

Bible Study Outline [Winnipeg Fellowship]

Topic: Understanding your salvation – We have been saved

Leading Texts: Matthew 1:21, Luke 1:67-75, 1 Peter 1:3-5, Acts 13:26, Titus 2:11-14

Foreword: The subject of salvation is one that every born-again Christian needs to understand clearly. This is because salvation was the beginning of our Christian faith, salvation is what describes the transformation we go through daily [as we live a Christian life], and salvation is the hope we look forward to obtaining. Central to this salvation is the Lord Jesus Christ, and who He is to us. He is the Saviour. He is the King. He is the High Priest, He will finally be called the Husband (Bridegroom) to only those faithfully keeping their bridal fidelity. His position as the saviour is the beginning point of our relationship with Him, He is the author of our salvation.

This is the burden of this bible study. To look into the different stages of our salvation, which scripturally can be looked at in three stages: **We have been Saved, We are being saved, and We shall be saved**, as well as how the Lord Jesus administers each stage. We trust the Lord to favour us with understanding. However, this present study will only be limited to the first stage – **We have been saved**, we trust to cover the other stages in subsequent meditations.

Study Path:

1. We have been saved!

▪ What does this mean?

- We can say that we have been saved [when the vital beginning of the forgiveness of sins is the experience under reference]. Luke 1:67-77, Matthew 1:21. This is referred to as the common salvation. Jude 1:3.
- The following key words give us more entrance into the what it means that **we have been saved**.
- **Born again.** John 3:3-8, 1 Peter 1:21-23. To be born again means to start afresh, as one who never existed before, and has no past. It is a process symbolized by the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 explains that if any one is in Christ, then just as the Jesus who walked on earth physically died, so also all that the person was before coming to Christ has died [has passed away], and just as Christ Jesus resurrected in a new glorious form, the person becomes a new creature, one that has never existed before [having no past]. This is what it means to be born-again—to come into the Lord Jesus, have your old self pass away, and become a new *pastless* person. The act of

water baptism is a step of faith that represents this process. Colossians 2:12 [10-14].

- **Regeneration** and **Renewing** of the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:5. The word regenerate means rebirth, recreate, or reproduce. Similarly, the word renew means renovate or complete change for the better. This is what happened when you became born-again. You were reborn. You were recreated. You were reproduced. You were renovated with the understanding that the old was destroyed. It's a complete renovation with the view of bringing in a new man. But what does this mean?
- **Reconciliation.** Romans 5:10, 2 Corinthians 5:18-21, Ephesians 2:16, Colossians 1:18-22, Hebrews 2:17. The word reconcile means to bring back a former state of harmony, or return to favour with a person.
- **Atonement.** Romans 5:11. Same meaning as Reconciliation. It means restoration to favour with God by adjusting [balancing out] the difference [which was sin], through the price of the blood.
- **Ransom.** Matthew 20:28, 1 Timothy 2:6. The word ransom means something used to loosen. That is, a redemption price—what is given in exchange for a captive [or one

destined for punishment] as the price of his redemption. How were we captives?

- **Redemption.** Romans 3:24-25, 1 Corinthians 1:30, Galatians 3:13, 4:1-7, Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 1:12-14, Titus 2:11-14, Hebrews 9:11-15, 1 Peter 1:17-19. Redemption means a releasing [a liberation] purchased by the payment of a ransom. Ransom is the price paid. Redemption is the result of the payment. What is the ransom that was paid for our redemption? And why was it the necessary payment?
- **Forgiveness** of sins. Luke 1:67-77, Matthew 1:21, Acts 5:30-31, Acts 13:38, Acts 26:18, Romans 4:7, Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 1:14. The word forgiveness means to let go of the sins as if they had never been committed, and thus to cancel the penalty [the punishment]. This is what God did for us. He let go of our sins. He cancelled the punishment.
- **We can say that we have been saved [when we have by faith experienced all these].**
- From all the scriptures above, can you explain how the death of the Lord Jesus [the shedding of His blood], and His resurrection saved you?

- **What was required from you?**

- **Repentance** [from sin]. Matthew 3:2, 4:17, 9:13, Mark 6:12, Luke 15:7-10. Acts 2:38, 3:19, 19:4-6, 20:21, 26:20, Romans 2:4, 2 Corinthians 12:21, 2 Timothy 2:25, 2 Peter 3:9. To repent means to change one's mind and acknowledge the truth.
- **Conversion.** Matthew 13:15, Mark 4:2, Acts 3:19, James 5:19-20. To be converted means to turn from wrong doings. This is required in order to obtain healing and forgiveness of sin.
- It is repentance that leads to conversion.
- From these scriptures [beginning from Matthew 3:2], why is it important to repent and be converted?

▪ **What are the benefits?**

- The gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38
- Heir of God. Galatians 4:7.
- Transition into a new blood line [a new generation—the generation of the New Creation Man—descendants of the Last Adam]. 1 Corinthians 15:45-49. Colossians 2:14
- Translation from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus [becoming a citizen]. John 3:3-6. Deliverance from the influence and oppression of unclean spirits of darkness, being no more in their domain.