

Salvation

What Actually Occurred, Is Occurring and Will Occur!

Introduction

Salvation means redemption. And redemption, as the word suggests means a deliverance of something from punishment or consequences. For salvation to be complete, there must be a restoration. Thus, redemption is a package of deliverance. (compare Haggai 2.9)

Now, salvation as used in Christendom means redemption. This redemption is from sin but also includes a restoration. This restoration however is not to the former, instead, to a much more glorious creature than the former, a New Creation!

Man is a Spirit being having a Soul and living in a Body; three entities uniting to form the man-complex because we understand from Scriptures that man was created in the image of God; and God is triune in nature! (see Genesis 1.26; 1John 5.7)

Therefore, to understand salvation, we must first understand who is being saved here. So then, we must conclude that salvation in this context is of a man; and if of man, then of a triune being.

Therefore, if a man is being saved, it must be at these three levels; Spirit, Soul and Body.

Salvation of The Spirit

In regard to salvation of the Spirit, this occurs at the same moment as an individual proclaims or confess with the mouth (out of the abundance of the heart) the lordship of Jesus.

For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (see Romans 10.10)

This is instantaneous but however not what salvation entirely entails; this is just the first and most important step!

At this time, what actually occurs is the birth of a New Creation! The inherited and dead spirit of Adam in us is recreated; made a New Creation (glorious than the former), and alive unto God and Him alone!

Likewise You also, reckon Yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.(see Romans 6.11)

Salvation of The Soul

Regarding, salvation of the Soul, we must first come to understand that the Soul is the same as the mind!

With that understanding therefore, let's look at what the Apostle Paul say in Romans 12.2

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of Your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

The emphasis in the above Scripture perfectly describes this next stage of Salvation. It's a continual subjection of our minds (souls) unto renewal, not to conform to the standards of the world or flesh but to the standards of the Spirit because the New Creation is a spiritual being and must hence live as such!

A further exhortation to this level of salvation in scripture is Philippians 2.12. Here, We are told to **work out** (in other words, gradually applying effort) in the fear of God.

Its an everyday thing! For this also the Holy Spirit was given that we might be strengthen daily in our working out. Hence, we can only be as much successful at this stage as to the degree we are in sync with the Holy Spirit.

Salvation of The Body

Now of the Body, it is the last stage of salvation and is yet to happen! To understand this, we must first understand something spectacular The **LORD** was doing after His resurrection; He could pass through closed doors and vanish, yet the Apostle Thomas was able to hold and feel His body!

After His resurrection, The **LORD** still possessed His body but it was glorified! The glorified Body is higher than the one in which we are clothed currently.

With this understanding, let's look at what the Bible says in 1Corinthians 15.50-52;

“Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

This was Paul talking to the Corinthians regarding how we inherit the Kingdom of God!

From this, we must realize that, to fully inherit the Kingdom, we must be changed!

A further look at this truth leads us to Colossians 3.4;

“When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory”

From the above, we see that the glorification would occur at His appearance!

Therefore, as we await, at His appearance, We (believers who have endured) would join Him as He is in His Glory and be exactly like Him.

Conclusion

Currently, He is the only kind in Heaven, but after our gathering unto Him, He will not be the Only kind in Heaven anymore because the whole population of believers on earth, who endured His coming, will be joined to Him.

Since the fall of Adam, God’s main motive for relating with mankind has been to bring about the deliverance of His ultimate creature from the grip of the rebellious angel. This was concluded at The Cross by the Suffering Servant!

All things that comprise salvation are in Christ Jesus! They may be hidden, but, they are not hidden from us but for us that we may seek God.

Living, moving and having our being rooted in Him through fellowship with the Holy Spirit, daily, is our needed task to be performed that we may enjoy the provisions of our salvation while confirming our identity in The LORD.

More Grace!, Brethren.