

## FIVE FACTS ABOUT BEING SAVED

Isaiah 45:22

(Not entirely original with me)

**Introduction:** There is more to being "saved" than a person can realize or begin to understand. Salvation is entirely God's idea and God's work through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. However there are some things that those who are saved need to realize and here are five facts about being saved. (Use whatever introduction you think best.)

### I. SALVATION IS BY GRACE (*Ephesians 2:8-9*)

1. All through the Scriptures there is the emphasis over and over again that salvation from start to finish is the work of God's rich, abundant grace in the Lord Jesus.
2. There is no place in salvation for human merit nor reward for any human works except eternal damnation.
  - The covenant of salvation is that of Grace. (2 Timothy 1:9)
  - Redemption, the basis of salvation, is entirely a work of Grace. (Romans 3:24)
  - The call of the Holy Spirit is the call of Grace. (2 Timothy 1:9)
  - Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is the gift of Grace. (Ephesians 2:8; Colossians 2:12)
  - Heaven, the completion of salvation is the reward of Grace.
3. Salvation is the work of Grace alone. (Colossians 2:10-15)
  - It is Sovereign Grace.
  - It is Unconditional Grace.
  - It is Unchangeable Grace.
  - It is Effectual Grace.
4. Any mixture with Grace is a total denial of Grace. (Galatians 5:1-4; Romans 11:6)

### II. SALVATION IS WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY (*1 Peter 4:18*)

1. The difficulty in salvation does not imply that there is any uncertainty about salvation or that eternal acceptance with God is not sure.
  - Believers are complete in the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - Jesus is able to save to the uttermost.
  - Jesus knows every believer and will certainly give each one eternal life.
2. Peter's use of the word "scarcely" means that it is not an easy thing for God to save a lost sinner.
  - God is just and yet He must justify the ungodly. How can God honor His holy law and save guilty sinners at the same time? How can a sinner be punished and yet be forgiven? How can the guilty die and yet live?
  - The answer is the Lord Jesus Christ.
    - Jesus is the sinner's substitute, and he has met every need of fallen man, met every demand of God's holy law, satisfied every claim of divine justice, filled every requirement of God's righteousness and overcome every difficulty in God's way to save lost mankind.
3. There is a difficulty in the nature and will of man.
  - By nature every human being loves pleasure more than he/she does God.
  - The difficulty in salvation is the sinful nature of every human being for all are sinful flesh, proud, rebelling against God and His Gospel of Grace.
  - Before any sinner will ever be saved, two mighty miracles of grace must be performed:
    - The heart must be renewed.
    - The will must be broken.
    - Christ must be formed in the lost person and he/she must be created anew in Christ and only God can do all this.

### **III. SALVATION IS BY FAITH (*Luke 7:50*)**

1. Faith is not the foundation of salvation nor the power by which salvation is performed. Faith is not one's Savior but faith is the means by which salvation is received and enjoyed. Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is essential and without it one will never be saved. (*Luke 7:50*)
  - The woman in the text is an example about faith:
  - Saving faith looks to Jesus Christ.
  - Saving faith grieves over sin.
  - Saving faith is humble.
  - Saving faith is submissive, self-denying and sacrificial.
  - Saving faith serves Christ.
2. There is no need to try to match one salvation experience with another for everyone is saved in the same way and that is by looking to the Lord Jesus Christ alone.

### **IV. SALVATION IS BY HOPE (*Romans 8:24*)**

1. The bible word of "hope" is not one of an empty wish or desire but it is a word full of expectation. If a person trusts the Lord Jesus Christ, then there is reason to expect eternal salvation and if one does not trust the Lord Jesus Christ, then he/she has no hope.
  - Believers in Jesus have a good hope through God's grace and therefore "hope:"
    - that their sins are forgiven
    - to be resurrected when the Lord returns.
    - to be made like the Lord Jesus Christ.
    - to receive a full reward through grace in the Lord Jesus Christ.
    - to reign with the Lord Jesus.
  - Believers should always be ready to give an answer to every person that asks if there is a reason for the hope that is within.
    - The believer's hope is based upon the Word of God.
    - The believer's hope is based upon the righteousness and shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.
    - The believer's hope is based upon the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.
2. Believers are saved by "hope," that confident expectation based completely upon the person and work of the Lord Jesus.

### **V. SALVATION IS BY THE BELIEVER LOSING (*Matthew 16:25*)**

1. It will cost a person something to follow Christ and be a disciple.
  - It will cost a person his/her life.
  - Salvation involves total, unreserved submission to the Lord Jesus.
2. **2 Timothy 4:6-18**

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Salvation by Grace - through the operation of God.
2. Salvation with difficulty - by the power of God.
3. Salvation by faith - trusting the Son of God.
4. Salvation by hope - believing the promise of God.
5. Salvation by losing - giving up everything to follow the Lord Jesus Christ.
6. Are YOU saved? Would YOU be saved?

