

# The Doctrine of Salvation

WHAT IS SALVATION?

SALVATION IS : A NEW MAN IN AN OLD BODY

AND One day a new man in a new body.

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)**

<sup>17</sup> Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

1. What does it mean for a man to become a "new creature"? Very simply, it means just what the Scripture says: the man actually becomes a *new creature*—his whole being, nature, life, and behavior changes:
2. How does a person become a new creature? Note the words of this Scripture: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." It is being "in Christ" that makes a person a new creature.

SO HOW DO I COME TO CHRIST?

**Matthew 3:8 (KJV)**

<sup>8</sup> Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

## 1. Repentance: A Change of Mind

**Matthew 3:7-10 (KJV)**

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

<sup>8</sup> Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

<sup>9</sup> And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to *our* father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

<sup>10</sup> And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

John's message is to the religionists, he warned them about...

- the danger of being a spectator only, of coming out to his meetings only to see what was happening.
- the danger of thinking that baptism protected them from the wrath to come.
- the danger of thinking that God's judgment was only for the heathen and the ungodly, not for them.
- the danger of verbal repentance only, thinking their conduct had no bearing on being accepted or rejected by God.

- the danger of thinking that the righteousness of their forefathers and families would cover and suffice for them.

Flee the wrath to come. The wrath of God was coming upon all who were only spectators. And baptism by itself was not enough, no matter how many baptisms a person went through.

Repent. Verbal repentance is not enough. Just being present in the midst of those who worship God is not enough. Repentance requires a change of mind and conduct.

**John 3:3 (KJV)**

<sup>3</sup> 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.

## 2. Regeneration: A Change of Heart

the new birth is a necessity, an imperative.

**John 3:5 (KJV)**

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

A man must be "born again." He must be...

- born completely and fully, a complete and full change.
- born all over *again*, in the sense of a second time.
- born *from above*, from God.

The importance of the words, "cannot see the kingdom of God." One must be "born again" or else he will never "see" nor "enter" the Kingdom of God. It is an absolute imperative that a person be born again

**John 3:11 (KJV)**

<sup>11</sup> Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. SPEAK TRUTH, AND THEY DIDN'T RECEIVE IT THEN AND SOME WON'T RECEIVE IT TODAY.

**Matthew 18:3 (KJV)**

<sup>3</sup> And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

## 3. Conversion: A Change of Life

The word "conversion" means to turn, to turn around; to be converted; to turn from one thing to something else. The meaning here is that the disciples must *turn*; they must turn completely around. JESUS warned them: "Unless ye turn." Turn from what? Their sins, THEY WOULD NOT ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Whether or not a person is converted determines his eternal destiny.

### **Matthew 18:1-2 (KJV)**

<sup>1</sup> At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

<sup>2</sup> And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,

JESUS SET A CHILD IN THE MIDST TO SHOW THEM HOW TO BE CONVERTED.

By turning and becoming as a little child. What does it mean "to become as a little child"? When Christ *called* the child to Him, the child demonstrated exactly what Christ meant.

- a. The child *trusted Christ*.
- b. The child *surrendered*
- c. The child was *obedient* to Christ.
- d. The child was *humble* before Christ.

### **Romans 8:14-17 (KJV)**

<sup>14</sup> For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

<sup>15</sup> For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

<sup>16</sup> The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

<sup>17</sup> And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

## **4. Adoption: A Change of Family**

This is one of the great powers of the Holy GHOST, the power to lead the believer and to become involved in his life.

The evidence or proof that a person is a son of God is just this: Is the person led by the Spirit of God?

Very simply, is the person living for God and talking about the things of God? The person who is truly led by the Spirit is wrapped up in the things of God, for he is a son of God. He rejoices in his Father and seeks to please His Father in all that he does.

The Spirit delivers man from a terrible spirit—"the spirit of bondage."

The point is this: the Holy GHOST delivers the believer from the bondage of fear. How? By adoption, by actually adopting the believer as a son of God.

**"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" ([John 1:12](#)).**

The Spirit gives access into God's presence. The believer has access to God because he has been adopted as a son of God. The believer is a son of God with all the privileges of sonship,

especially the privilege of access—of entering God's presence anytime and anyplace. It is this wonderful privilege that enables the believer to break the bondage of fear and to conquer the spirit of fear. We are heirs TO THE POWER OF GOD.

### **Hebrews 10:14-16 (KJV)**

<sup>14</sup> For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

<sup>15</sup> *Whereof* the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,

<sup>16</sup> This *is* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

## **5. Sanctification: A Change of Behavior**

**SANCTIFICATION MEANS** The act of making a thing pure and holy.

The old sacrifices failed to perfect man, but the one perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ perfected forever those who are set apart

Jesus Christ really did take our sins upon Himself. He really did bear the guilt and judgment of our sins. He really did become our substitute and sacrifice; He really did give His life for us.

### **Romans 5:1-5 (KJV)**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

<sup>2</sup> By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

<sup>3</sup> And not only *so*, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

<sup>4</sup> And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

<sup>5</sup> And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

## **6. Justification: A Change of State**

**Justification** to count someone righteous. It means to reckon, to credit, to account, to judge, to treat, to look upon as righteous. It does not mean to make a man righteous.

When a man believes in Jesus Christ, HE takes that man's faith and counts it as righteousness. The man is not righteous, but God considers and credits the man's faith as righteousness.

**JUSTIFIED---JUST AS IF I NEVER SINNED** It means that God has no record of anything ever having gone wrong in our lives.

### **1 Peter 2:8-9 (KJV)**

<sup>8</sup> And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

<sup>9</sup> But *ye are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

## **7. Glorification: A Change of Place**

The person becomes a *new man*.

**"And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" ([Ephes. 4:24](#)).**

**"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" ([Romans 6:4](#)).**

The statement "that ye might show forth" means to speak forth; to tell out; to publish abroad; to set forth. The word "praises" means virtues, excellencies, and the supreme and eminent qualities of God

You are not a people who stumble over Christ, a people who question His claims and deity and refuse to believe Him. You are a people who believe Christ, a people who are building your lives upon the Foundation

know who you are: you are the people of God, the people He is building to live with Him forever and ever.

STAND AND LIVE IN HIS GLORY.