

LESSON 20

Salvation - Three Time Experience

Objective : To lead a meaningful christian life by deeply understanding the depth of salvation prepared in Christ by God.

Bible Portion : Hebrew 9:11-28

Memory Verse : Hebrew 9:27-28

Just as man is designed to die once, and after that to face judgement, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people, and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Introduction

Can we claim that we are saved while we live in the world? Sometimes, you might have heard many claiming so. Some argue that it is folly to say that we are saved. Let us see what the Bible says about it and fix our salvation.

Three Time Experience of Salvation

Salvation has past, present and future experience. It can be said in order that the salvation of the spirit the soul and the body. They are related to the three comings of Jesus Christ.

1. Past Experience of Salvation

Jesus came into the world once to make remedy for the sins (Heb.9:6). He appeared at the end of the age of law and through the death in cross made solution to the sins of the world. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed (1 Pet.2:24). God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement; through faith in his blood (Rom.3:25). As we live in the body, we should receive the salvation. The freedom from the iniquities. Thus who receives the deliverance from sin through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ can prefer that they are saved. This is the salvation of the spirit. The promises of the Lord is the criteria here (Rom.5:1). Therefore, since we have been justified through the faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (Gal.3:26). You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus (John 3:16-18), for God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. Whoever believes in him is not condemned (Eph. 2:8). For it is by grace you have been saved. All these verses made clear about our past experience of salvation. The salvation through the passover of lamb from Egypt was a shadow of this.

2. Present Experience of Salvation

Jesus entered not to the building of hand works, but to the divine presence of heaven (Heb. 9:21). Jesus lives in heaven as the high priest

and mediator for our daily lives. We are blessed with the guidance of the holy spirit. So that we lead a sinless life. We are being nourished by the word of God. There is a spiritual warfare in the lives of believers who entered into the salvation by faith. It is the conflict between two natures. One is the spiritual nature enriched by God; other is the nature of world curished by the body. It is the responsibility of the believers that they should keep away from worldly pleasure and its nature. It is possible only when we crucify ourselves with Christ and by submitting ourselves for the works of the holy spirit. But it by the spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live (Rom. 8:13).....continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling (Phil. 2:12). Paul exhorts the Philippians so. There are many who boast on their past experience of salvation and avoid the present experience of it. This is very dangerous. The precautions related to this is clearly given in the Bible. In Ist Corinthians 10:1-12, apostle Paul tells us the history of the Israel and how they were overthrown in the wilderness. If you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall. This warning is repeated in Hebrews 4:1-11. Paul exhorts us to be careful that none of us be found to have fallen short of the promise and also to be enthusiastic to enter into the rest. The present experience of salvation means experiencing daily the deliverance from the power of sin and other obstacles. We are getting saved. Do you practically being saved successfully ? Evaluate yourself.

3. Future experience of Salvation

Jesus will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him. The future experience of salvation means the redemption designed by God from the cursed earth and the mortal body (Heb. 9:28). The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into glorious freedom of the children of God (Rom. 8:19-20). It will happen at the second coming of Jesus Christ (1 Thes. 4:16-17, 1 Cori. 15:52-54). The above mentioned verses tells us of the first phase of the second coming of Jesus Christ. The dead in Christ will rise and who are still alive will be

transformed to meet the Lord in the air. Thus all will be with heavenly bodies to meet the Lord, and remain with the Lord always. Praise the Lord. At the end of God's plan, new heaven and earth will appear. The children of God will reign forever in the new Jerusalem. This is the future aspect of salvation. Capturing of the land of Canan by Israel stood as a shadow of it.

Salvation is the gift of God to us by the powerful God. It delivers us from the bondage of the codemnation of sin, leads us victoriously in the world and brings us to the eternity. May the Lord help us to consider the great salvation, achieve it by faith and reaches the eternal blessings by staying in it very carefully.

Questions

1. We can read about three appearance of Jesus Christ in the epistle to Hebrews. Explain it with verses?
2. What is the future experience of Salvation ? How and when we recieve it ?
3. Explain the responsibilities of the believers in the present experience of Salvation?
4. How can we compare the three time experiences of salvation with the events of the life of Israel from Egypt to capture tha land of Canan ?
5. Explain the future aspect of salvation ?
6. Explain the three times experience of salvation with three appearances of Jesus Christ ?

