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I. THE MEANING OF SALVATION.

Salvation means “to effect successfully the full delivery of someone or something from impending danger.”

The very word carries with it a threefold implication:

A. Salvation Implies That Someone Or Something Needs To Be Saved.

1. Only a sick person needs a doctor.
Man is desperately ill.
(See Isaiah. 1:6; Matthew 9:12.)
2. Only an accused person needs a lawyer.
Man stands condemned in God’s court of law.
(Romans 3:10-19)
3. Only a drowning person needs a lifeguard.
Man finds himself flooded by the waters of sin.
(Psalms 69:1-2)
4. Why Are All Men Lost? *(Romans 3:10; 23)*
 - a. All Of Mankind Are Lost Because They Have Sinned In Adam. *(Romans 5:12)*
 - 1) Adam stood as representative of the entire human race.
 - 2) Adam was not deceived but deliberately chose to sin against God.
(1 Timothy 2:14)
 - 3) Adam's seed are all born spiritually dead. *(Ephesians 2:1-12)*
 - b. All Of Mankind Are Lost Because They Are Totally Depraved.
(i.e. Sin dominates every part of man's being.)
 - 1) The heart of man is deceitful and desperately wicked. *(Jeremiah 17:9)*
 - 2) The mind of man is unable to understand the things of God.
(1 Corinthians 2:14; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 4:17-18)
 - 3) The unsaved man only has power to sin. *(Romans 6:20)*

Even his “*righteous*” acts are as filthy rags in the sight of God. *(Isaiah 64:6)*

- 4) The unsaved world lies in wickedness. *(1 John 5:19)*
 - a) They reject God’s revelation of Himself. *(Psalms 19:1; Acts 14:17; Romans 1:19-20)*
 - b) They disobey their own conscience. *(Romans 2:14-16)*
 - c) They walk in the ways of this world. *(Ephesians 2:2; James 4:4; 1 John. 2:15-17)*
 - d) They are children of Satan and under his power.
(John 8:42-44; 2 Cor. 4:4; Col. 1:13; 1 John 3:10; 5:19)
 - e) They are lost because of their relationship to sin.
(Genesis 8:21; Mark. 7:20-23; Galatians 5:19-21)

A sinner may not be as bad as he can be but he is nevertheless as bad off as he can be. Man is both dead (spiritually) and dying (physically). *(Cf. Genesis 2:17)*
 - f) They are lost because of their relationship to God.
(John 3:36; Eph. 2:12; 4:17-18; 1 John 5:12; Jude 1:19)
- c. The Nature Of Man's Sin.
 - 1) Sin is missing the mark that God has set as the standard. (i.e. Christ.)
(Romans 3:23)
 - 2) Sin is open defiance against God's law.
(1 John 3:4)

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- 3) **Sin is rebellion against God Himself.**
(Luke 19:14)
(i.e. Refusal to let Him be the Master.)
- d. **The Consequences Of Man's Sin.**
(Romans 6:23)
The basic meaning of the word "death" is "separation."
1) **Adam's sin separated him from fellowship with God.**
2) **Men without Christ are lost or separated from God.** *(Eph. 2:11-12)*
Sin has rendered man spiritually dead or separated from God in this life.
3) **Unless man's sin is forgiven, it will cause him to face the second death or eternal separation from God in the Lake of Fire in the life to come.**
(Revelation 20:14-15)

- B. **Salvation Implies That Someone Is Able And Willing To Save.**
Such a Savior must fulfill both requirements.
1. **He Must Be Able To Save.** *(Hebrews 7:25)*
It is possible for a person to have the desire but not the ability to save another individual.
2. **He Must Be Willing To Save.** *(Hebrews 2:9-18)*
It is possible for a person to have the ability but not the desire to save another individual.
- C. **Salvation Implies That The Person In Need Of Salvation Accept The Offer Of The One Who Is Both Able And Willing To Save.**
One can refuse the offer of salvation extended and thus perish.

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- II. **GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION.** *(Ephesians 2:8-9)*
- A. **Salvation Proceeds From God.**
1. **It comes as a result of His unconditional love for mankind.** *(John 3:16; Romans 5:6-8)*
2. **It comes as a result of His mercy.**
(1 Peter 1:3; Titus 3:5)
- B. **Salvation Is Provided For All Men.**
(Romans 10:13; 1 John 2:2)
- C. **Salvation Excludes The Works Of Men.** *(Ephesians 2:8-9)*
1. **It is not by works of righteousness which we have done.** *(Titus 3:5)*
2. **It is not by the works of the law.**
(Romans 3:26-28; Galatians 3:10-13)
- D. **Salvation Involves Payment For The Penalty Of Sin.**
(Hebrews 10:4-12)
- E. **Salvation Involves The Forgiveness Of Sin.**
(Colossians 2:13)
- F. **Salvation Involves The Imputation Of God's Righteousness.**
(2 Corinthians 5:21)
- G. **Salvation Is Opposed By Satan.** *(2 Corinthians 4:3-4)*
- H. **Salvation Involves Conviction By The Holy Spirit.**
(John 6:44; 16:8-11)
Some conviction comes to all men at some point.
(Acts 17:27; Titus 2:11)
- I. **Salvation Is Appropriated By Faith.**
(Romans 5:1; Galatians 2:16)
1. **Faith involves believing in Jesus as He is presented in Scripture.**