

A COMMUNION MEDITATION:  
What Does It Mean To Be Saved?

Intro: The one Bible term which includes all others that have to do with God's work in the hearts of men is SALVATION.

It includes regeneration, propitiation, redemption, reconciliation, justification, sanctification -- and all of the rest!

But it is a word which men do not particularly like -- for two reasons at least:

- 1) It suggests that man is in trouble -- and man does not like to admit that.
- 2) It is used most often in the passive sense, meaning that, if man is to be "saved," it will have to come to him from someone other than himself. He cannot save himself.

However, that which was most distasteful to us before we were saved, becomes the most precious truth after we are saved. This is because our assurance grows out of our understanding that our salvation is all of God -- from start to finish!

Tonight we are going to observe the Lord's Supper.

It is important for us to do this often because in doing so, if we do it the right way, all of the truths are to be brought before us that have to do with our salvation. Although we could not possibly exhaust the theme, I have selected 4 things which all of us know for meditation tonight by way of reminding us why we have been saved.

I. WE ARE SAVED FROM THE ETERNAL JUDGMENT OF GOD.

Cf. Rom. 5:9,

"Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."

II. WE ARE SAVED FROM SIN'S DEFILEMENT.

Cf. Tit. 3:5,

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit."

III. WE ARE SAVED UNTO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH.

Cf. 1 Tim. 2:3, 4,

"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God, our Savior, Who will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

IV. WE ARE SAVED TO BE HOLY.

Cf. 2 Tim. 1:9,

"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."

Summary: All of these teach us:

- 1) That salvation really has three aspects: past, present, and future.
- 2) All of the above are utterly impossible for man to accomplish by himself. It is not of works.
- 3) Every blessing in salvation is traceable to the work of Christ on the cross.
- 4) Only by grace could God undertake to accomplish such wonderful goals.

Concl: These are thing which we are to remember about our Lord as we come to the Lord's table.

And, as salvation is so often in the Scriptures the subject of praise, we must give ourselves to praise the Lord that He, in infinite grace, has brought us to Himself and bestowed upon us all of these blessings.