship and often bring separation and divorce. You have probably experienced separation or divorce in numerous relationships in your life. Salvation only occurs at the point in time when I am willing to abandon all I have and follow Jesus.

What Jesus asked the rich young ruler to do was exactly that. He was requiring this man or any man who would be a disciple of Jesus, to forsake all of his own agenda, all of his own possessions and all of his own dreams and aspirations and take up the dreams and aspirations of God. The prayer for Salvation is not groveling in guilt and shame. It is rather a surrender of one's entire being in a prayer like this, "Father, I will do what you want me to do. I will put my plans down and follow your plans. I give you the rest of my life." Salvation not only gives us a new eternal destination, but also the new birth gives us a whole new agenda for living life on earth.

My Confirming Scriptures:

My Aligning Experiences:

DEEPER Every Day -- John Henry Alan