

**XXI. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS
LESSONS TWENTY-ONE
... ABOUT SALVATION**

INTRODUCTION

God, through the sinless, impeccable life, death on the Cross of Calvary as the sin bearer (propitiation for the sins of the world), and resurrection of Jesus Christ has provided eternal salvation for every man, woman and child who ever was or will ever be born into the human race. Which salvation becomes a fact, a reality when the sinner, by God's grace through God's gift of faith to him, believes and receives Jesus Christ as his personal Savior from sin, death and hell.

Now, since, man is a triune being having a spirit, soul and a body (as we talked about in lessons 19 & 20) the salvation which God has provided in Christ Jesus is a **THREEFOLD SALVATION**. This threefold salvation is seen in 2 Corinthians 1:10 (note the three verb tenses in the passage):

God "who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver; in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us"

Also refer to 1 John 4:17; 3:3 & 3:2

1 John 4:17, "...as He Jesus, is, so are we in this world.";

1 John 3:3, "...every man...purifieth himself, even as he (Jesus) is pure."

1 John 3:2, "...now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he (Jesus) shall appear, we shall be like him (Jesus) as he (Jesus) is."

As we study **WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THREEFOLD SALVATION** we will apply the Apostle Paul's instructions in 2 Timothy 2:15,

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth,"

letting the Word of the living God rightly divide between salvation finished, completed once and for all time; salvation which is in the process of being accomplished, progressive salvation; and salvation which is yet to come.

We, also want to see that salvation in the past tense has to do with the spirit; where salvation in the present tense is in the soul, and salvation in the future tense is for the body. Threefold Salvation for a Triune Creation.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT SALVATION ACCOMPLISHED

According to the following Scripture passages what has already been accomplished once and for all time through believing in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.

Hebrews 10:14

Ecclesiastes 3:14

Ephesians 2:5,8-10

Romans 3:28

Romans 4:5

Titus 3:5-7

John 5:24

John 3:16

Romans 6:23

2 Corinthians 1:10a

John 1:12,13

Galatians 4:6-7

2 Peter 1:4

2 Corinthians 5:17

1 Corinthians 12:13

Romans 6:3-7

1 John 3:9

Romans 8:1

SALVATION ONCE OBTAINED CANNOT BE LOST

From the following Scripture passages we want to see that once salvation has been obtained through faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior, that it CANNOT BE LOST.

John 3:16

Romans 6:23

Hebrews 10:14

Ecclesiastes 3:14

John 10:28,29

Romans 8:35-39

Ephesians 1:4

Ephesians 1:13

Ephesians 4:30

Philippians 1:6

SPIRITUAL RE -BIRTH

The entrance of sin into the world brought spiritual darkness. Proverbs 20:27 says, "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord..." Thus the man who is dead spiritually is one in whom the candle of the Lord has been put out. His spirit is darkened leaving him with no spiritual understanding. From the following verses of Scripture we see that the new-birth in Jesus is a re-lighting of the candle of the Lord, a spiritual re-birth.

John 3:5-8

Titus 3:5

Ephesians 4:24

Galatians 4:6