

“Rooted and Built Up” Discipleship Program

Lesson Five- What is Salvation?

Scripture- I Corinthians 15:1-11

Memory verse- Ephesians 2:8, *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:”*

INTRODUCTION- It is said that most of our unhappiness is caused by not knowing what we should know and by trying to know what we should not know. One preacher observed this and said, *“our heads are traveling by fast express these days, and our hearts follow by slow freight.”* For many people, their desperate need is to unlearn much of what they think they already know. The tragedy is that upon this all-important subject of salvation, some folks only have a mental acceptance of the Gospel of Christ without its



application upon their heart. How dangerous it is to journey through our brief lives resting upon a procedure without an experience. Salvation is a personal matter of the heart believing upon the finished work of Christ from the cross, through the grave, to the resurrection. Salvation is not achieved by a tiresome prayer, but by a confident belief. Nobody ever fell in love by reading books on how to fall in love, but by casting their affections upon another personally. The only way to obtain a personal relationship with God is through His only begotten Son, Jesus, and His simple plan of salvation. In this lesson, we will answer carefully and plainly the question—What is Salvation?

I. THE “ ” OF SALVATION

Saviour- “One that delivers and preserves; properly applied only to Jesus Christ, the Redeemer, Who has opened the way to everlasting salvation by His obedience and death, and Who is therefore called the Saviour, by way of distinction, the Saviour of men, the Saviour of the world.” (Webster’s 1828)

A. A Saviour is required where salvation is _____.
(Romans 3:23, 5:12, 6:23; Titus 3:5)

- B. A Saviour is not in need of salvation _____.**
(Luke 2:11; 19:10; (Deuteronomy 32:4; John 12:45, 14:7-10, 8:46; II Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 7:26; I Peter 2:22; Hebrews 5:9)
- C. A Saviour is placed in the same _____ of those He would save.**
(Philippians 2:7; Hebrews 4:15; Romans 5:6-8; I Peter 2:24)
- D. A Saviour must _____ that which would destroy those He would save.**
(I Corinthians 15:13-20; I Peter 1:3)

II. THE “ _____ ” OF SALVATION

Simplicity- “The state of being not complex; consisting of few parts; plainness; weakness of intellect; freedom from artificial ornament.” (Webster’s 1828)

- A. Salvation is simply found in _____, Alone.**
(John 14:6; Acts 4:12; I Timothy 2:5-6)
- B. Salvation is simply based on _____, not works.**
(Hebrews 2:3; I Corinthians 3:11; Acts 16:31; Ephesians 2:8-9; Galatians 2:16; Romans 3:20; II Timothy 1:9; Matthew 7:22-23)

III. THE “ _____ ” OF SALVATION

Security- “Protection; safety from danger of any kind; freedom from fear; certainty; something given or done to secure peace.” (Webster’s 1828)

- A. The Security of salvation is the _____.**
(Hebrews 7:22; II Corinthians 5:17; Philippians 3:9; II Timothy 1:12)
- B. The security of salvation is _____.**
(John 1:12; II Corinthians 6:18; I Peter 1:4-5; Jude 24; Titus 1:2; John 3:16, 5:24, 10:28-29; Ephesians 4:30)

IV. CONCLUSION

To be “saved” means that you have acknowledged your guilt of sinning against God, and you placed your faith upon the sacrifice for sins Jesus Christ made on the cross. And, while you still sin in your flesh daily, Christ has forever reconciled your soul unto God. To remain “lost” means that you have never heard the Gospel (“good news”), or that you have rejected Christ’s salvation. Consider the following carefully:

In April, 1912, when the enormous ocean-liner, “Titanic”, left the port of England for America, it carried all classes of people. Some passengers were millionaires, some celebrities, some of moderate means, and others were so poor that they took the journey in the steerage of the ship. However, just a few hours after it sank to the bottom of the North Atlantic, a list was placed in the Cunard office in New York that consisted of only two categories—saved and lost. This tragedy had leveled all social distinctions. Hell holds only “the lost”: Heaven contains only “the saved”.

Student tip- We are not saved by a feeling, but it sure feels good to be saved.