

The Believer's Salvation.

Introduction

- A. The term "salvation" leads us to think immediately of "Savior" This is the meaning of the name "Jesus" Who became our Savior and made our salvation possible.

And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins. Matthew 1:21

- B. There are many facets to God's provision of salvation. Two of these are very important in that they reveal the work of the Lord Jesus Christ and the basis of our salvation. They are justification and forgiveness.

I. Creation: Obedience was the command of God.

- A. Created in God's image and in fellowship with God, obedience was the most natural and normal expression of daily life for Adam.

- B. God clearly stated to Adam the precept and penalty of His will.

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it, for in the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die. Genesis 2:16,17

II. Fall: Adam failed to obey God.

- A. In his disobedience Adam failed to obey the precept of God's will and became unrighteous, and by his disobedience he incurred the penalty of God's will and came under the condemnation of death.

- B. Because of Adam's representative position all men are now born unrighteous and under condemnation.

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. Romans 5:12

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Romans 5:19

III. Problem: How can a Holy God accept unholy men?

To declare, I say, at this time His righteousness; that He might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Romans 3:26

IV. Revelation: To get to heaven man must obey God's precept perfectly and be completely forgiven.

- A. No one can: Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight; for by the law is the knowledge of sin. Romans 3:20

- B. No one has: But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags Isaiah 64:6

As it is written: there is none righteous, no, not one. Romans 3:10

V. Provision: Jesus Christ came as our Representative and obeyed and suffered in our place.

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For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh; that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Romans 8:3,4.

B. He suffered under the penalty of God's law (passive obedience) as our Representative.

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. Gal. 3:13

VI. Salvation: The perfect obedience of Jesus Christ in His life and death is imputed to all who believe upon Him as Savior and Lord.

A. The believer is fully justified (declared righteous) before God.

Therefore, being justified (declared righteous) by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. Romans 10:4

B. The reliever is fully pardoned (perfectly forgiven) before God.

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. Romans 8:1

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses. Colossians 2:13

Conclusion

<u>Eden</u>	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Demand for Heaven</u>	<u>Provision in Christ</u>	<u>Salvation</u>
Precept: obedience	Unrighteous	Perfect Righteousness	Obedience in Life	Justification
Penalty: death	Guilty	Perfect Pardon	Obedience in Death	Pardon

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