

The Three-fold Purpose of Our Salvation

Titus 2:13-14

Introduction:

- A. Salvation is God's greatest gift to mankind.
 - 1. A gift that required the sacrifice of His son ("gave himself for us").
 - 2. Do we understand how and why we are saved?
- B. Our text tells us why in a nutshell – Three-fold purpose of our salvation:

Discussion:

I. Rescue Us from a Life of Sin (v. 14a)

- A. A life of sin is truly a dead-end street.
 - 1. The dissipation of immorality (1 Pet. 4:3, 4)
 - 2. The vanity of false religion (Matt. 15:9; Acts 14:15)
 - 3. The foolishness of Atheism and agnosticism (Ps. 14:1)
 - 4. The folly of materialism (Rich fool).
 - 5. The passing pleasure of sin (Heb. 11:25 NKJ)
- B. Rescued from guilt of sin
 - 1. Forgiveness of past sins (Matt. 26:28; Acts 2:38; 22:16).
 - 2. Forgiveness of present sins (1 John 1:7).
 - a. Not automatic but conditional (1 John 1:9).
 - b. Not while wilfully sinning (Heb. 10:26-29)
- C. Rescued from the wages of sin (Rom. 6:23).
- D. Rescued from the servitude of sin (Rom. 6:6)

II. Give Us a Better Quality of Life (v. 14b)

- A. Teaches us to live on a higher plane (vv. 11-12).
 - 1. A life zealous of good works rather than iniquity.
 - 2. A life with a focused hope rather than aimlessness (Heb. 6:19).
- B. A life in fellowship with God and Christians (1 John 1:3-7).
 - 1. Worshiping and serving God together in the church.
 - 2. Worshiping and service God individually at home.
 - 3. Living for God in our daily walks among men.

III. Prepare Us for Eternal Life (v. 13)

- A. Jesus is coming to judge the world.
 - 1. All will be raised (John 5:28, 29)
 - 2. Two sentences (Matt. 25:34, 41)
- B. An inheritance that fades not away. (1 Pet. 1:4).

Conclusion:

- A. Have you been rescued from sin?
- B. Are you living a faithful life?
- C. Are you prepared for eternal life? (Cf. Rev. 2:10)