

THE PARTS OF SALVATION

INTRODUCTION

- A. A Biblical understanding of salvation
1. Meaning: Salvation is the restoration of man's relationship to God through the work of Jesus Christ.
 2. Need for restoration
 - a. Mankind was made in the image and likeness of God.
 - 1) It was a mental likeness: man has essential attributes of personality, intellect, emotion, and will, Genesis 1:26, *Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..."*
 - 2) It was a moral likeness
 - a) In holiness: God is completely separate from evil, Leviticus 19:2, *Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.*
 - b) In righteousness: God is holy in relation to mankind, Psalm 145:17, *The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.*
 - c) In goodness: God deals tenderly with all His creation, Matthew 5:45, *...For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.*
 - d) In truth: He is always true in what He says and what He does, Proverbs 30:5, *Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.*
 - b. All mankind has been separated from God in nature and relationship because of sin
 - 1) All mankind is affected by sin, Romans 3:23, *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*
 - 2) Sin brought condemnation from God, John 3:18, *Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.*
 - 3) It brought physical death, Romans 5:12, *Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.*
 3. Means of restoration
 - a. Jesus Christ came to restore relationship to God, Mark 10:45, *For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*
 - b. His death satisfies God's justice because payment for sin must be made to redeem sinners, 2 Corinthians 5:19, *...in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them...*
 - c. His death on the cross was for the sins of others, 2 Corinthians 5:21, *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*
 4. Quotes on salvation
 - a. *There is no more urgent and critical question in life than that of your personal relationship with God and your eternal salvation.* Billy Graham
 - b. *Everyone needs to be saved, however great, however illustrious. We are all sinners. We are all born in sin...If man could have saved himself there would have been no need for the Son of God to come on earth. Indeed, his coming is proof that people cannot save themselves.* M. Lloyd-Jones
 - c. *A person may go to heaven without health, without riches, without honors, without learning, without friends; but he can never go there without Christ.* John Dyer
 - d. *I remember two things: that I am a great sinner and that Christ is a great Savior.* John Newton
 - e. *God just doesn't throw a life preserver to a drowning person. He goes to the bottom of the sea, and pulls a corpse from the bottom of the sea, takes him up on the bank, breathes into him the breath of life and makes him alive. That's what the Bible says happens in your salvation.* R.C. Sproul
 - f. *Anyone can devise a plan by which good people go to heaven. Only God can devise a plan whereby sinners, which are His enemies, can go to heaven.* Lewis Sperry Chafer

B. The parts of salvation

1. Justification

- a. Definition: Believers are declared right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. It is the legal declaration of *not guilty* because payment was made by Jesus Christ and accepted by God the Father.
- b. It is Phase 1, the past tense of salvation.
 - 1) Believers are delivered once and for all from sin's penalty and spiritual death at the new birth.
 - 2) This is wholly the work of God with eternal consequences.

2. Sanctification

- a. Definition: It is the process of maturing in a life which properly reflects one's position based on justification.
- b. It is Phase 2, the present tense of salvation.
 - 1) Believers are being conformed to the image of Christ by abiding in Him.
 - 2) This is participation with the Holy Spirit by believers through personal obedience.

3. Glorification

- a. Definition: It is the time when a believer fully lives what he believes.
- b. It is Phase 3, the future tense of salvation.
 - 1) Believers will receive a glorified resurrected body upon death or at Jesus' return to earth.
 - 2) This is the completion of God's work of salvation resulting in believers being fully conformed to the image of Jesus.

C. Thoughts on salvation

1. *We ain't what we want to be. We ain't what we gonna be. But, thank God, we ain't what we was.* Martin Luther King, Jr.
2. *Justification is the criminal pardoned; sanctification, the patient healed. The union of both constitutes present salvation.* Joel Beeke
3. *Most of God's people are contented to be saved from the hell that is without; they are not so anxious to be saved from the hell that is within.* Robert Murray M'Cheyne

JUSTIFICATION

A. Biblical references to justification by faith in Jesus alone.

- John 3:16, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
- John 5:24, *Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.*
- Acts 4:12, *And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*
- Acts 10:43, *To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.*
- Acts 13:38-39, *Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.*
- Romans 3:20-24, *For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,*
- Romans 5:1-2, *Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*
- Romans 5:8-10, *but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.*
- Romans 8:30, *And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

- Romans 10:9-13, *because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*
- 2 Corinthians 5:21, *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*
- Galatians 2:16, *yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.*
- Ephesians 2:8-9, *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*
- Titus 3:4-7, *But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*
- Hebrews 7:25, *Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.*
- 1 Peter 1:3-5, *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

B. Thoughts on justification

1. *We must first be made good before we can do good; we must first be made just before our works can please God.* Hugh Latimer
2. *Understanding this truth can relieve a lot of tension from the standpoint of security and enable the believer to relax in the Lord and His grace while simultaneously moving forward in spiritual growth.* Hampton Keathley
3. *God does not justify us because we are worthy, but by justifying us makes us worthy.* Thomas Watson
4. *To say that God justifies the ungodly means quite simply that God in his amazing love treats the sinner as if he was a good man. Again, to put it very simply, God loves us, not for anything that we are, but for what he is.* William Barclay
5. *There is something inexpressibly pleasing to a justified mind to know that God has all the honor in our salvation, and we have none; to know that God's honor is not violated, but on the contrary, shines more illustrious; to know that God's law is not injured, but magnified and made honorable; to know that we are safe, and God has all the glory.* Robert Murray M'Cheyne
6. *Justification is the main hinge on which salvation turns.* John Calvin

