

## SEVEN FACTS ABOUT GOD'S SALVATION

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

**(Not entirely original with me)**

**Introduction:** Let's put aside church creeds, catechisms, confessions of faith, etc. Let's lay aside theology books, religious papers, religious traditions, customs and even the opinions of great theologians of the past. Let's try to forget who said what about salvation and let us focus on what God says in His Word about HIS salvation. God says in His Word that salvation is by grace alone, that salvation is through faith alone, that salvation is in Christ alone, that God's salvation is accomplished without works of any kind by any one who is saved. Here are seven facts about God's salvation:

### **I. "THY SALVATION" (It is God's Salvation)**

1. ***"...I have waited for THY SALVATION, O Lord...." (Hebrews 5:9)***
  - Whatever the Bible teaches about salvation, it is the property of God alone.
2. Exodus 12:18; 2 Chronicles 20:15, 17; Isaiah 41:10-11, 13-14
3. When Jonah was in the whale's belly, how did he get out? It was by God and God alone.
4. John 1:11-12; Romans 9:16
  - God planned it.
  - God purchased it.
  - God preserves it.
  - God perfects it.
  - God shall have the praise for it.

### **II. "ETERNAL SALVATION"**

1. ***"...And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him..." (Hebrews 5:9)***
  - Jesus Christ is the author of ETERNAL SALVATION.
    - Salvation was purchased at Calvary by the blood of Jesus, given to believing sinners by the Holy Spirit.
  - Salvation was devised, secured, predestinated and purposed in the mind of God and it was performed, finished and perfect in God's grace before the world even began.
2. God's Word clearly states that before the world was ever created, Salvation was finished in God's mind.
  - Christ is the lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world. (Revelation 13:8)
  - All who believe on Christ in time were loved of God, chosen, adopted and predestined to salvation before God made the world. (Ephesians 1:4-6)
  - Believers were redeemed, justified, called and glorified in Christ from eternity. (Romans 8:28-30)
  - Believers were accepted in the Beloved before mankind was ruined in Adam. (Ephesians 1:6)
  - Believers were blessed of God with all spiritual blessings of salvation and grace in Christ before the world was made. (Ephesians 1:8; 2 Timothy 1:9-10)
3. Ephesians 1:3-6; 2 Timothy 1:9-10

### **III. "THE COMMON SALVATION" (Jude 1-3)**

1. God's grace is not experienced in the same way by every believer.
  - Paul's experience was different from Lydia's.
  - Both experienced the same grace, but in different ways.
  - Two blind men received their sight from Jesus, but in different ways:
    - Jesus spit on the ground, then put the wet dirt on the blind man's eyes and then touched his eyes again and the blind man saw. (Mark 8:22-25)
    - Jesus simply spoke to another blind man and immediately the blind man could see.
      - Mark 10:51-52
2. All who are saved do however, possess and enjoy the same, common salvation.
  - A common Savior.
  - A common Family.
  - A common Hope.
  - A common Blessedness.
  - A common Inheritance.

### **IV. "YOUR OWN SALVATION" (Philippians 2:12)**

1. God devised salvation for the believer, Jesus purchased it for each believer, the Holy Spirit brought it to each believer and it belongs to the believer forever.
2. Believers are admonished to "work out their OWN salvation with fear and trembling..."
  - Each believer is to work outwardly what God has worked inwardly.
  - Philippians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:16; Titus 3:8, 14
3. Believers have an assurance "for it is God who works in the believer to will (desire) and to do HIS good pleasure."
  - 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
  - If YOU are saved, the salvation God has worked into you is YOUR salvation.

### **V. "SO GREAT SALVATION" (Hebrews 2:3)**

1. God's salvation is GREAT salvation.
  - It comes from the GREAT God.
  - It is for GREAT sinners.
  - It comes to the believer through the merits of the GREAT Savior.
  - It flows to the believer from the GREAT reservoir of God's GREAT grace - the Heart of God - the Love of God.
  - It secures for the believer a GREAT inheritance in heaven.
2. There are no words that can adequately describe God's GREAT salvation.

### **VI. "EVERLASTING SALVATION" (Isaiah 45:17)**

1. Salvation is eternal from everlasting to everlasting. (Ecclesiastes 3:14)

2. Sinners saved by grace shall never perish for they are saved beyond the reach of condemnation and danger.
  - God's love is an everlasting love. (Jeremiah 31:3)
  - God's election is everlasting election. (Malachai 3:6)
  - God's grace is everlasting grace. (Romans 11:29)
  - Christ's redemption is an everlasting redemption. (Hebrews 9:12)
  - The Holy Spirit's seal is an everlasting seal. (Ephesians 1:14)

## **VII. "SALVATION TO OUR GOD" (Revelation 7:9-12)**

1. God's salvation shall return to Him in everlasting praise.
2. Believers with such a GREAT salvation have the promise: ***"...Ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end..."***

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. Salvation is entirely the doings of almighty God.
2. People play absolutely NO part in obtaining salvation from God.
3. God's salvation was planned before the creation of the world.
4. Those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ receive God's salvation freely and unconditionally.
5. God's salvation is forever and once one has received God's salvation, he/she shall forever be saved for nothing can take away, erase, undo, change, negate God's salvation.
6. No thoughts of mankind, no doctrine, no ritual, no anything can add to or take away anything of God's salvation.
7. To God be the Glory!