

Reading: Romans 10:1-13

Psalms: 407:1-3 325:1,2,4 60:1-5 82:1-3 427:1,6

Salvation

1) What is Salvation?

- We have hearts that are selfish, covetous, jealous, evil, proud and deceitful. “There is none righteous, no not one.” Romans 3:10

- To be saved is to be set free from the slavery of sin.

- But more than that, salvation is restoration of relationship with God. “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 5:1

- Salvation is also the final total renewal of the heart – something that God’s children ought to be looking forward to as they struggle through this life.

2) How do I receive this salvation?

- Salvation is not found in being religious. Examine your own thinking – why are you religious? Why do you live like a Christian? Do you think “how could I ever hope to be saved if I don’t live a good life?” Are you trying to manipulate God into being merciful and gracious to you by your zeal?

- Everything that is not perfection will not bring you life.

- The Lord brings salvation so close to us – “the word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith which we preach.”
Romans 10:8

- The Lord will display the glory of His anger toward those who refuse Him.

- How then may I obtain salvation? All that God requires of us is to turn away from trying to save ourselves, and denounce our own righteousness and acknowledge our sins. Instead, trust Jesus as the God-given Mediator to cover our guilt.

- Salvation is received by faith, not obtained or earned. Jesus calls us “Look unto me!” Isaiah 45:22 What will be your answer?

- Do not go home and only *think* about the sermon, but go home and *obey* and answer the call of the Word of the Gospel.

- God wants your heart – “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” Romans 10:9

-The promise of salvation is complete – it includes everything we poor and needy sinners need and can never provide: forgiveness of all sin, righteousness to make us righteous in God’s sight, reconciliation and acceptance in the eye of the holy and just God, adoption as children of the Most High; eternal glory hereafter.