

SALVATION – WHAT IS IT?

What does it mean to be saved?

“Saved” means: healed, cured, preserved, kept safe and sound, rescued from danger or destruction, delivered.

Salvation is experiencing liberation and freedom from things that cause bondage and restriction. It has to do with forgiveness, healing, prosperity and restoration.

Salvation touches every area of your life – spirit, soul and body. God wants to save you, rescue you, liberate you, forgive you, heal you and bring restoration into every area of your life!

What are we to be saved from?

- ❖ We need to be rescued from a lifestyle that is unbelieving and blind to the reality of Jesus

“And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, ‘Be saved from this perverse generation.’”

Acts 2:40

- ❖ We must be delivered from living according to the destructive ways of this world, not joining in with the crowd who love wickedness
“...Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age...” Galatians 1:3b-4

Who is the Saviour?

> True Salvation can only come through one person - Jesus

Does God want to save us?

- ❖ *“God...who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”*
1 Timothy 2:4
- ❖ *“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”* John 3:17

Why does God want us saved?

- ❖ So we can experience eternal life now by knowing Him personally
“And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”
John 17:3
- ❖ So that He can change our lives to become like Him – in His image and likeness
“Those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son...” Romans 8:29
- ❖ So that we can become His sons
“In the fullness of the time God sent forth His Son...to redeem those from under the law that they might receive the adoption (placement) as sons...”
Galatians 4:4-5
- ❖ To give us life that conquers death
“But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ...”
Ephesians 2:4-5
- ❖ To bring us out of bondage to the devil and into the kingdom of Jesus Christ

“He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.”

Colossians 1:13

- ❖ **He wants us saved so that we can obtain His glory – His nature and character**

“...because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

2 Thessalonians 2:13b-14

- ❖ **We are saved to be His light in the midst of a dark world**

“that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God in the midst of a perverse and crooked generation, among whom you shine like lights in the world...” Philippians 2:15

- ❖ **We are saved to live for Jesus**

“...and He died for all that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again”

2 Corinthians 5:15

We are saved, being saved and will be saved

“who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust He will still deliver us...” 2

Corinthians 1:10

Saved

- ❖ *“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God”* Ephesians 2:8

- ❖ *“So they said, ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved...”* Acts 16:31

- ❖ *“He who believes and is baptised will be saved”*

Mark 16:16

Being saved

- ❖ *“Therefore my beloved, as you have always obeyed...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do according to His good pleasure.”*

Philippians 2:12-13

- ❖ *“But we all with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”*

2 Corinthians 3:18

- ❖ *“For in it (the gospel) the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith’”.*

Romans 1:17

Will be saved

- ❖ *“And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.”* Romans 13:11

- ❖ *“...receiving the end of your faith – the salvation of your souls.”* 1 Peter 1:9

- ❖ *“But he who endures to the end will be saved.”*

Matthew 24:13

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