

What Does it Mean to Be Saved?

1 Cor. 15:1-2

Introduction:

- A. We hear a lot of talk about “being saved” or “getting saved?”
 - 1. Not all who talk about it know what it means.
 - 2. Not all who talk about it know why they need to be saved.
- B. What does it mean to be saved?

Discussion:

I. It Is to Be Saved *from Sin*.

- A. The guilt of sin.
 - 1. All accountable people are guilty (Rom. 3:10, 23) – not little children (Matt. 18:3)
 - 2. Sins are taken away and remembered no more (Heb. 10:4-17)
 - 3. Sins are washed away (Rev. 1:5; Acts 22:17)
- B. The life of sin (1 Pet. 4:1-3)
- C. The wages of sin
 - 1. Spiritual and eternal death (Rom. 6:23).
 - 2. The wrath to come (1 Thess. 1:10).

II. It Is to Be Saved *unto Life*.

- A. The abundant life in Christ now (John 10:10; Tit. 2:11, 12).
 - 1. Moral uprightness (1 Cor. 6:9-11).
 - 2. Spiritual service in the church – collectively and distributively (Acts 2:42, 47).
 - 3. All spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3).
 - 4. Necessary material provisions (Matt. 6:33)
- B. Eternal life in the world to come (Mark 10:30)
 - 1. Have it now in promise (1 John 2:25).
 - 2. Have it now in hope. (Tit. 3:7).
 - 3. Have it now like Joshua had Jericho (Josh. 6:2ff)

III. It Is to Be Saved by *the Gospel* (v. 2; Rom. 1:16)

- A. Facts to be believed (vv. 3-4; Mark 16:15, 16).
- B. Commands to be obeyed (Rom. 10:16; 2 Thess. 1:8; 1 Pet. 4:17)
- C. Promises to be enjoyed (Eph. 3:6; 2 Pet. 1:4)
 - 1. Immediate and future promises.
 - 2. Conditional and unconditional promises.

Conclusion:

- A. So, we are saved by the gospel, from sin, unto life.
- B. Why not be saved today? B. R. C. B.