

## Fundamental Truths - Salvation

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“so great salvation” (Hebrews 2v3)

Salvation is the great evangelical theme of the whole Bible, an inclusive word embracing all of God’s purpose in grace toward sinful humanity, encompassing all the separate individual truths of redemption, reconciliation, propitiation, forgiveness, justification, sanctification and glorification.

Salvation is the great uniting plan & purpose of the Godhead. God is the origin of salvation, Christ is the means of salvation, and the Holy Spirit sets men apart to salvation.

### **What All Happened At My Conversion**

Here is a list (by no means exhaustive, and in no specific order) of some of the blessings that I entered into the day of my salvation.

1. I was in immediate & permanent **possession of eternal life** (John 5v24, John 10v28-29, John 17v3, Romans 8v29-32, 1<sup>st</sup> John 5v11-13). Eternal life is “the gift of God” (Romans 6v23), and we are told that “the gifts and calling of God are without repentance” (Romans 11v29). This is the truth of the believer’s eternal security.
2. I was **indwelled by the Holy Spirit of God**, a divine Person who will be within me until taken home to heaven (John 7v38-39, John 14v16-17, Romans 8v9, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6v19, Ephesians 1v13).
3. I was brought into the family of God, became **a child of God** (John 1v12-13, Romans 8v16) and **a son of God** (Galatians 3v26).
4. I past from being under the headship of Adam, head of a fallen human race, to being **in Christ** and under His federal Headship (Romans 5v12-21).
5. I was **delivered from the authority of the devil** (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4v4, Ephesians 2v2), and brought into the sphere of divine light (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4v6, Ephesians 5v8) and love (Colossians 1v13).
6. I became **a new creation in Christ**, all things became new (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5v17), I put off the old man, and I put on the new man which takes character from Christ Himself (Ephesians 4v22-24).
7. I became **a member of the church**, the body of Christ (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12v13,v27).
8. I became **a citizen of heaven** (Philippians 3v20), my name was written indelibly in the roll of heaven (Luke 10v20), in the Lamb’s book of life (Philippians 4v3, Revelation 21v27).

## **The Blessing of the Indwelling Spirit of God**

I have the power & resources of a divine Person indwelling me.

I am no longer being led by the devil (Ephesians 2v2), but led by the Spirit (Romans 8v14).

With the Spirit, we can see & hear & understand in our hearts, we can appreciate God's ways, we have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2v9-10, v12, v14-16).

God wants us to know His ways & truth, and He has given us all the means to know & understand, we have all received the Spirit of wisdom & revelation in the full knowledge of Him (Ephesians 1v8-9, v13, v17-18).

With the Spirit of truth, we all as believers have equal ability to know divine truth (Ephesians 3v3-5, v8-9).

We are **sealed with the Spirit** upon believing (Ephesians 1v13, 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 1v21-22). God sent his Son into the world to secure our salvation, and He has sent the Spirit into our hearts as the inward seal of our salvation:

- the evidence of a divine work in my soul (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 9v2)
- the proof of divine ownership (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2v19)
- the proof that my salvation is eternally sure (Daniel 6v17, Esther 8v8)
- the assurance of preservation & future deliverance (Ephesians 4v30)

## **The Truth of Salvation – Past, Present & Future**

### **Salvation and the Past – My Soul – Saved from Sin's Penalty**

The unbeliever is perishing (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1v18), awaiting the imminent wrath of God (John 3v36), and eternal condemnation (Mathew 18v8, Matthew 22v13, Mark 9v46&48, Matthew 25v41&46, Jude v7, v13).

The believer in Christ knows salvation from the penalty of sin (Romans 8v1), a great salvation that delivers from so great a death (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 1v9-10).

### **Salvation and the Present – My Life – Saved from Sin's Power**

The believer's salvation is an ongoing and present process (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1v18), saved presently from an evil world (Galatians 1v4), saved specifically from the enslaving power and dominating principle of sin (Romans 6).

The Lord Jesus is the Saviour of my life presently (Romans 5v10), the One who as my Great High Priest is making constant intercession for me in heaven (Romans 8v34, Hebrews 7v25, Hebrews 9v24).

My life is saved presently by my constant contemplation of Christ (John 17v3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 3v18).

### **Salvation and the Future – My Body – Saved from Sin's Presence**

The Lord Jesus is our Fileleader (Hebrews 2v10), leading sons to glory.

We wait for the consummation of our salvation, when the Saviour comes from heaven to save us eternally from sin's presence (Philippians 3v20-21).

I have assurance and certainty regarding my future salvation (Hebrews 5v9), and of future glory (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2v10, 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1v3-5).

I am assured of future bodily salvation before this world is judged and comes under the wrath of God (Romans 5v9, 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 1v10 & 5v9).