

The Completeness of Our Salvation

2 Cor. 1:9, 10

Introduction:

- A. Physical salvations sometimes illustrate spiritual salvation.
 - 1. Noah's salvation.. (1 Pet. 3:20,21)
 - 2. Israel's salvation. (1 Cor. 10:1-13).
- B. Paul's salvation from death illustrates the completeness of our salvation:

Discussion:

I. Past Salvation — “Who delivered us ...”

- A. From the guilt of sin. (Rev. 1:5/Acts 22:16; Matt. 26:28/Acts 2:38)
- B. From the love and practice of sin.
 - 1. From love by faith in Christ: His life, death, res. & glorification.
 - 2. From practice by repentance. (Matt. 21:28,29).
- C. From the dominion of sin. (Col. 1:12-14; Rom. 6:14-18).

II. Present Salvation — “and *does* deliver us.”

- A. He helps us with temptation now. (1 Cor. 10:12,13; Jas. 1:12-15).
- B. He gives us peace of mind now. (Phil. 4:4-9).
- C. He is our mediator now. (1 Tim. 2:5).
- D. Holy Spirit helps us now. (Rom. 8:26,27).

III. Future Salvation — “*will* still deliver us...”

- A. *From* eternal punishment for sin. (Rom. 6:23; 8:12,13).
 - 1. Punishment after death. (John 5:28,29; Heb. 9:27).
 - 2. Punishment forever. (Mk. 3:29; Rev. 21:4,8; Mt. 25:46).
- B. *To* eternal life.
 - 1. Promised it (1 John 2:25).
 - 2. Hope for it (Tit. 1:2).
 - 3. Heir of it. (Heb. 1:14).
 - 4. Receive it in world to come. (Mk. 10:29-30; Mt. 25:46).

Conclusion:

- A. In Christ our salvation is complete — are you in him? (Gal. 3:27).
- B. In Christ our salvation is secure — if we abide in him.