

SALVATION AND ETERNAL REDEMPTION

Bible Passage: John 3:3-5, 16; Romans 10:9-10

Memory Verse: Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God – John 3:3

Introduction

Salvation means to be delivered. Other connected words include redemption, born again, adoption, regeneration, justification, repentance, new birth. When a man is saved, God wipe out the sins of the past and he is credited with the righteousness of Christ, by faith i.e. he is justified. He has peace with God, access to God's grace (Romans 5:1-2) and is adopted into God's family as a son (John 1:12). He immediately begins to enjoy the witness and leading of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:16-17). Ultimately, he is redeemed from eternal judgment of hell fire which awaits all sinners at the end of time (Romans 6:23a).

Why do we need Salvation?

Romans 3:23-25 declares that all humanity have sinned and have therefore become a bonafide candidate of hell fire (Romans 6:23), if nothing is done. Not just the sins that we have committed but we all inherited sins naturally from Adam (Romans 5:12-14, 18-19).

How can I be saved?

Salvation is obtained by willingly and genuinely taking the following steps –

- a. Repent from committed sins (Acts 3:19)
- b. Confess and forsake committed sins (Prov. 28:13)
- c. Believe in Jesus' sacrifice and atonement for sins (John 3:16, Romans 6:23b, John 14:6)
- d. Ask for forgiveness and mercy from God (Isaiah 55:7, Luke 18:13-14)
- e. Receive Jesus Christ, as your personal Lord and Savior (John 1:12)

Assurance of Salvation

It is not based on feelings but rather faith in the gift of God (Jesus Christ) and the word of God. You have to believe that the words of God are true and forever settled (e.g. 1John 5:13, John 3:16, 5:24). The Holy Spirit continues to witness in your heart that you are now a child of God (Romans 8:16), not as before when he was convicting you of your sins and impending judgment of God. Most important, your experienced change life will testify of your salvation (II Corinthians 5:17) – everyone and everything around you change (new desires, new likes, new dislikes, new loves, new choices, new priorities, new aspirations, new hatred, new interest, new commitment, deep love for God and other believers).

Salvation is more than a day event

Romans 6:1-2. After you have accepted Jesus Christ into your life, God expects that you begin to live up to the standard of a child of God, depend on the grace of God to constantly live a righteous life, maintain your newly found faith in God (by reading the words of God, fellowship constantly and communing with Him in prayer) and importantly stay away for sins (1John 1:9, 2:1-2, 3:4-6, 8-9, 5:18).

Scriptural Reading Assignment

John 1 – 5; Romans 1 – 6, 10; 1John 1 - 5