

The Salvation of God.

Rom. 8:12 – 17

Today we want to look at real salvation, not just something labeled salvation but a true God given new birth. In modern day times as today, salvation is not just offered, it is not the gospel being preached, salvation is taught every way but the true way. Salvation is being born of God, it is a gift from God, and it is by the grace of God. Salvation is not a choice on our part, it is not a decision on our part, and it is not a work on our part. Salvation is not something we just reach out and take whenever we feel like it's our time to be saved, because we want a change of life. Salvation is not accomplished on our part; it is not because of our will, it is not because of someone else's will for us, this is not the way of salvation. John wrote of salvation in John **1:12-13** "*But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*" These two scriptures are an exact fact of how a sinner is saved, it is God giving us the power to repent, to have a will to change, it is to change our fleshly hearts from our enemy or God to our love of God. Salvation is a total of 180 degrees turn from what we were originally born as, to what our new birth has made us. It is when we can say, without question, we have been "*born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*"

Let us look at how a sinner is truly saved, how they have received the birth that God gives.

A. What a soul is before salvation.

1. God said in **Rom. 8:7** "*Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*"
 - a. God said of all lost people, "*the carnal mind is enmity against God*". Once this is seen in its exact writing, then we understand how dead, blinded, and lost, the unsaved are.
 - b. The word "*enmity*" means – hostility, by implication a reason for opposition: hatred. "*against God:*" – In the flesh, when souls are lost, they hate who God is, and they hate His laws.
 - c. In a fleshly state the human will, will never submit to one another: and the carnal mind is rebellious in the highest degree against the will of God.

2. *“for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be”*
 - a. Those that are at enmity, cross each other's will, the human will, will submit to God.
 - b. The human soul is dead to God, it neither hears Him, it doesn't understand Him, therefore, the laws of God are dead to him.
 - c. Since the human heart is at enmity with God, or hates God by nature, that hate causes a blindness brought on by the original sin of Adam, by Satan in that he was the force and power that convinced Eve to sin, and by God that He allowed her and Adam to sin.
 - d. Since in this flesh “that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing” Rom. 7:18, then why would any human soul be subject to the law of God, there already condemned. **John 3:18** *“He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, **because** he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”*
3. Then God concluded Rom. 8:7 with these words. *“for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.”* The word subject comes from two Greek words, under obedience too, and the second word means – neither can because the flesh is unworthy to serve God's laws.
4. Therefore, God concluded in, Romans 8:8 *“So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.”* - If the human soul has no will to please a God that they hate, that are condemned already, and will never, ever on their own, *“There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.”* Rom 3:11 And, if their spirit is dead, and Satan has them blinded, then how can one turn to the very God they hate for His salvation?
 - B. What happens in the process of salvation.
 1. John 3:3b *“...Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”* That is “born of God or from above” not of oneself.
 2. *“Which were born, **not** of blood, **nor** of the will of the flesh, **nor** of the will of man, **but of God.**”* John 3:3
 3. **Romans 10:14 – 15a** *“How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how*

shall they hear without a preacher? (15a) And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

4. The Holy Spirit is the sender, the quickened, the power that delivers the gospel, and the power that causes one to believe. It is entirely the work and power of God.
 - a. **Romans 15:13** *"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost."*
 - b. **1Cor. 4:20** *"For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power."* Everything a redeemed sinner has it by God's power.
 - c. **Romans 8:14** *"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."* – How many? All! Jesus said, **John 17:12** *"While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled."*
 - d. **John 18:9** *"That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none."*

C. What we are like after salvation

1. After salvation, a soul is not the same, their hearts, love, and walk in life have changed.
 - a. **John 15:10** *"If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love."*
 - b. We will be changed as Saul of Tarsus was changed into the Apostle Paul. We are not only redeemed but transformed. **Colossians 1:13 - 14** *"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: (14) In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:"*
2. We walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit, **Romans 8:1, 4** *"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. (4) That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."*
3. **Galatians 5:16 - 17** *"This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. (17) For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the*

flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.”