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God is Our Salvation, Pt 4

Selected Passages

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SermonAudio Blurb: Building off of Stephen’s speech in which he showed how Israel has spurned the many saviors sent by God, the greatest being Jesus Himself. Today we will see how the Old Testament describes and paints the picture of what salvation actually is and in doing so prepare our hearts all the more for that day of salvation in Jesus Christ. In this message we explore the rich terminology that the New Testament uses to enlarge and describe salvation.

I. Introduction.

- A. We pick back up where we left off on our examination of key terms used in the New Testament for the saving work of God.
- B. We saw the various terms related to what we usually translate as “save” and “savior.” Pictures of rescue and salvation.
 - 1. We are saved from our sin.
 - 2. We are delivered from both physical dangers and the ultimate danger of hell itself.
 - 3. The images portray a backward look at what Jesus Christ did on our behalf; a present look at what He is doing daily; and a forward anticipation of what is to come.
 - 4. But in all of it what stands out is the utter inability of any one of us to save our selves, help in our salvation or in any way contribute to it. We are seen as dead in sin, slaves to sin, and walking on a path that leads to destruction.
 - 5. Only God can save us. Or as Paul said it in Ephesians 2, *“But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus, in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.”*

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II. God is our salvation.

A. Redeem.

1. (*agoradzo*).

- a. This term is connected to the marketplace, the *agora* where goods are bought and sold. Sometimes it is used of the slave market but its basic meaning is purchased out of the marketplace.
- b. 1 Corinthians 7:23 *You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men.*
- c. Revelation 5:9 *And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.*
- d. Galatians 3:13 *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us-- for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree."*

2. (*lutroō*).

- a. This word is explicitly a slave-market term that speaks of being purchased out of that condition and position. The meaning is to be redeemed or set free.
- b. Ephesians 1:7 *In Him [Jesus] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,*
- c. Ephesians 1:14 *who [HS] is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.*

III. Conclusion.

A. There are many other terms related to our salvation that are worthy of your attention.

1. We will find passages that speak of how Christ's death averted the wrath of God and reconciled us to the Father. How we are no longer enemies of the Most High, but now friends and even children of God.
2. In Jesus Christ we find forgiveness and pardon. The mercy of God flows forth through the sacrifice of His own Son toward us.

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- B. But in this whole subject certain points starkly stand out:
1. We are not deserving of salvation and rescue. We are active in our rejection of God as God. We are by nature, children of wrath.
 2. We are saved by the free/unfettered exercise of God's grace toward us. Nothing in our hands can we bring to curry favor from Him. We come empty handed, stained in our endless sins and receive grace.
 3. The giving of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the highest and fullest demonstration of the love of God. No other place but the Cross is needed to see His love.
 4. Jesus said it best when He said these words, *"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost"* (Luke 19:10)

Benediction

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you always. May you rest in the power of the Holy Spirit and may you rejoice in the love of the Father as it flows to you in every moment and in every way. Amen.