



WHAT IS SALVATION?

First Sunday, First Principles #6



SALVATION IN SCRIPTURE:

- ◆ Sometimes used with reference to warfare.
 - Exodus 14.13 (p76) – deliverance from Egypt
 - 2 Samuel 22.47 (p379) – deliverance from Saul
- ◆ Sometimes refers to continuing protection.
 - 1 Chronicles 16.23 (p477) – safety for Israel in Canaan
- ◆ Sometimes a reference to captivity ended.
 - Psalm 14.7 (p624) – Israel brought out of captivity
- ◆ Sometimes spiritual in nature.
 - Psalm 51.9-14 (p652) – David seeking God's forgiveness

SALVATION IN THE NEW COVENANT:

- ✦ Jesus would be the means of salvation.
 - Luke 1.69 (p1179) – Zacharias' prophecy
 - "Horn" was a common Jewish reference to power/strength – Lamentations 2.3,17 (pp947-948)
 - In Jesus we find God's power to save man.
- ✦ Salvation depends on God's mercy.
 - Luke 1.72 (p1179) – Mercy promised from the past
 - The mercy is not earned, but simply promised by God.
 - Promised on the basis of the covenant with Abraham (v73)
 - Genesis 22.18 (p22)

SALVATION IN THE NEW COVENANT:

✦ Salvation is learned from God's message.

▸ Luke 1.76 (p1179) – John's work

- As a prophet, John would be "a forth-teller of the Divine will"
- We find the work of the prophets in the pages of Scripture – 2 Peter 1.20 (p1396)

✦ Salvation frees us to greater service.

▸ Luke 1.74 (p1179) – Serving Him without fear

- The remission of our sins (v77) is not the end of the story
- Our Savior calls for us to follow Him – Luke 9.23-26 (p1193)



Ultimate Salvation

“And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him, He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Hebrews 9.27-28

