

"The Salvation Which is in Christ Jesus"

(2 Timothy 2:10)

Lesson Twelve: The Blessings of Salvation (1)

Introduction. We have seen the universal need that all accountable souls have for salvation from sins. We have considered conditions God has set for granting salvation and examples of conversion found in the New Testament. We end our study of salvation by considering some of the wonderful blessings that are found in "the salvation which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 2:10).

I. The High Priesthood of Christ.

A. When Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, violating God's instruction brought immediate consequences. Read Genesis 3:22-24. Why did God place cherubim at the entrance to the garden?_____

B. This separation from God brought on by sin was illustrated in the design of the tabernacle and temple. Read Hebrews 9:2-9. What was the innermost part of the tabernacle or temple called (cf. 1 Kings 8:6)?_____

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1. Who alone was allowed to enter this place? _____
2. What was woven into the veil of the tabernacle and on the ark of the covenant (cf. Exod. 26:31-33)?_____
3. Does this echo anything about man's expulsion from the garden? If so, what?

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C. The New Testament not only describes Jesus as the sacrifice for our sins but He is also described as now acting in the role of High Priest. Read Hebrews 9:11-14. Where does the Hebrew writer say Jesus entered with His own blood? _____

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1. Where and what was this "greater and more perfect tabernacle" (cf. Heb. 9:24)? _____
2. Into whose presence did He enter for us?_____
3. Read Hebrews 6:19-20. Explain how Christ entered "behind the veil" _____

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4. Read Hebrews 10:19-22. What does the Hebrew writer teach that the veil represented? _____
5. What does the Hebrew writer teach that Christians may now do "with a true heart in full assurance of faith"? _____

II. The Advocacy of Christ.

A. The High Priesthood of Christ offers God's people some wonderful blessings. Read Hebrews 2:17-18. What does the fact that Jesus was made like His brethren allow Him to offer? _____
   1. Read Hebrews 4:14-16. What is Jesus able to do toward our weaknesses? _____
   2. What does His work on our behalf allow us to do before the throne of grace? _____
   3. Read Hebrews 7:26-27. How does the Hebrew writer describe Jesus sinlessness as High Priest? _____
   4. Unlike human priests, what does this sinless condition allow Him to not have to do? _____
   5. Read Hebrew 7:24-25. What does the fact that Jesus lives continually allow Him to do on our behalf? _____

B. The apostle John uses another way to describe this work that Jesus carries out on our behalf. Read 1 John 2:1-2. Explain the significance of John's wording. _____

C. Read 1 Timothy 2:5-6. How does Paul describe Jesus' work? _____
   1. Explain the significance of this description. _____

III. Fellowship with God the Father through Christ.

A. When Adam and Eve sinned, not only were they physically separated from the presence of God but their relationship with Him was damaged. No longer did they enjoy the fellowship with Him they once experienced.

B. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-20. In Christ what has God done with regard to His relationship to the world? _____
   1. Explain the phrase "the ministry of reconciliation." _____
   2. What are some blessings that come from the fact that in Christ one can be reconciled with God? _____

Conclusion. The separation from God brought on by our sin, together with the ongoing alienation from God that it caused is only overcome by the blood of Christ. His High Priesthood and advocacy on our behalf grants to the Christian the privilege of spiritually coming before the very presence of God in renewed fellowship and communion. In our last lesson we will consider blessings that salvation will bring to the child of God when this life comes to an end.