

God's Deliverances

- I. Definitions.
- A. save: *trans.* To deliver or rescue from peril or hurt; to make safe, put in safety.
 - B. deliver: *trans.* To set free, liberate, release, rescue, save.
 - C. everlasting: Lasting for ever; infinite in future duration; endless; = eternal A. 3.
 - D. eternal: Infinite in future duration; that always will exist; everlasting, endless.
 - E. temporal: Lasting or existing only for a time; passing, temporary. Now rare or merged in 2. Of or pertaining to time as the sphere of human life; terrestrial as opposed to heavenly; of man's present life as distinguished from a future existence; concerning or involving merely the material interests of this world; worldly, earthly. (Opp. to *eternal* or *spiritual*.)
 - F. spiritual: Of or pertaining to, affecting or concerning, the spirit or higher moral qualities, esp. as regarded in a religious aspect. (Freq. in express or implied distinction to *bodily*, *corporal*, or *temporal*.)
 - G. natural: Having a real or physical existence, as opposed to what is spiritual, intellectual, fictitious, etc. b. Pertaining to, operating or taking place in, the physical (as opposed to the spiritual) world.
- II. As the definitions show, to be delivered is to be saved. **JOEL 2:32 c/w ROM 10:13; PSA 6:4.**
- A. There are many and varied deliverances from God. **PSA 44:4; 56:13; 116:8.**
 - B. Therefore discernment is needed when reading of experienced and promised deliverance/salvation.
 - C. Scripture speaks of eternal salvation, salvation in time, spiritual salvation, natural salvation, emotional salvation, corporal salvation, etc.
- III. The salvation which concerns us most is salvation from the death in hell we deserve unto eternal life beyond this life. **1CO 15:19; MAT 25:46.**
- A. This is eternal salvation: salvation that transcends earth and time and is infinite, endless.
 - B. This is *immortality* which the gospel *brings to light* (**2TI 1:9-10**) by declaring Jesus Christ Who has it (**1TI 6:16**), and by drawing it out into the open from within those who believe. **JOH 6:47 c/w ACT 13:48.**
 - C. There are actually very few verses in Scripture where *eternal/everlasting salvation* is expressly stated in the verse. **2SAM 23:5; ISA 45:17; 51:6; HEB 5:9.**
 - 1. This is not to say that eternal salvation is of minimal importance. Without the hope of eternal salvation, all other salvations would be merely stays of execution that drive the soul to serving lusts and despairing of life. **1CO 15:32; 2CO 1:8-10.**
 - 2. All other salvations for the elect depend on the promised eternal glory. **2TI 2:10.**
 - 3. Without eternal salvation worked into sinners, none would truly call upon God through Christ for other salvations. **ROM 10:13 c/w ROM 3:11; PSA 10:4.**
 - 4. He who thus approaches God for relief (**HEB 4:16**) must believe in Him (**HEB 11:6**), and such belief is the proof of eternal life. **JOH 5:24.**
 - 5. The Lord Jesus Christ is central to all salvation from God. **ACT 4:12; HEB 7:25.**
- IV. Jesus was so named because He would be the Savior of His people. **MAT 1:21.**
- A. This speaks of a certain salvation: "...he shall save..." Christ is the active power of salvation Who actually saves. The true Christ did not merely try to save: He saved!
 - B. This speaks of a particular salvation: "...he shall save his people..." The Father had given to Him a people to save. **JOH 6:38-39; 17:1-2.**
 - C. This speaks of spiritual salvation: "...he shall save his people from their sins."

1. He saved them from their sins by His redemptive death and blood which cleansed them for glory. **TIT 2:13-14; REV 1:5; EPH 5:25-27.**
 2. This was the main reason He was manifested. **1JO 3:5.**
 3. This delivered them from the *wrath to come*. **1TH 1:10.**
 4. They will be completely saved from their sins at the resurrection when they shall be made pure, holy and incorruptible as Christ. **1JO 3:2.**
 5. This is all of God's work: He chose them in Christ to make them holy and blameless by His blood so they could not boast. **EPH 1:3-7; 1CO 1:30-31.**
 - a. Christ saved them legally to this end at Calvary, taking their sins upon Himself to suffer the judgment of sin for them. **1PE 3:18.**
 - b. Christ guaranteed their full deliverance from their sins by His resurrection. **ROM 4:25.**
 - c. "...he shall save his people from their sins" (**MAT 1:21**) will be *fully* realized: body, soul and spirit. **1TH 5:23-24; PHIL 3:20-21.**
 6. As an earnest of full, final salvation from sins, God gives the elect another salvation: spiritual quickening inwardly to deliver them from the *mastery* of sin. **EPH 2:1.**
 - a. This is a spiritual birth of the inward parts by the life-giving voice of Christ. **JOH 5:25.**
 - b. This is resurrection power to make alive. c/w **JOH 11:43-44.**
 - c. This empowers the elect for faith and duty. **EPH 1:19-20; 2:10.**
- D. It was expected that Messiah would be a Savior Who would deliver the sons of Abraham from their enemies. **LUK 1:69-75.**
1. The enemies of God's people are not just Philistines. **EPH 6:11-12.**
 2. Satan, devils and our sinful nature are our enemies to drive us to death, the last enemy. **1CO 15:26.**
 3. The foremost salvation is from the guilt, penalty and bondage of sin. **LUK 1:76-79.**
 4. This was Christ's primary mission: spiritual salvation. **MAT 1:21; LUK 4:18-19.**
 5. Salvation from sin is the basis for any other salvation from Christ. **MAR 2:1-12.**
- V. Between the legal salvation at Calvary and the bodily salvation at Resurrection Day, the inwardly saved elect (the quickened) can experience other salvations.
- A. Since Christ is *special* (in a special manner) the Savior of believers (**1TI 4:10**), by faith they may through Him be saved:
1. from vain thinking and ignorance of the true God. **ACT 17:22-23; 2CO 10:5.**
 2. from fear of death. **HEB 2:15.**
 3. from deceptions of lies and sins. **ACT 3:26; 26:18; JOH 8:31-32; EPH 4:20-22.**
 4. from a stained record before God. **ACT 3:19; 2:38.**
 5. from works-righteousness. **ROM 10:3.**
 6. from impossible burdens like the Law and flawlessness. **ACT 15:10; GAL 3:13; JOH 1:16 c/w MAT 11:28-30.**
 7. from an untoward generation. **ACT 2:40.**
 8. unto joy, peace and hope through the Holy Ghost. **ROM 15:13.**
 9. unto joyful fellowship with God, Christ, apostles and like believers. **1JO 1:3-4.**
 10. unto victorious living in Christ. **1JO 5:3-4.**
- B. They may also experience deliverance/salvation through prayer. **MAT 6:13; HEB 5:7.**
1. These may be natural deliverances:
 - a. from affliction and troubles directly or by agents.

