

SALVATION FROM THE PENALTY OF SIN

Romans 6:23; Jonah 2:9

Introduction: "Sin" is a term God has assigned to all that is contrary to His perfect-ness. Obviously every one of us is not perfect, therefore everyone of us is in "sin." We are "sinners." If God cannot allow anything "imperfect" in His presence, that means that none of us can approach Him or be in His immediate presence. The penalty of sin is absence from the presence of God. How can this be remedied? God solved that problem, Himself, and the solution is called "salvation from the penalty of sin."

I. THE MEANING OF "SALVATION"

1. Every Christian should master God's Word about salvation.
 - Salvation depends on what God says about salvation.
 - Salvation is the only message we are to preach.
 - Salvation is the only way of seeing the depth of God's love.
2. Salvation is totally the work of God and man, people, have no hand in it whatsoever.
3. The details of salvation have varied through the ages, but all who have put their faith in God's Word were saved, accepted by God.
4. Salvation today is more fully revealed and it shows that it is entirely all God's work.

II. SALVATION IS GOD'S REMEDY FOR SIN

1. Sin is always equally sinful, regardless who commits it.
 - *Luke 12:47-48* - Any sin goes against God.
2. Sin can be cured only through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.
 - Forgiveness is never an act of leniency of God.
 - Sacrifices are substitutes for the guilty.
 - Old Testament forgiveness came ONLY after the priest offered a sacrifice.
 - *Leviticus 4:20ff; Numbers 15:25*
 - New Testament forgiveness comes ONLY after Jesus Christ's sacrifice.
 - *Colossians 1:14; Ephesians 1:7*
 - Jesus Christ's sacrifice was perfect and the believer in Jesus Christ is forgiven and justified forever. *Romans 3:24*
 - God never treated sin lightly and forgiveness comes ONLY because the penalty of sin has been met.

III. A LOOK AT SALVATION BEFORE AND AFTER THE CROSS

1. God's method of salvation before the cross was: "atonement," meaning to "cover" it up.
 - *Hebrews 10:4* - The sacrifice was man's acknowledgement of the penalty for his/her sin.
 - God accepted the sacrifice as a "covering" of sin until Jesus Christ dealt with ALL sin.

2. After the cross - **Romans 3:26**
 - The blood of animals was no longer useful for sins were no longer "covered" but were actually "done away with" because of Jesus Christ's sacrifice which had been long awaited.
 - **John 1:29**
 - One must believe in Jesus Christ to have his/her sins dealt with.

IV. THERE ARE THREE "TENSES" OF SALVATION

1. PAST - Totally, completely, forever ended.
 - **Luke 7:50; 1 Corinthians 1:18; John 5:24**
2. PRESENT - Saved at the present time - **Romans 6:14**
3. FUTURE - God is faithful to keep the believer in Jesus saved.
 - **Romans 8:29; 1 John 3:2**

V. SALVATION AS THE FINISHED WORK OF JESUS CHRIST

1. **John 19:30** - "...*It is finished...*" - What is finished? Salvation is finished!
2. Jesus Christ's death doesn't in itself save, it provides the ground where God and man can come together.
3. Sin has now NOT been "covered" BUT has been REMOVED!

VI. SALVATION AS RELATED TO THE CHRISTIAN'S SINS

1. Belief in Jesus Christ brings forgiveness - the moment of salvation.
2. Forgiveness for Christians (believers) comes not on believing AGAIN, but upon CONFESSING one's sins. **1 John 1:9**
 - When the Christian sins, salvation is not lost, but fellowship with God is.
 - When the Christian confesses his/her sins to God, fellowship with God is restored.

VII. SALVATION IS CONDITONED ON FAITH, ALONE

1. There are 115 verses of scripture that deal with belief and salvation.
 - Salvation comes from the act of one's will, not from his/her emotions.
2. Only God can save a soul and BELIEVING is opposite of DOING.
3. Only through Jesus Christ does salvation come.

CONCLUSION:

1. Salvation is the work of God through His Son, Jesus and all who believe in Him are saved, forever.