

What is Salvation? My Forty Year Journey Romans 10:13

Tomorrow marks a momentous occasion in my life...

On September 20, 1981, at approximately 12:00 noon, I gave my life to Jesus...

Forty Years...

In that moment everything changed for me...

I have NEVER been the same since then...

Romans 10:13 (ESV) — For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Two statements made by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount cause me to pause...

Matthew 7:13–14 (ESV) — 13 “Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. 14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

Matthew 7:21–23 (ESV) — 21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name,

and do many mighty works in your name?’ 23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

1. An AWAKENING toward our Salvation

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NLT) — Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart ...

Psalm 14:1a (ESV) — The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”

➤ ***No one SEEKS God in the way that REACHES Him***

Psalm 14:2–3 (ESV) — The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.

➤ ***The Gospel is a MYSTERY no one UNDERSTANDS***

1 Corinthians 2:6 (ESV) — Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away.

So, what is our problem?

➤ **Everyone is MESSED up beyond REPAIR**

Romans 3:23 (ESV) — For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

1. An AWARENESS of our Salvation

2. An ASSESSMENT of our Salvation

Romans 10:13 (ESV) — For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

The word, “CALL” used here means...

“To call upon someone to do something, normally implying an appeal for aid.”

So how does this happen?

➤ **The Father RESCUES**

John 6:44 (ESV) — No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.

The important word here in this passage for us today is the word, “DRAW”...

“To pull or drag, requiring force because of the inertia of the object being dragged.”

The reality is this...

Lost mankind DOES NOT seek after the God of creation!

The God of creation seeks after lost mankind!

2 Corinthians 4:3–4 (ESV) — And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

→ **CONVICTION** ←

➤ **The Spirit REVEALS**

1 Corinthians 2:9–10 (ESV) — But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

→ **CLARITY** ←

➤ **The Person RECEIVES**

John 1:12 (ESV) — But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

→ **CONFESSION** ←

Romans 10:9 (ESV) — If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

➤ **The Son REDEEMS**

Galatians 4:4–5 (ESV) — But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Titus 2:14 (NLT) — He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.

→ **CONVERSION** ←

1. An AWARENESS of our Salvation

2. An ASSESSMENT of our Salvation

3. An ASSURANCE of our Salvation

1 John 5:13 (ESV) — I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

➤ **The Spirit TESTIFIES to our Salvation**

Romans 8:16 (ESV) — The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

➤ **The Spirit TRAINS us in our Salvation**

John 16:13 (ESV) — When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

Titus 2:11–12 (ESV) — For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,

➤ **The Spirit TRANSFORMS us through our Salvation**

Romans 12:1–2 (ESV) — I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Galatians 6:14 (NLT) — As for me, may I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that cross, my interest in this world has been crucified, and the world's interest in me has also died.

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1. An _____ toward our Salvation

- *The Gospel is a _____ no one _____*
- *Everyone is _____ up beyond _____*
- *No one _____ God in the way that _____ Him*

2. An _____ of our Salvation

- *The Father _____*
- *The Spirit _____*
- *The Person _____*
- *The Son _____*

3. An _____ of our Salvation

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