SANCTIFICATION

A. Biblical references to sanctification

1. Reasons for sanctification
 - a. The will of God, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-6, *For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you.*
 - b. To make believers holy
 - 1) Ephesians 5:26-27, *Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.*
 - 2) 1 Thessalonians 4:7-8, *For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.*

2. Means of sanctification
 - a. God the Father
 - 1) 1 Corinthians 1:30, *And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.*
 - 2) 1 Thessalonians 5:23, *Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
 - b. The Holy Spirit
 - 1) 1 Corinthians 6:11, *And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*
 - 2) 2 Thessalonians 2:13, *But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.*
 - c. Jesus Christ
 - 1) Galatians 2:19-20, *For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*
 - 2) Hebrews 9:12, *He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.*
3. Personal responsibility for those who are sanctified
 - a. Obey
 - 1) Romans 6:19-22, *For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.*
 - 2) Philippians 2:12-13, *Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*
 - 3) 1 Thessalonians 4:1, *Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more.*
 - b. Make proper choices
 - 1) Romans 12:1-2, *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*
 - 2) 2 Timothy 2:21, *Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.*
 - 3) Philippians 3:14, *I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*
 - c. Understand the importance of sanctification
 - 1) Romans 8:6, *For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.*
 - 2) Romans 6:11, *So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.*
 - 3) Galatians 5:16-17, *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.*
4. Reality of sanctification
 - a. 2 Corinthians 3:18, *And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*
 - b. 1 Thessalonians 5:23, *Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
5. Results of sanctification, Galatians 5:22-24, *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

B. Thoughts on sanctification

1. *Sanctification is the consequence of justification and is dependent upon a person being in a right relationship with God.* Anonymous
2. *Jesus, like any good fisherman, first catches the fish; then he cleans them.* Mark Potter
3. *Good works have their proper place: they justify our faith, though not our persons; they follow it, and evidence our justification in the sight of men...The renewal of our natures is a work of great importance. It is not to be done in a day. We have not only a new house to build up, but an old one to pull down.* George Whitefield
4. *The beginning of our salvation is from God the Father, the dispensation is from the Son, and the application from the Holy Ghost.* Thomas Manton
5. *Justification is at once an accomplished fact, but sanctification is gradual...Sanctification is a gracious work of God, whereby in a supernatural way He gradually divests from sin the inclinations and dispositions of the regenerate and clothes them with holiness.* Abraham Kuyper
6. *We believe that Sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of His holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration; and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means—especially the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, and prayer.* New Hampshire Baptist Confession (1833)
7. *This life therefore is not righteousness but growth in righteousness; not health but healing, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not what we shall be but we are growing toward it; the process is not yet finished but it is going on; this is not the end but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory but all is being purified.* Martin Luther

GLORIFICATION

A. Biblical references to glorification: Results

1. Eternal life - salvation
 - a) 1 Thessalonians 5:9, *For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,*
 - b) 1 Peter 1:3-5, *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, **who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.***
- 2) Eternal bodies
 - a) Romans 8:22-23, *For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*
 - b) 1 Corinthians 15:51-53, *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 imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.*
 - c) Philippians 3:20-21, *But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.*
2. To be just like Jesus
 - a) Romans 8:29, *For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son...*
 - b) 1 Corinthians 3:18, *And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*
 - c) 1 John 3:2, *Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.*

3. Rewards

- a) 1 Corinthians 6:2-3, *Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life!*
- b) Colossians 3:23-24, *Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.*
- c) Romans 8:18, *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*

4. An eternal home - Heaven

- a. It is a place, John 6:38, *For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.*
- b. It is the residence of God, Matthew 6:9, *Pray then like this: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.*
- c. It is the future home of Christians, John 14:2-3, *In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself; that where I am you may be also.*
- d. It will be a place of perfect fellowship, Matthew 8:11, *I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.*
- e. It will be a time of highest worship, Revelation 5:11-14, *Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.*
- f. It will be a place of single purpose
 - 1) Revelation 22:3, *No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship (serve) him.*
 - 2) Revelation 7:15, *Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.*

B. Thoughts on glorification

1. *Sanctification is glory begun. Glory (glorification) is sanctification completed.* F.F. Bruce
2. *Glorification is the culmination of salvation,* Duane Lindsey
3. *We have been saved from the guilt and the penalty of sin, are being saved from the power of sin, and will ultimately be saved from the very presence of sin.* Henry Thiessen
4. If Heaven doesn't sound like the place for you, it isn't, but it can be!
5. John Newton (1700's former captain of slave ships), *When I get to heaven, I shall see three wonders there. The first wonder will be to see many there whom I did not expect to see; the second wonder will be to miss many people who I did expect to see; the third and greatest of all will be to find myself there.*