

Aspects of Salvation

1. The Meaning of Salvation

A. One of the meanings of salvation is **deliverance**.

1. **Save** is a translation of the Greek verb **sozo**, *sode-zo*. One of the meanings of this verb is "*to deliver*."
2. **Salvation** is a translation of the Greek noun **Soteria**, *so-tay-ree-ah*. One of the meanings of this noun is "*deliverance*."
 - a. A saved person is one who has been delivered from (1) the penalty of sin-Justification (*Ezek. 18:4,20; Rom. 6:23*); (2) the power of darkness (*Acts 26:18; Col. 1:13-14*); (3) the wrath to come (*Rom. 5:9; 1Thess. 1:10;5:9; Rev. 6:12-17*); (4) the eternal separation from God in the lake of fire (*Rev. 20:6, 10-15; 21:8*).
 - b. A saved person is one who is being delivered from the power of sin--Sanctification (*Rom. 6:14; 8:2; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; 2 Cor. 3:18; 7:1; Gal. 2:19-20; 5:16; Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Thess. 4:3; 5:23; Jude 24-25*).
 - c. A saved person is one who will be delivered from the presence of sin--Glorification (*Rom. 8:28-30; 13:11; Phil. 3:20-21; 1 Thess. 4:16-17; 1 John 3:1-3; 1 Pet. 1:5*).

B. Salvation also means that one is born again (*John 1:12-13; 3:3-8; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23*).

1. A saved person is spiritually alive (*John 5:24; Eph. 2:1,5*).
2. A saved person is a new creature in Christ (*2 Cor. 5:17*).

II. The Means of Salvation

A. *Some of the things that will not save:*

1. Belief in the existence of a Supreme Being (*James 2:19*). One is saved by trusting in Jesus Christ (*John 3:16; 14:6; Acts 4:12; Rom. 10:9-10*).
2. Good Works will not save, although good works are important (*Matt. 5:16, 7:21-23; Eph. 2:8-10; Titus 3:5-7; James 2:14, 22-26*). James is not contradicting Paul. Paul speaks of justification from God's point of view; James speaks from man's point of view. We are justified before men by our works, etc.
3. One's own self-righteousness will not save (*Isa. 64:6; Rom. 10:1-4; Phil. 3:7-10*).
4. Reformation without regeneration will not save (*Titus 3:5; John 3:1-8*).
5. Church membership without a relationship with Jesus Christ will not save (*John 14:6; 17:3; Matt. 7:21-23*).

B. All three members of the Trinity are involved in our salvation. God the Father takes the initiative in our salvation (*Psalm 3:8; Jonah 2:9; John 3:5-8,16,36; 6:44*).

- C. The instruments used by God to save us are (1) the Scriptures of God (*1 Cor. 1:21; 2 Tim. 3:15; James 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:23*); (2) the Spirit of God (*John 3:7-8; Titus 3:5*); (3) the saints of God (*Acts 2:37-41; 8:26-40; 11:12-14; 16:30-31*).

III. The Moment of Salvation

- A. One is saved -- delivered from the penalty of sin or justified--the moment one puts one's trust in Jesus Christ (*John 3:36; Rom. 3:21-28; 5:1; 10:9-10; 1 John 5:12*).
- B. Some of the things that occur simultaneously at the moment of salvation are (1) justification; (2) the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (*John 7:38-39; 14:16-17; Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 1 John 4:13*); (3) the sealing by the Holy Spirit (*Eph. 1:13; 4:30*); (4) the forgiveness of sins (*Eph. 4:32*).

IV. The Manifestations of Salvation

- A. How may one know that one is saved? *Note: 2 Cor. 13:5 and 2 Pet. 1:10.*

John tells us that we can know if we are saved (*1 John 5:13*):

1. The obedience test (*1 John 2:3-6; cf. John 17:3*)
2. The Holy Spirit test (*1 John 3:24; 4:13; cf. Rom. 8:16; Gal. 5:17*).
3. The love test (*1 John 3:14; cf. John 5:24; 13:34-35*).
4. The believing test (*1 John 5:1; cf. John 3:16; Rom. 1:16; 10:9-10*).
5. The Overcoming test (*1 John 5:4-5; cf. Jude 24-25*).

- B. How many others know that we are saved? How did Paul know that the Thessalonians were saved (*1 Thess. 1:4*)? Note the evidence of salvation in *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*:

1. Work Of Faith (*v. 3a; cf. James 2:26; Eph. 2:8-10; Matt. 5:16; Gal. 5:22*).
2. Labour Of Love (*v. 3b*).
3. Patience Of Hope (*v. 3c*).
4. The Way In Which The Gospel Came Unto Them (*vv. 4-5*).
5. Their Reception Of The Word (*v. 6*).
6. They Became Imitators Of Christ (*v. 6; cf. 1:Cor. 11:1*).
7. They Became Examples For Other Churches (*v. 7*).
8. They Became Witnesses (*v. 8*).
9. They Turned To God From Idols (*vv. 9,10*).
 - a. To Serve (*v. 9*).
 - b. To Wait (*v. 10*).