

“Salvation Accomplished – Part 1”  
2 Timothy 1:9-10  
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I’m supplying these notes for the benefit of busy pastors who may be engaged in bi-vocational work, feeling the pressure of preparing to preach twice on the Lord’s Day while trying to balance full-time secular work as well as caring for their families. While the notes of another man are no substitute for personal study, I pray that these may aid in the process of preparing to preach.

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1. In **Verses 9-10** we find the abundant riches of God’s accomplished work of salvation for His people. Paul’s attention is on the power of God in the Gospel for which he is suffering. **2 Timothy 1:8-9 NAU** - "join with *me* in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who has saved us and called us with a holy calling"
  2. Paul has told Timothy to press on in spite of difficulty.  
**Verse 6** – Paul exhorts him to kindle afresh the gift that is in him  
**Verse 7** – Paul reminds Timothy that that fear does not find its source in God – rather power and love and a disciplined mind trained to think rightly.
  3. **Verse 8** begins “therefore” Timothy, because of your genuine faith, and because of the gift of God that you must continue to kindle with fresh zeal, and because instead of fear God has given you great power, don’t be ashamed to share in suffering for the sake of the Gospel. To be ashamed of the Gospel because of fear is to deny the power of God.
  4. In **Verse 9** Paul puts the power of God on display. He reminds Timothy of God’s great power in the work of salvation – His marvelous work of grace which He purposed in eternity and accomplished in Jesus Christ. To be a part of this great salvation is the greatest blessing since the beginning of time. Paul says in **Verse 12** this is the reason he can endure whatever hardship the Gospel might bring.
  5. **Verses 9-10** tells us much about this work of salvation to which we have been called and for which we spend our lives laboring. We must be willing to suffer for the sake of that which was ordained to unto our salvation.  
We can see several wonderful truths from this passage.
- I. Our salvation is an accomplished fact – “Who has saved us”
- A. The word translated “saved” is σωσαυτος is an aorist participle -  
A statement of fact – He has saved us - a completed act
    1. When did it take place? We must see our salvation as the fulfillment of God’s redemptive plan in our life. God chose us and accomplished our redemption through Jesus Christ our Lord—all according to His sovereign eternal purpose.
    2. Does that mean we have never been lost? No.  
But it declares that God’s purpose will be accomplished.
    3. God calls things which are not yet as though they are. That which God decrees in eternity will certainly and infallibly come to pass in time.
  - B. Nothing about our salvation has been left to chance
    1. We are going to see this morning that it has been carefully planned
    2. Arminian theology teaches that Salvation is something made possible
    3. The Bible presents it as an accomplished fact  
Yet it is also a work in progress – We have been saved and we are being saved.

## II. We are called “with a holy calling”

- A. Christianity is a calling – a holy calling
1. This calling isn’t speaking of the general call of the Gospel that goes forth to all men, but God’s particular, effectual call of His elect.  
Paul calls it a “holy calling.”
  2. This describes God’s purpose in saving us – that we might be holy  
John Murray: “The life into which the people of God are ushered is one that separates them from the fellowship of this present evil world and imparts to them a character consonant with that consecration. If we find ourselves at home in the ungodliness, lust and filth of this present world, it is because we have not been called effectually by God’s grace.”<sup>1</sup>
  3. Those who are called to salvation are called to holiness  
**Ephesians 1:3-4 NAU** - "Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, <sup>4</sup> just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him."
- B. Holiness is the basic element of the Christian life – it is the characteristic mark of a Christian.
1. It is a fatal misconception that Holiness is for a certain elite in the church
    - a. Promoted by Roman Catholicism - They call some Christians saints
    - b. All Christians are called to be saints – saints by calling.  
We are called to be holy. ἅγιος  
**1 Corinthians 1:2 NAU** - "To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their *Lord* and ours:"
  2. Nowhere in Scripture do we find a double standard for Christians
- C. Our calling is to reflect the holiness of God – to be conformed to His image  
**Romans 8:29 NAU** - "For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;"
1. We must be holy because God is holy – God reveals Himself as being holy and then proceeds to demand the same from us.  
**Leviticus 19:2 NAU** - "Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, 'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.'"
  2. Peter declared that we are partakers of His divine nature – **2 Peter 1:1-4**  
**2 Peter 1:3-4 NAU** - "His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. <sup>4</sup> For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust."

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<sup>1</sup> John Murray, *Redemption Accomplished and Applied*, (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1955), 92.