

"The Salvation Which is in Christ Jesus"

(2 Timothy 2:10)

Lesson Thirteen: The Blessings of Salvation (2)

Introduction. In this lesson we bring our study of salvation to an end by considering some of the wonderful blessings salvation brings as it relates to things beyond this life.

I. The Blessing of Hope in the Face of Death.

A. Death is something that is universally feared. Apart from what God has revealed to us in His word, there is nothing we can experience in this life that can prepare us to face this unknown realm.
   1. Read Psalm 23:1-4. Even though he should walk through what, does the Psalmist say he will "fear no evil"? _____
   2. What enables him to feel this way? _____
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   3. Read Hebrew 2:14-16. Through what does the Hebrew writer teach that man is "subject to bondage" throughout his lifetime?_____
   4. Whom does He teach can release us from this? _____

B. While the Christian is not spared from having to face physical death, he or she is given a reason to have hope that extends beyond this life. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. What does Paul want to spare Christians from having to suffer in the same way as those "who have no hope"?_____
   1. Explain the phrase "those who sleep in Jesus."_____
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   2. On the Day of Judgment what will happen with the sound of the "trumpet of God"? _____
   3. Read Hebrews 9:27-28. What two things are appointed for all men to face?
      1) _____
      2) _____
   4. When judgment comes, what will Christ bring "for those who eagerly wait for Him"? _____

C. Hope, therefore, may be considered a wonderful blessing of salvation that begins in this life and finds its fulfillment when Christ returns in judgment.

II. Eternal Life with God.

A. Following the Day of Judgment, the Bible teaches only two conditions that human beings will experience in the age to come.
   1. Read Daniel 12:1-3. How does Daniel describe these two conditions?_____
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   2. Read Matthew 25:31-46. After describing the judgment scene, how does Jesus describe these two conditions in the age to come?_____
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   3. Salvation, therefore, may ultimately be understood to be receiving the condition in the age to come that is described as "eternal" or "everlasting life" as opposed to eternal punishment.

B. Dwelling with God in the age to come.
   1. Read Revelation 21:1-2. After describing the Day of Judgment in the previous chapter, what "new" things was John allowed to see will come about? _____
      _____
   2. What happen to the old things that these replace? _____
   3. Read 2 Peter 3:10-13. What does Peter say dwells in this "new heaven" and "new earth"? _____
   4. We should not understand this as we currently think of heaven and earth. Eternal life will involve a reunion of the dwelling place of God with where man is allowed to dwell in the age to come.
      a. Read 1 Kings 8:27-30. What does Solomon say could not contain God?
         _____
      b. Where does Solomon say is the "dwelling place" of God? _____
      c. Read 1 Peter 1:3-5. Where does Peter teach that an incorruptible inheritance is reserved for the Christian? _____
   5. We may conclude, therefore, that eternal life with God will come in this "new heaven and new earth" which is another way of speaking of the home the saved will have "in heaven" when God lives with His people in the age to come.

C. The Bible tells us some wonderful things about conditions of eternal life with God.
   1. Read Revelation 21:4-6. List what this passage teaches about conditions of life with God in the age to come. _____
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   2. Read Romans 8:18-21. List what this passage teaches about conditions of life with God in the age to come. _____
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   3. Read Romans 8:32. How does Paul sum up such blessings? _____
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Conclusion. Salvation from sin, renewed fellowship with God, hope beyond this life, and eternal life with God in the age to come are blessings none of us deserve, but thanks be to God they are offered freely in the gospel of Jesus Christ. May we all strive diligently to accept the wondrous gift of salvation so that these blessings may be ours!