

## OUR SALVATION

**WELCOME:** Choose three people to answer this : What is the meaning of salvation?

**WORSHIP:** Sing *Thank You, Jesus* (Hillsong Music)

**WORD:** Ephesians 1:3-14

Last Sunday, Pastor Ta opened our new series called, Unshakable. It is designed to help us become more grounded in our faith and what the Bible teaches about salvation. The Bible teaches that salvation is grace alone, through faith alone in Christ alone, not by our works or merit. God plays the symphony of our salvation in three movements. Each of these movements is associated with and facilitated by a different Person of the Trinity (the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit). Pastor Ta described to us the role of each person in our salvation.

### **The Father: Salvation originated with the Father.**

Ephesians 1:3–7 tells how the Father chose us before the foundation of the world, and predetermined our adoption as His children through Jesus Christ. The Father is the administrator of salvation, and he oversees the process from beginning to end. This simply affirms the wonderful truth that God wants to bless us in every way. Here's a list of truths we find in these verses:

1. We are blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ. God is blessed and to be praised. (vs 3)
2. We are blessed with being chosen by God who is the chooser. (vs 4)
3. We are blessed with holiness and blamelessness in love (before God) in Christ. (vs 4)
4. We are blessed with adoption through Christ, having been predestined by His will. (vs 5)
5. We are blessed with God's glorious grace, which He blessed us with in the Beloved. (6-7)

### **Discuss:**

- *Why is it crucial to believe that salvation comes from God, not from us? What is at stake if we believe otherwise?*
- *What should be our response to God's blessing of salvation?*

### **The Son: Salvation is brought to fruition in the Son.**

Everything the Father does for our salvation, he does through Christ. The work of the Son means redemption, adoption to the Father, reconciliation, sanctification (through the Spirit), and glorification (Ephesians 1:7-11). It operates horizontally as well as vertically, and it is for Jew and Gentile alike. It is through the Son that we achieve salvation and come into full relationship with the triune God. From these verse, we find the following truths:

1. We are blessed with redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses. (vs 7)
2. We are blessed with the knowledge of the mystery of His will to unite all things in Christ. (9-10)
3. We are blessed with that unity and therefore inclusion (with the Jews) in Christ. (vs 10)
4. We are blessed with an inheritance in Christ, of which we will one day take possession. (vs 11)

### **Discuss:**

- *Many churches use guilt to control to motivate people. Is this a biblical approach? Why is grace a better motivator?*
- *Why does the true grace of God lead to obedience and holiness rather than to licentiousness?*

### **The Spirit: Salvation is communicated by the Holy Spirit.**

The Spirit seals us and changes us from the inside out, performing the gracious act of rebirth (John 3:3-6). With this comes the gift of faith and the spiritual ability to believe in the Resurrection. Through the Holy Spirit, our salvation becomes a present reality, applicable to our lives in our own specific context. It is the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives that serves as a seal, establishing us as children of God (Ephesians 1:13-14).

1. We are blessed with the seal of the Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance. (13-14)

### **Discuss:**

- ***What Does "Sealed" Mean?***
- ***What does "Guarantee" Mean?***
- ***How should this truth affect the way I live? (Galatians 5:22-25)***

### **WORKS**

- Pray for inner strength and greater witness
- Pray for the spiritual revival of our city.
- ATTEND OUR DREAMTEAM CONVERGENCE ON SUNDAY (After church).