

## 30 – SALVATION - PART 6

### I. A Review

- There is a tendency to see salvation as a one-time event.
- Salvation needs to be seen as a process that occurs in a believer's life.
- The first part of the process involves the conversion of the believer.
- At the instance of conversion, the second part of process, Justification, takes place.
- The third part of the process, Sanctification, occurs throughout the life of the believer.
- The final part of the process, Glorification, takes place when we go to be with the Lord.

### II. Glorification

#### A. Death

- Death is a reality that strikes all humanity.
- Death is not a punishment for Christians.

Scripture      Romans 8:1 (ESV)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

- Death is the final outcome of living in a fallen world.
- God uses the experience of death to complete our sanctification (salvation).

Scripture      Hebrews 2:14-15 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup> Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,  
<sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

#### B. The Intermediate State

- The souls of believers go immediately into God's presence.

Scripture      2 Corinthians 5:8 (ESV)

Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

- The Bible does not teach the doctrine of purgatory.
- The scripture does not teach the Doctrine of "Soul Sleep."

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### C. The Resurrection (The Rapture)

- Glorification is the final step in the process of redemption.
- It will happen when Christ returns and raises from the dead the bodies of believers.

Scripture      1 Corinthians 15:51-52 (ESV)

<sup>51</sup> Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> 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.

- This is commonly known as the “Rapture” or the “Resurrection” where the believers’ souls are reunited with their bodies.

Scripture      1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup> For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

- At the time, all believers are given perfect resurrection bodies like Jesus Christ.
- The resurrection bodies of believers will be incorruptible.

Scripture      1 Corinthians 15:42-44,49 (ESV)

<sup>42</sup> So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

<sup>49</sup> Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.