

The Following Message is Message #091A

SAVED

Text: Ephesians 2:1-10

Introduction

I. There are many experiences in our lives can be considered blessings

I love to hear people give testimony to how the Lord has blessed them

Hear things such as marriage/birth children/healing from disease etc...

Most of all, it always thrills my soul to hear someone thank God for their salvation

ALL OTHER BLESSINGS ARE TEMPORAL-SALVATION IS ETERNAL

II. Salvation is such a vast experience Bible describes it in many ways

Many different terms-illustrations show different viewpoints and aspects of salvation

Many times we just use these words at random to describe what God has done

THOUGH NOT BAD-NOT SURE IT IS THE BEST

Each term carries with it a different view-do good to understand what these words mean

For instance the Bible talks about us being:

1. Redeemed

1 Peter 1:18, 19 "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:"

We say we are redeemed-what does that mean

REDEMPTION CARRIES WITH IT THE IDEA OF BEING PURCHASED

1 Corinthians 6:20 "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

Hebrews 9:12 "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."

2. Forgiven

1 John 2:12 "I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake."

863. aphiemi, af-ee'-ay-mee; from G575 and hiemi (to send; an intens. form of eimi, to go); to send forth, in various applications (as follow):--cry, forgive, forsake, lay aside, leave, let (alone, be, go, have), omit, put (send) away, remit, suffer, yield up.

IDEA OF ONE WHO IS IN DEBT-NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO PAY

COLLECTOR SURRENDERS UP RIGHT TO COLLECT ON IT

Could go on with different terms-Born Again-Cleansed-Quickened-etc...

III. Want to consider one these terms used

Most Common one of all that are used-Saved

Paul used it in our text **v. 5, 8**

Hear it many times-What does it mean from a scriptural standpoint

Three things that are implied in this word:

Saved From Something-nothing need to be saved from no way to need to be saved

Saved By Something-nothing to save us then we cannot be saved

Saved To Something-nothing changed then why should we be saved

These are the thoughts that I want to develop as we things about

Saved

Pray if are you are saved you will rejoice in what God has done

Pray if you are not saved that you will hasten today and receive the gift

I. Saved From Something

A. Most people think about salvation as something that will happen in the future

They think I don't have to go to hell-not face the wrath of God

I am thankful that is true

John 5:24 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

UNDERSTAND I BELIEVE IN THE SECURITY OF THE BELIEVER

IF YOU WERE EVER SAVED YOU STILL ARE-BUT IF YOU WERE NEVER WERE STILL NOT
Stop and think about it-this is something in the future
IS THAT ALL THAT THERE TO SALVATION
MANY WANT TO TREAT JESUS AS SOME FORM OF FIRE INSURANCE
IN REALITY IS THAT ALL THERE IS-IS THERE NO PRESENT EFFECT DOES NOT THE BIBLE SPEAK
ABOUT IT IN THE PRESENT TENSE

Look at the way the word is used in our text v. 5, 8

B. I am fully persuaded that there is present aspect

We must understand what Jesus came to save us from. Remember the words of the angel to Joseph:

Matthew 1:21 "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

UNDERSTAND THAT IF YOU GET SAVED FROM SIN YOU WILL BE SAVED FROM HELL
MOST TODAY WANT LADDER WITHOUT THE FORMER

We are saved from-Punishment of our sin-eternity in hell

Saved from the Power of sin in our life now as well

C. Look at how text describes the state of one who is lost vs. 1,2

Titus 3:3, 4 "For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,"

1 Peter 4:3, 4 "For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:"

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

THANK GOD I DO NOT HAVE TO BE THE DEVIL'S DIRTY PLAY THING

John 8:36 "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Romans 6:12 "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof."

1 John 2:8 "Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth."

What a joy to know that we are saved from something-We are saved from Sin

II. Saved By Something

A. Again there is a misunderstanding about this aspect of Salvation as well

Most people will say they are saved-ask how begin to list works

Most people say not saved-ask how can be-begin by listing works

THINK IT IS SOMETHING THEY HAVE TO ACHIEVE-ATTAIN ON THEIR OWN

Reminded of What Jesus says about this

Matthew 7:22 "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?"

NOTHING WRONG WITH THOSE THINGS-NOT MEASURE UP FOR SALVATION

IF THAT IS WHAT YOU ARE COUNTING ON YOU WILL BE IN FOR A SHOCK

Matthew 7:23 "And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

In Text Paul talks about this as well vs. 8, 9

There will be no bragging in heaven about how we got there

Never be able to do or undo enough to be saved

Galatians 2:21 "I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."

B. So many scriptures bare this out as well

Galatians 2:16 "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

Titus 3:5-7 "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

Romans 3:28 "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law."

Romans 5:15 "But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many."

Ephesians 1:7 "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;"

Galatians 1:4 "Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:"

C. The Bible talks about Grace of God

God giving to us what we do now deserve and could never earn

EACH PART FROM CRUCIFIXION-TO CONVICTION ACT OF GRACE

Blessing that truth is to grasp

Romans 11:6 "And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work."

If salvation were by works then you would never be able to have assurance

III. Saved To Something

A. God not save us to leave us as we are

III. Imagine someone drowning-not save them to put them back in

God does not have to change us to save us-but he saves us to change us

B. Notice what text says v. 10

GOOD WORKS FOLLOW SALVATION THEY DO NOT PRECEDE IT

THEY ARE EVIDENCE THAT WE HAVE BEEN SAVED

Titus 2:11-14 "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

Again there are so many verses that bear this out

Colossians 1:10 "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;"

2 Corinthians 9:8 "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:"

Titus 3:14 "And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful."

Hebrews 13:20, 21 "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

C. Talks about us being trophies of Grace v.7

Wonder as we considered this today can you say you are saved

Isaiah 55:6, 7 "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

If you are saved, are you sharing?

Romans 10:14 "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"