

THINGS WE NEED TO REMEMBER ABOUT SALVATION

- I. Its Meaning – The basic meaning of the word “salvation” is deliverance.
 - A. Redemption – to release or set at liberty – CO 1:14; EP 1:7.
 - B. Remission – a dismissal of sins, a release – Acts 2:38; MT 26:28.
 - C. Reconciliation –to change from a state of enmity to a state of friendship with God – 2 CO 5:17-21.
 - D. Justification – to pronounce righteous, an acquittal – RO 3:26
- II. Its Need – The desperate need by man of salvation is found in one word – SIN.
 - A. Sin is a transgression of God’s law – 1 JN 3:4.
 - B. All accountable people have sinned – RO 3:9-23.
 - C. Separation from God, bondage condemnation and guilt result from sin – EP 2:12; IS 59:1-2; JN 8:31-35; GE 3:1ff.
 - D. Eternal separation from God is the ultimate consequence of sin if no salvation is obtained – RO 6:23; 2 TH 1:6-10.
- III. Its Basis – Jesus Christ, the Son of God, His virgin birth, sinless life, vicarious death, mighty resurrection and glorious ascension and coronation at God’s right hand – is the basis for man’s salvation and redemption. In summation of the Gospel facts, Paul stated in 1 CO 15:3-4.
- IV. Its Location – The NT identifies and specifies the church as the place of salvation.
 - A. The Bible says that the saved are added to the church – Acts 2:47.
 - B. Jesus is the savior of the body (church) – EP 1:22-23; 5:23.
 - C. Jesus purchased the church with His own blood – Acts 20:28.
- V. Its Terms.
 - A. Hearing the message of salvation is essential – RO 10:17.
 - B. Believing in Jesus is a must – JN 8:21-24.
 - C. Repentance is commanded of all – Acts 17:30-31.
 - D. Baptism based upon a confession of faith completes the steps in the divine plan – RO 10:9-10; MK 16:16; RO 6:1-4.