

## **Session 12: The Father's Plan and Work in Our Salvation**

### **Part 1: Defining salvation:**

- **The word salvation simply means deliverance.**
- **The context of the use of the term dictates the nature of that salvation.**
- **Examples:**
  - **Saved from temporal enemies: Psalm 18:3**
  - **Saved from the temporal consequences: Proverbs 28:18**
  - **Saved in a corporate sense: Isaiah 45:17**
  - **Saved in the individual sense: Isaiah 45:22**
  - **Saved from wrath in the eternal sense: Romans 5:9**
  - **Saved from eternal destruction: 1 Corinthians 3:15**

### **Part 2: Three common ways to speak about the believer's salvation:**

- **Salvation from the penalty of sin:** The believer's justification
  - **John 5:24**
  - **Romans 5:1**
- **Salvation from the power of sin:** The believer's growth in spiritual maturity
  - **Romans 6:6-14**
  - **Romans 12:1-2**
- **Salvation from the presence of sin:** The believer's future glorification
  - **Romans 5:9**
  - **1 Corinthians 15:50-54**
  - **Revelation 21:4**

### **Part 3: The Father's Plan and Work: 2 Corinthians 5:18** "All things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ..."

- **First: The Father carefully planned every detail of reconciliation:**
  - **Ephesians 1:3-11**
    - **Chosen to a final status of holy and without blame:** "He hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him..."
    - **Predestined to adoption:** "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself..."
    - **Fully accepted:** "He hath made us accepted in the beloved..."
    - **Redeemed and Forgiven:** "Redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins..."

- **United in One Body:** "He might gather together in one all things in Christ..."
  - **Predestined to an inheritance:** "In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated..."
- **Romans 8:28-32**
  - **Comforted in all circumstances:** "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose..."
  - **Predestined to conformity to the image of Christ:** "He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son..."
  - **He has guaranteed that He will finish everything He has started in our salvation:** "How shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"
- **Second: The Father has graciously revealed that plan since the fall:**
  - **Luke 1:68-70**
  - **Acts 3:18-21**
- **Third: The Father graciously accomplished every detail of that plan through Christ's work:**
  - **Isaiah 53:10-11**
  - **Galatians 4:4-5**
  - **1 John 4:9-10, 14**
  - **Philippians 2:8**
  - **Matthew 26:39**
- **Fourth: The Father sent the Spirit to comfort, seal, indwell, and baptize us into Christ:**
  - **John 14:16**
  - **John 15:26**
- **Fifth: The Father wisely and lovingly cares for His children to bring them to spiritual maturity: Hebrews 12:6-11**
- **Sixth: The Father graciously keeps those whom He has saved by His love and power:**
  - **John 10:27-30**
  - **Romans 8:31-33**

#### **Part 4: The blessing of the Father's Plan and Work**

- **His love:** He is the initiator of our salvation.
- **His grace and forbearance:** Though we have sinned against Him and are at enmity with Him, He pursued us.
- **His trustworthiness:** He promised and fulfilled every detail of His plan.
- **His power:** He keeps us once He has saved us.
- **His affection:** He cares for us as a loving father.