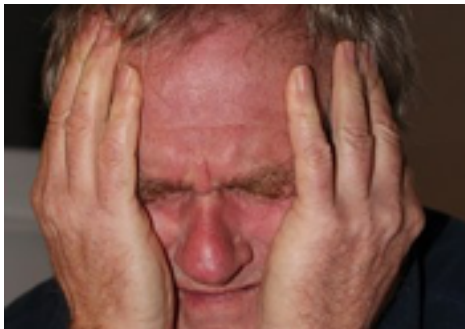


came to us. We still carried the load of guilt until salvation came to us from the Person of the Lord Jesus.

What an unforgettable, unspeakable blessing! To be forgiven – cleansed – pardoned. But salvation means more than that – it includes deliverance from the power of sin.

Naturally, we are all fond of evil. We run after it greedily. We are bond slaves of iniquity. We love the pleasures of sin, however temporary they are. This bondage to sin, and satan is the worst feature of the case. But when salvation comes, it delivers us from the power of sin and satan.



We have learned the evil and filthiness of our sin and now regard it as such — and loath it. We repent that we ever loved it and indulged in it, turning our backs upon it because God has changed our natures.

But, alas, there are many who do not care for this kind of message. If this is what salvation is all about — count them out. They would not give a penny for it. They love their sins and rejoice to follow the devices of the flesh and the wicked imaginations of their own corrupt hearts.

Yes, be assured, this emancipation from bad habits, unclean desires and carnal passions is the main point in salvation. If it be not ours, salvation has not been received. Until salvation is experienced, the other branches or benefits of salvation cannot be had and enjoyed.

Salvation includes deliverances from the present wrath of God which abides upon the unsaved man every moment of his life. Every person who is unforgiven is the object of Divine wrath. We are told in **Psalm 7:11-12:**

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¹¹ God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

¹² If he turn not, He will whet His sword; He hath bent His bow, and made it ready.

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Also, it says in **John 3:18b**:

John 3:18b: . . . but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the Name of the Only Begotten Son of God.

I frequently hear the statement, 'This life is a state of weakness wherein we still must sin a little every day in thought, word, and deed'. Why, the devil can't beat that! This is the great mistake, for sin brings guilt, and guilt brings condemnation.

Romans 8:1a: There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus.

Why? Because to them which are in Christ Jesus, they:

Romans 8:1b: . . . who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

If you have not really believed in, and received Jesus, condemnation already rests upon you. You are reprieved for a while, but your deeds are recorded and will come into judgment.

Salvation takes a man from under the black cloud of Divine wrath and reveals to us God's love. It is not only Hell hereafter that the sinner has to bear, but also the wrath of God which rests upon him here and now.

To be separated from God now is an awful thing. Our sins have separated us from Him, that He will not hear us. It is enough to make us fear and tremble from head to toe when we learn that we are the objects of God's wrath, the targets of His anger.



Every soul that is not reconciled to God by the Blood of Jesus is in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity.

Salvation at once sets us free from this state of danger and alienation. We are no longer the children of wrath, even as others, but are made children of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. What can be conceived more precious than that?

Then, lastly, we receive that part of salvation which ignorant persons put first and make the whole of salvation. In consequence of our being delivered from the guilt of sin and the power of sin, we shall be delivered from the presence of sin.

The penalty of sin is first guilt; then fear of the wrath of God descending upon our souls is a second penalty of sin; but worst of all, the future destiny is Hell's torment.

Unto the uttermost will that wrath descend upon the souls of men when they leave their body and stand before their Maker's Bar of Justice. If, that is, they leave the world unsaved. To die without salvation is to enter into damnation. When death leaves us stripped of all shame, pretended goodness, and false righteousness, judgment will find us just as we truly are.



Where judgment finds us, eternity will hold us – forever and ever.

Revelation 22:11b: . . . and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still;

He that is wretched for being filthy, let him be hopelessly wretched forever.

Salvation delivers the soul from going down into the pit of Hell.

Romans 5:9: Much more then, being now justified by His Blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

That is Jesus. We are no longer liable to punishment, because we are no longer chargeable with guilt. Christ Jesus bore the wrath of God so that we might never bear it.

2 Corinthians 5:21: For He [God the Father] hath made Him [Jesus] to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.



He has made full atonement for us.

I pray that you careless hearers be wise enough to dread the fate which your cruel enemy, the devil, would gladly secure for you. Remember, too, that lost souls think salvation important when it is too late to obtain it. The rich man, when he was in this world, thought highly of nothing but his barns, the housing of his produce. Then he came to the place of torment and said:

Luke 16:27-28:

27 Then he said, "I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment."

Lost souls see things in another light than that which dazzled them here on earth, where sinful pleasures and earthly treasures dim the mental eye.

A golden coffin will be a poor compensation for a damned soul. To be cast away from God's Presence, can that misery be eased by mountains of treasures? Can the bitterness of the Second Death (the death of one's soul) be sweetened by the thought that we once had a lot of fun, pleasures, and riches?

May the Holy Ghost press this truth home to your heart — that is — whose salvation is it?

We have seen what the *Salvation of the Lord* is. Now, we will consider whose it is — your own salvation!

**At this hour,
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At this hour, nothing else is to occupy your thoughts, but this — your own salvation. It is an intensely personal matter. May the Spirit of God hold your minds fast to this one very personal matter! May the Spirit of God hold your minds fast to this one point. God wants you to have this salvation. He prepared it, provided it — **and offers it to whosoever will**. It is yours only when you receive it. When you receive it, you will enjoy it.

If you reject salvation, then your own sin is the cause. The guilt will be your own, also. You may share in other men's sins and them in yours; but the burden lies on your own back which no one else besides you can carry if you don't let Jesus lift it off of your soul.

There is a page in God's Book where your sins are recorded and are unmingled with the transgressions of others. Now, beloved, you must obtain for all this sin a personal pardon, or you are undone forever. No other can be washed in Christ's Blood for you. No one can believe and let another's faith stand instead of your faith.

The very supposition of human sponsorship in Christianity would be ridiculous. You must, yourself, repent — believe — and be washed in the Blood, or else, you yourself will be lost.

The Salvation of the Lord is not obtainable in Hell. It is a personal matter — it is Your OWN SALVATION.

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