

Do You Love God's Salvation?

"Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, let God be magnified" (Psalm 70:4).

Every believer can truly identify and say with David that we love the salvation that God has abundantly, eternally and sovereignly given to the poor and needy sinner in and through the Lord Jesus Christ. There is no doubt that everyone is in need of salvation (Rom. 3:23), but few seem to have any real interest. The warning of scripture is, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Heb. 2:3). Why does the true believer love the salvation of God? Let me give you several scriptural reasons:

1. We love God's salvation because of the experience of it in the heart. This salvation is not only a perfect work accomplished for us at Calvary with His justifying blood atonement, it is also a work of God the Holy Spirit making application to the sinner's heart (John 16:8-15). Salvation that is revealed in scripture is an experience of the grace of God revealing Christ to the heart (Phil. 1:6).
2. We love God's salvation because of the method of it (1 Peter 3:18). The method of this salvation was devised, implemented and executed by God Almighty. It is the way of sovereign grace through the substitutionary sacrifice of Jesus Christ who satisfied the demands of God's justice and supplied every need for the guilty sinner (Phil. 4:19).
3. We love God's salvation because of the sureness of it (Rom. 4:16). We run no risk when we trust the eternal welfare of our soul upon Jesus Christ the Righteous; it is truly a safe salvation (Psa. 62:6-8). He guarantees and gives eternal life to all those who believe on His name (John 3:36).
4. We love God's salvation because of the completeness of it (Col. 2:9-10). Nothing remains unfinished or lacking. God's salvation is not waiting upon the sinner to add something to make it complete or effectual. Only that which God provided will be accepted (Gen. 22: 8). Sin is put away (Heb. 9:26),

redemption is accomplished (Heb. 9:12), righteousness is established (Phil. 3:7-9) and reconciliation is achieved (2 Cor. 5:18).

5. We love God's salvation because of the Person of it (1 John 5:10-12). Jesus Christ Himself is the sum, substance and subject matter of the gospel (Rom. 1:1-3). "He is altogether lovely" (Song of Sol. 5:16). Salvation is not in a profession, place nor a position but rather in a glorious Person. Surely, anyone who does not love this salvation must be a lover of self, and a hater of the God of all grace (1 Peter 5:10). Surely, those who love God's salvation can say, "Let God be magnified" (1 Cor. 1:30-31).

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