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The Truth About Salvation

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

(1 Corinthians 15:1-8)

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I. The Truth about salvation is that it is more than “a transaction.”

“I believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for my sins. Therefore, I am now saved. Everything is settled. That’s all I need to be concerned about.”

OR

“I believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for my sins. I also believe that He also arose from the grave, and I am following Him right now as my Savior and Lord. Jesus died to save me from sin and death, and to enable me to have a relationship with Him, and God as my Heavenly Father, now and forever.”

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A. Salvation is a past experience.

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Justification

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1).

B. Salvation is a continuing experience.

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Sanctification

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers (Romans 8:29).

Sanctification

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure (Philippians 2:12-13).

C. Salvation is a future experience.

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, (vv.1-2a)

Glorification

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is (1 John 3:2).

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