



“The Nature of Salvation”

The Church’s Calling

Ephesians 1:13-14

Our Salvation is :

I. Revealed - “the gospel of your salvation” (v. 13)

Our Salvation requires :

- A. **Telling** – “that ye heard”
- B. **Truth** – “word of truth”
- C. **Trust** – “ye believed”

II. Retained – “ye were sealed” *I Peter 1:5; John 17:9-13* (v. 13)

Our Salvation resides in a :

- A. **Person** – “ye were”
- B. **Place** - “in whom”
- C. **Power** – “with that Holy Spirit of promise”

III. Realized - “which is...our inheritance” (v. 14)

Our Salvation relates to our:

- A. **Position** – “purchased possession”
- B. **Progress** – “the earnest of”
- C. **Prospect** – “until the redemption”

Sentence Sermon:

“Salvation is revealed, retained, and realized in Jesus Christ.”

Additional Verses

Sealed

- *Matthew 27:66*
- *Ephesians 4:30*
- *John 3:33; 6:27*
- *II Corinthians 1:22*
- *Revelation 7:2; 9:4*
- *I Peter 1:5*
- *Esther 3:12*

Holy Spirit of promise

- *Luke 24:49*
- *John 14:16; 15:26; 16:13*
- *Acts 1:5*

Earnest of our inheritance

- *Romans 8:23*
- *II Corinthians 1:22; 5:5*
- *I Peter 1:4*
- *Ephesians 1:18*

Questions to Ponder:

- 1. Why is the phrase “to the praise of His glory” repeated three times in verses 3-14?
- 2. Who guarantees our salvation? How?
- 3. What are some ministries of the Holy Spirit?
- 4. How would you explain the statement, “the believer is saved, being saved, and will be saved.”

Recount the reoccurring words, phrases and Ideas.

Verses 1-11 --- Heavy on God's will and sovereignty

Verse 12- 19 --- Heavy on Man's faith and will engaged

Marching towards the Landmark verses on Salvation in 2:8-10

V. 13

- In Whom = notice the “in” ...whom = antecedent = Christ
- Ye also = just like the ones who first trusted ...ie. You Gentiles just like We Jews...
- [trusted] = not in the original but definitely indicated = talking about “faith”
- After that = means something is first and then something follows
 - Ye heard = interchange of ideas – **Romans 10:13-17 READ**
 - It came at a cost – I Cor 16:8-9 – Paul says he had an open door that was working for the gospel BUT there were many enemies or opposition.
 - The gospel is heard and needs to be heard....It will go out but with a cost...are you willing to pay to get the gospel out?
 - Examples:
 - Paul

- John and Peter Acts 4:17-19
- Stephen Acts 7:59
- William Tyndale – who we owe a debt producing the first English bible was burned at the stake...because he wanted even farm boys to know more of the scriptures
- Or a Russian Pastor in 2005 being knifed by three men because he would not return to Islam and deny the gospel of Jesus Christ. (Foxes Voices of the Martyrs)

- The word of truth :
 - There was a word spoken
 - There is such thing as truth
- The gospel of your salvation

- In whom also = more interaction with Christ
- After that believed = after hearing, you believed

Ye were sealed = upon believing ye were sealed = The word “seal” indicates security , authentication and approval, certification of genuineness , and identification of ownership .

God is the One who seals, Christ is the sphere in which the **seal** is done, and the Holy Spirit is the instrument of the seal. “The promised Holy Spirit” refers to Christ’s promise to His disciples that He would send the Spirit (Luke 24:49; John 14:16; 15:26; 16:13; Acts 1:5).

- - With the Holy Spirit
 - Of promise

More literal translation would be *“They were sealed in Him [Christ] with the Holy Spirit of promise.”*

- Which is
 - The earnest = In essence, the “deposit” of **the Holy Spirit is a little bit of heaven in believers’ lives** with a guarantee of much more yet to come.
 - Of our inheritance
 - Until the redemption of the purchased possession
 - Unto the praise of His glory = notice the repetition of this phrase – v. 6, v. 12, v. 14
 - V. 6 – Praise to the Father
 - V. 12 – Praise to the Son
 - V. 14 – Praise to the Holy Spirit