

# THE PROMINENT ASPECTS OF THE GLAD TIDINGS

## Part 8: SALVATION

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WHAT IS SALVATION: To save is to rescue. We have been rescued, brought into safety, preservation and protection from the destructions of life by our Savior, Jesus Christ. "Salvation" is understood as deliverance unto wholeness.

Salvation, (the rescue of Mankind), which comes from God is only through Jesus Christ:

*"be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even in him doth this man stand here before you whole. 11 He is the stone which was set at nought of you the builders, which was made the head of the corner. 12 And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved."* (Ac 4:10-12 ASV)

*"And his (John the Baptist's) father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying, 68 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; For he hath visited and wrought redemption for his people, 69 And hath raised up a horn (government) of salvation for us In the house of his servant David 70 (As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets that have been from of old), 71 Salvation from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; 72 To show mercy towards, our fathers, And to remember his holy covenant; 73 The oath which he spake unto Abraham our father, 74 To grant unto us that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies Should serve him without fear, 75 In holiness and righteousness before him all our days. 76 Yea and thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Most High: For thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to make ready his ways; 77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people In the remission (forgiveness) of their sins," (Lu 1:67-77 ASV)*

*"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus, for \*he\* shall save his people from their sins." (Mt 1:21 Darby)*

*"but God, being rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace have ye been saved), 6 and raised us up with him, and made us to sit with him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus: 7 that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus: 8 for by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not of works, that no man should glory (boast)." (Eph 2:4-9 ASV)*

One who is saved has been rescued from the destructions of sin through God's plan of salvation: the Savior of Mankind, Jesus Christ. Being saved through Jesus Christ can be likened to being saved out of a burning building: a savior rescues a helpless one from the imminent disaster of death, and places you where that disaster is no longer a threat. The savior does all the work! The victim simply needs to comply. Compliance is understood in the Biblical word "repent," which means to change the mind.

*"Repent therefore and be converted (turn back to God), for the blotting out of your sins, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord," (Ac 3:19 Darby)*

Salvation is deliverance unto wholeness:

*"27 For the heart of this people has become fat, and they hear heavily with their ears, and they have closed their eyes; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their*

*heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. 28 Be it known to you therefore, that this salvation of God has been sent to the nations; \*they\* also will hear it.” (Ac 28:27-28 Darby)*

*“20 And behold, a woman hemorrhaging for twelve years, approaching from behind, touched the hem of His garment. 21 For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I will be healed." 22 But Jesus, turning around and seeing her, said, "Take courage, daughter; your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that hour.” (Mt 9:20-22 EMTV)*

*“51 So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you desire that I should do for you?" And the blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive sight." 52 Then Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has healed you." And immediately he received sight, and he followed Jesus on the road.” (Mr 10:51-52 EMTV)*

Salvation is NOT limited to the new birth, meaning the moment someone believes on Jesus Christ they are said to be “saved.” Scripture speaks of salvation in three ways:

1. New birth salvation – Acts 2:38, Romans 10:9-10.
2. The Renewing of the mind: actualizing our salvation before Christ’s return – 1 Cor. 1:18, 1 Cor. 15:2 and 2 Cor. 2:15.
3. The salvation to come – Rom. 13:11, 1 Pet. 1:5, 1:9-10, 1 Thess.5:8, Heb. 1:14 and 9:28.

*Recent prophecy:*

*“We experience 3 stages of our salvation through sanctification:*

1. *At the new birth in Christ (positional sanctification).*
2. *Day to day in the pruning off dead works and in the renewing of the mind.*
3. *At the return when we take on our true form after Christ.*

*The one we undergo now (#2) is in direct conflict with every element of our thinking and the world’s views. This is going to create much needed conflict, confronting those things within us which are contrary to the Gospel. This will, make no mistake, result in very traumatic and troubling experiences. These experiences are not evil, rather they are necessary to our maturity as sons.”*

Other Scripture to help us understand salvation:

*“10 ¶ When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and **they feared greatly.** And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. 11 They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? 12 Is not this what we said to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” 13 And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. 14 The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.””*  
*31 “Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, **so the people feared the LORD,** and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.” (Ex 14:10-31 ESV)*

*“Salvation is of Jehovah; thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah.” (Ps 3:8 Darby)*

*“And thou didst give me the shield of thy salvation,”* (Ps 18:35a Darby)

*“Blessed be the Lord: day by day doth he load us with good, the \*God who is our salvation. Selah.”* (Ps 68:19 Darby)

*“May the Lord be praised! Day after day He bears our burdens; God is our salvation. ... Selah 20 Our God is a God of salvation, and escape from death belongs to the Lord GOD.”* (Ps 68:19-20 HCSB)

*“Come, let us sing aloud to Jehovah, let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation;”* (Ps 95:1 Darby)

*“Salvation is far from the wicked; for they seek not thy statutes.”* (Ps 119:155 Darby)

*“For Jehovah taketh pleasure in his people; he beautifieth the meek with salvation.”* (Ps 149:4 Darby)

## **PROMINENT ASPECTS CONCLUSION:**

Each of these prominent aspects, as well as every aspect of the Glad Tidings, is due to Jesus Christ's work as the Savior of Mankind, regardless of our behavior or lack thereof. Because the price for every one of these aspects was eternally paid for by Jesus Christ, they are now unalterably our position in Christ. Our position in Christ includes being permanently positioned in every reality in Christ including: righteousness, sanctification, redemption, reconciliation to God, peace with God, access to God, being in the one Body of Christ and every aspect of our salvation. We are now clothed with these new realities (Gal. 3:27) *“in Christ Jesus.”* The Glad Tidings are called *“the eternal Glad Tidings”* (Rev. 14:6). The words of this covenant are eternal – time enduring *“through the blood of the eternal covenant.”* (Heb. 13:20). These words of the Glad Tidings are now and forever our true, God-given *“eternal”* identity. These words describe our position in Christ.

Now our practice in Christ, our lifestyle as sons of God, is according to our position in Christ. A doctor of medicine learns who he is as a medical doctor; he learns the doctrine of his profession. Then he begins a practice. His practice is required to be according to the doctrine, otherwise, he can be sued for malpractice. Our practice as sons of God must be according to our God-given doctrine of the New Covenant. Our part is simple and clear: believing/accepting our doctrine in Christ as reality. This is what is meant by *“renewing the mind,”* (Romans 12:2). The result is that we are being transformed into a manifestation of the prominent aspects of the Glad Tidings. The qualities of Christ will manifest in our lives as we hold in mind our true identity.

We are systematically barraged with thoughts and ideas associated with the lie, that which is contrary to these truths in Christ. The renewing of the mind is the key. A big catalyst to the renewing of the mind is to incorporate into our lifestyles whatever helps us consider and adapt to these realities in Christ. The mind was designed by the Creator to be conditioned to the truth. The first step is to be educated as to our new-birth realities. Then, as we consider life in light of these truths, we are being conditioned into manifesting God's deliverance and wholeness. This is where we find ourselves realizing the power of God with its abundant fruit. This is God's way for our lives to be blessed: his eternal word planted and cultivated in our lives. You were designed for this! You are a new creation in Christ!

*“A faithful man shall abound with blessings;”* (Pr. 28:20a ASV)