

ST. MAXIMUS CATECHISM CLASS 2010 HANDOUT
INTRODUCTORY LECTURE 7: THE CHURCH & SALVATION

John 10:27-30 “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father’s hand. I and my Father are one.”

St. Cyprian of Carthage (+258) “He can no longer have God for his Father who has not the Church for his mother.” *On the Unity of the Church, 6 (v. 5, p. 423)*

Alexis Khomiakov (1860) The Church is One “No one is saved alone. He is saved in the Church, as a member of her, and in unity with all her other members. If any one believes, he is in the communion of faith; if he loves, he is in the communion of love; if he prays, he is in the communion of prayer.”

I John 5:13 “”These things I have written unto that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life...”

Ephesians 2:8-9 “For we are saved by grace through faith, and that not of yourselves, for it the gift of God, not as a result of works, lest any man should boast.”

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.”

Romans 10:9-10 “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

I Corinthians 9:27 “But I keep under my body and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.”

Philippians 2:12-13 “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”

Matthew 10:22 And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.”

Matthew 24:12-13 “And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved.”

2 Timothy 1:9 [God] “*who hath saved us* [aorist active participle], and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought immortality to light through the gospel...”

Titus 3:4-7 “But after that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His

mercy He *saved* us {aorist active indicative}, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit; which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior; that being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying.”

Ephesians 1-3 in Him....

I Corinthians 1:18 “For the preaching of the cross is to them *that perish* [‘perishing’, present passive participle] foolishness; but unto us which *are saved* {‘are being saved’, present passive participle} it is the power of God.”

I Corinthians 15:1,2 “ Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye *are saved* [‘being saved’ *present passive indicative; present continuous*], if ye *keep in memory* [‘hold fast’] what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.”

II Corinthians 2:15 “For we are unto God a sweet savor of Christ, in them that are saved, [present passive participle, “*that are being saved*”], and in them that perish [present passive participle, “*that are perishing*”]

I Peter 3:21 “The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save [present active indicative] us...” “And corresponding to that [the ark in the flood], baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.” *NAS*

Romans 5:9,10 “Much more then, being now justified by His blood, *we shall be saved* [future passive indicative] from wrath through Him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, *we shall be saved* [future passive indicative] by His life.”

2 Timothy 4:18 “And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom...”

Romans 10:9, 10, 13 [What saith the righteousness that is by faith?] “That if thou shalt confess [2 sing aor act subj] with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe [2 sing aor act subj] in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved [indicative future passive, “*is being believed*”]. For with the heart man believeth [present passive indicative, *is being believed*] unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made [present passive indicative “*is being confessed*”] unto salvation....For whosoever shall call [3 sing subj aor mid] upon the name of the Lord shall be saved [indic, fut, pass].”

Romans 7:18, 19, 24 “For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would, I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do.” “O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?”

I Corinthians 3:9 “For we are laborers together with God: ye are God’s husbandry, ye are God’s building.”

John 15:5 “Without me ye can do nothing.”

“It is not possible for us ever to accomplish anything good unless we enjoy help from above.” *St. John Chrysostom Homilies on Genesis, 25:7*

“God sent His Son to save us—to persuade us, but not to compel: for force is alien to God.” *Epistle to Diognetus (2nd century)*

John 14:6 “I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

I Corinthians 5:7 “Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.”

John 1:29 [John the Baptist said], “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”

I Peter 1:18-19 “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

Mark 10:45 “For even the son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

II Corinthians 5:21 “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

Galatians 3:13 “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, ‘Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.’”

St. Athanasius: On the Incarnation 20, 35, 37 “But since it was necessary also that the debt owing from all should be paid again: for, as I have already said, it was owing that all should die, for which especial cause, indeed, He came among us: to this intent, after the proofs of His Godhead from His works, He next offered up His sacrifice also on behalf of all, yielding His Temple to death in the stead of all, in order firstly to make men quit and free of their old trespass, and further to show Himself more powerful even than death, displaying His own body incorruptible, as firstfruits of the resurrection of all.” *Incarnation 20.2*

“He it is that was crucified before the sun and all creation as witnesses, and before those who put Him to death: and by His death has salvation come to all, and all creation been ransomed. He is the Life of all, and He it is that as a sheep yielded His body to death as a substitute, for the salvation of all, even though the Jews believe it not.” *Incarnation 37.7*

Ephesians 4:8 “Wherefore he saith, ‘When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.’”

Paschal Troparion: “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death...”

2 Peter 1:4 “Wherefore are given unto us great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

2 Corinthians 8:9 “For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.”

Philippians 2:5-11 [5] Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: [6] Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: [7] But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: [8] And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. [9] Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: [10] That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; [11] And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Galatians 2:20 “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

John 15:4-5 “Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the Vine, ye are the branches; He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.”

St. Irenaeus: “In His unbounded love, He was made what we are, that He might make us to be what He is.” *Against Heresies, Bk 5 preface*

St. Athanasius: “For he was made man that we might be made God; and He manifested Himself by a body that we might receive the idea of the unseen Father; and He endured the insolence of man that we might inherit immortality.”

St. Gregory Theologian “What has not been assumed has not been healed.”

St. Maximus: “We lay hold of the divine to the same degree as that to which the Logos of God, deliberately emptying himself of his own sublime glory, became truly man.” *On the Lord's Prayer*