

CALL to PRAYER -

Pray that we would be a holy people

Reminder - Be reading through Ephesians every week (or day)...prep for new series in Nov.

Intro - Today's message is aimed to answer & explore a three-word question - *Saved from what?* As Christians we often use the terminology of "*being saved.*" We speak of when we were *saved*, i.e., when the Lord *saved* us. We ask others if they are *saved*. We pray for unbelievers that they may be *saved*. But...*saved from what?* I think there is some fog surrounding this fundamental truth and work of God for a sinner that we call salvation. I intend to be both very theological and very practical this morning. I will mention *The Trinity* and use biblical terminology like *justification & sanctification*. I do so because there is nothing more practical than understanding foundational theological truths about God's so great a salvation. Our text today in Matt.1:21 tells us Who does the saving, and our text defines for us what He saves us from.

Matthew 1:20-21 - Saved From What?*"We have heard the joyful sound: Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Spread the tidings all around...."***JESUS SAVES**

- Salvation is the gracious work of the Triune God. Jonah 2:9c
 - God the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit each have a role in accomplishing salvation.
- God the Father planned salvation.
 - The plan of salvation began in eternity past. 2 Tim. 1:9 *(Election)*
- God the Son purchased salvation.
 - Jesus earned a righteousness in His life & paid for our wickedness by His death.
 - *"Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe..."*
(Redemption)
- God the Holy Spirit applies salvation to the sinner.
 - New Birth/ability to Believe (cry of faith)/ Baptism of Spirit/Indwelling of Spirit.
 - *(Regeneration / Justification / Sanctification)*
- These terms should enthrall us because they describe the Triune God's salvation of us.
 - But saved from what?

JESUS SAVES FROM SIN

- Jesus did not come to save us from our circumstances.
 - ...not come to give better: life, marriage, finances, health, attitude, happiness...
 - Jesus did not come to give better life here but eternal life hereafter.
- Jesus came to save His people from their sins. Matt. 1:21
 - Penalty of their sins
 - Not the temporal consequences of sin (sadness/sickness/death)
 - Jesus paid the eternal penalty for our sins. Absorbed God's wrath - Hell
 - Power of sin (before being saved we were slaves to sin and under its power)
 - God's grace enables us to live a new life now & be slaves to righteousness

- Presence of sin (Glorification & being unable to sin in eternity)
- God's salvation is timeless. It is effective Past, Present, & Future
 - Salvation was Completed in past.....Continuous in present..... but it will have its Culmination in the future
 - I was saved. *Justification* – Christ's righteousness applied by faith
 - A one-time event
 - I am being saved. *Sanctification*
 - Christ's Spirit pruning the sin of my life. Life-long event
 - I look forward to the day when I will be saved. *Glorification*
 - No sin in heaven and unable to sin in heaven. Future event
- God's present work of salvation in sanctification
 - This is the ongoing work of salvation. (Where the rubber meets the road)
 - Jesus saves His people FROM their sin. He doesn't leave them in their sin.
 - This part of salvation is often overlooked...but it is not optional.
 - It is a dangerous distortion of the gospel that leaves sinners in their sin.
 - Jesus saves us as we are, but He does not leave us as we are. 2 Cor. 5:17
 - When God saves a sinner, the Holy Spirit baptizes & indwells the sinner.
 - When the Spirit moves in, He cleans house.
 - The Holy Spirit begins to make us holy.
 - The Bible gives many warnings about a so-called salvation without sanctification
 - Matt. 7:21 1 Cor. 6:9-11
 - 2 Tim. 2:19 Heb. 12:14 1 John 3:5-10
 - If a person is not being saved from their sin...then they are not saved
 - City of Ember
 - The closer we get to the Light the more dirt we see on ourselves.
 - The irony in our sanctification. (1 Tim. 1:15)
- Believers need to constantly rehearse the Gospel and live out the Gospel.
 - Meditate on God's work of salvation. (Election, Redemption, Regeneration, Justification...)
 - Look to Jesus
 - Trust in Jesus Rom. 8:1
 - Confess....repent....rejoice....revel in His redemption 1 John 1:9 - 2:1
 - "*Grace, grace, God's grace.....grace that is greater than all our sins.*"

ARE YOU SAVED?

- Are you saved from your sin? Are you being saved from your sin?
 - You can be! Today is the day of salvation
- I do not proclaim a hope-so salvation or a maybe-so salvation....
 - I have the privilege to proclaim a know-so salvation.
 - God the Father planned it in eternity past.
 - God the Son purchased it
 - The God the Spirit will apply it.
 - Salvation is a done deal, it is finished.
 - it is freely offered as a guarantee to all who believe
- Christ will save you from your sins today...everyday...and into the eternal day