

HERITAGE BASICS: Lesson 6

Salvation

Memory Verse: Ephesians 2:8-10, *“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”*

Read: John Edie, a Scottish preacher from the nineteenth-century once said, “Men without Christ are death walking. The beauties of holiness do not attract man in his moral insensibility, nor do the miseries of Hell deter him.” Lost people do not care about heaven and hell, they are not interested, nor are they afraid. They are dead, not broken, dead! Man doesn’t need repair, he needs to be made alive, because he is dead!

I. God’s Sovereignty in Salvation:

A. God’s Sovereign plan of salvation

1. Read Romans 8:29-30, and write out the progression of how God brings someone to salvation:

Verse 29: whom He _____

He also _____

Verse 30: whom He _____

He also _____

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2. Read Ephesians 1:4-6, and answer the following:

- a. What has been God’s plan since before the foundation of the world (verse4)?

- b. What has been God’s plan since before the foundation of the world (verse4)What is the purpose of His plan of salvation (verse 6)?

B. God implements His plan of salvation-

God's Decree to Reveal His Plan

“The Mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, but now is manifested... according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith.”

Romans 16:25-26

1. What is man's spiritual condition before conversion (Ephesians 2:1)?

2. What does God (the Holy Spirit) do concerning sin (John 16:8)?

3. What is needed before someone can know the truth (2 Timothy 2:25)?

4. Who grants (gives) it? _____

5. Read John 1:12-13. Who grants us the right to become children of God (verse 12)?

a. Notice that this right or privilege is not given to us because of:

- Our birth (“of blood”)
- Our own efforts (“will of the flesh”)
- Our own volition (“will of man”)

6. Who causes growth in a believer (1 Corinthians 3:6)? _____

7. Who will cause the resurrection to occur (1 Corinthians 6:14)? _____

C. God culminates His plan

a. Look again at Romans 8:29. Into whose image will we be ultimately conformed?

b. What is going to happen to every believer (Philippians 3:20-21)?

c. What is Christ's desire for those who are His (John 17:24)?

II. Conversion-

READ- Numbers 21:5-9 shows us how the children of Israel sinned against God. Because of their sin God sent deadly snakes that bit them and caused death. The people realized their sin and asked for deliverance. God instructed Moses to put a fiery bronze serpent on a pole, and when someone was bitten, they could look on it and be saved. In a way that illustrates conversion; however, instead of a serpent on a pole, we have the Son of God on a cross.

A. Conviction of sin

1. What has God given people to reveal their sinfulness (Romans 3:20)?

2. When the people realized the mistake they made in crucifying Christ, how did they feel in their hearts (Acts 2:36-37)?

B. Repentance from sin

1. Why did the tax collector cry out to God in the temple (Luke 18:13)?

2. Read 2 Corinthians 7:9-10

- i. What does godly sorrow over sin produce (verse 10)? _____
- ii. What does it lead to (verse 10)? _____

NOTE: Repentance means turning away from sin and turning to God.

C. Turning to Christ- When people who had been bitten by a deadly serpent looked at the serpent on the pole, they were exercising faith in what God said.

1. What promise is given to those who call upon the name of the Lord (Romans 10:13)?

2. Read Romans 10:8-10. Faith is required for salvation.

- i. What must you confess (verse 9)? _____
- ii. What must you believe (verse 9)? _____

NOTE: Faith means trusting in, clinging to, or embracing Jesus Christ, who is the object of our faith.

D. Becoming slaves to righteousness

1. Read Romans 8:1-2.

i. For the believer in Christ, what is the penalty for sin (verse 1)?

ii. From what is the believer free (verse 2)? _____ and _____

2. When freed from sin, what does the believer become (Romans 6:18)?

3. What benefit results (Romans 6:22)?

NOTE: Sanctification is the process of being conformed to the image of Jesus Christ

III. Evidence of Salvation- Three important evidences of a true believer are: *faith* that works, *love* that labors, and *hope* that endures (1 Thessalonians 1:3-4).

A. Faith that works

1. What reveals genuine faith?

a. James 2:18 _____

b. 1 Peter 1:6-7 _____

c. For what did God prepare believers (Ephesians 2:10)? _____

d. Titus 3:8 says that those who have believed in God should do what?Why?

B. Love that labors

i. Besides faith, what else does God take note of in the believer (Hebrews 6:10)?

ii. What is the source of love in the life of a believer (Romans 5:5)?

iii. What is true of a person who is born of God (1 John 4:7-8)?

iv. How does a true believer show love (1 John 3:18-19)?

C. Hope that endures

i. Who did Jesus say will be saved (Matthew 10:22)?

ii. What gives us our motivation to endure (1 Timothy 4:10)?

iii. Describe the hope that a Christian has.

1. Galatians 5:5 _____

2. 1 Thessalonians 5:8 _____

3. Titus 3:7 _____

D. The three that abide- What three things did Paul notice about the Colossians (Colossians 1:4-5)?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

IV. Application- God is sovereign in salvation. The believer is not called to salvation because of his own worthiness but because of God's purpose and grace (Ephesians 1:3-14).

a. Realizing that God has chosen you for salvation, how should you respond (Ephesians 1:4)?

b. How are you exhorted to live (Romans 6:12-13)?

The true believer will be convicted of sin and turn from it. He will be willing to submit to God and follow Christ. A true believer will exhibit:

- A faith that works
- A love that labors
- A hope that endures

These three qualities are present in every true believer and shape the direction of his life. Read Psalm 116:16-17. Starting today, what application can you make?