

A WORD ON WORSHIP

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Ephesians 6:14-17

“Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”



You do not need to look long nor far too quickly see man's present condition in sin and the devastating results of our fallen condition. It is a condition against which mankind is completely helpless and there is no personal resource we can bring to correct our deficit. In spite of the world's expectation of a "new society" where we can bring about peace and prosperity, the entire globe remains shattered by the ravages of sin locally, nationally and internationally. However, the Bible speaks of God's gracious plan to provide a solution to man's problem: salvation.

Salvation is the greatest theme in the Scriptures. It covers all of time from eternity past to eternity future. It relates personally to every single human being who has ever existed, without exception. It not only affects humans, but the entire creation and also has ramifications for the angelic host who look upon earth. It is the theme of both the Old and New Testament. It is personal, national and cosmic and it centers on the greatest Person, the Lord Jesus Christ. The term salvation encompasses the entire work of God by which He seeks to rescue man from the cost and the consequence of sin and bestowing upon him the wealth of His grace which includes the provision for abundant life now and eternal glory forever.

In all other religions around the world, salvation is a work done by man for God. This is what makes biblical Christianity different from all the religions of the world. From a biblical understanding we learn that salvation is of the Lord; it is the work of God for man and Christ's shout of victory affirmed this truth. The fact that Jesus Christ died does not in itself save men, but it does provide the one and only sufficient ground upon which God in full harmony with His perfect holiness is free to save the vilest of sinners, including you and me. This is the good news of the gospel and our privilege to proclaim to the world.

Salvation is the deliverance, safety, soundness, restoration and healing of God graced to His creation by faith. In theological terms, salvation is the major doctrine of the Bible which includes redemption, reconciliation, propitiation, repentance, faith, justification, sanctification and glorification. It is the ultimate question of man and the greatest gift that can be given. The salvation we celebrate this morning is the work of God rescuing man from his lost position. But what is more is salvation is also the description of someone who has been saved and has become vitally renewed and made a partaker of the inheritance of the saints.

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