JOB 5:19; PSA 91:1-3, 11-12; 34:7, 17-19; ACT 7:34-35.

- (1) Ever find yourself in a bind or pickle not of your own making and are not even sure what to do? Remember **2CH 20:12-24.**
- (2) Ever dig yourself into a hole by poor judgment or through ignorance? Humble yourself and call upon God. **JAM 4:9-10.**
- b. from unreasonable unbelievers. **ROM 15:30-31; 2TH 3:1-2.**
- c. from injustice. **LAM 3:55 c/w JER 38:13; ACT 12:5-11.**
- d. from the oppression and violence of man. **PSA 119:34; 140:1.**
- e. from fears. **PSA 34:4.**
- f. from tears. **PSA 116:8.**
- g. from imminent death. **MAT 8:25.**
2. These may be spiritual deliverances (**PSA 116:4**):
 - a. from temptation. **1CO 10:13 c/w HEB 4:16.**
 - b. from transgressions and their consequences. **PSA 39:8; 51:7-10, 14.**
 - (1) Frank confession of sins is needed. **1JO 1:9.**
 - (2) Repentance is needed. **PRO 28:13; ISA 55:7.**
 - c. from ignorance of divine wisdom. **JAM 1:5-6.**
 - d. from failing under pressure. **2TI 4:17-18 c/w 1PE 5:8-10.**
- C. They may also experience natural deliverance by God-ordained means, like wisdom, discretion or even destruction. **PRO 2:10-12.**
 1. One may be delivered from the pitfalls of emotion-led decisions. **PRO 28:26.**
 2. One may be delivered from exposure as a fool. **PRO 17:28.**
 3. One may be delivered from unprofitable labor. **ECC 10:10, 15.**
 4. NOTE: Such deliverances as noted above are natural deliverances by natural means which require no saving grace from Christ. The wicked can be witty and wise.
 - a. They are things which men may know or learn *naturally*. **1CO 11:14.**
 - b. Therefore we should not assume that a successful sage in this world must be a spiritually saved child of God.
 - c. There is more hope in the man who sees himself a stupid sinner in need of God's wisdom in Christ crucified for sinners. **1CO 1:22-24.**
 - d. God gives natural deliverances in time to natural men according to His providences and His interest in His people (**2KI 5:1; GEN 18:26**), so we should not assume that natural deliverances are proof of eternal salvation for all who are naturally delivered.
 5. Consider Noah's salvation *by water*. **1PE 3:20.**
 - a. The water which destroyed an ungodly world lifted up the ark.
 - b. So Christ is also *set for the fall and rising of many*. **LUK 2:34.**
 - c. The ark was a natural salvation which was typical of spiritual salvation.
 - d. "This instance of the dispensation of the providence of God to the old world is very appropriately, though by way of digression, introduced by the apostle; showing, that in times past, as then, God's usual method has been to afford the outward means to ungodly men, and to bear with them long, and then bring down his vengeance upon them, and save his own people; and this suffering saints might depend upon would be their case, and therefore should bear their afflictions patiently," (John Gill on 1PE 3:20)
 - e. It may be said that the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple in 70 A.D. was also the deliverance of Jewish Christians from the oppression of their corrupt country and from the allure of abolished temple service. **HEB 13:13-14.**

- D. Elect, born-again believers may be delivered by God in spite of themselves.
 - 1. Lot was delivered out of Sodom and from temptation against his will. **2PE 2:7-9 c/w GEN 19:16.**
 - 2. God was merciful to deliver an indifferent Jonah. **JON 4:6.**
 - 3. Do not presume upon such deliverances. **JUDE 1:5.**
- E. Make the best of deliverance that God has given you. Render to Him accordingly. **LUK 17:12-19 c/w 2CH 32:24-25.**

- VI. Eternal salvation is guaranteed to all the elect but there are certain salvations in time that accrue only to those who submissively call upon the name of the Lord by faith. **ROM 10:8-13.**
 - A. This is particularly so under the dispensation of the Spirit. **ACT 2:17-21.**
 - B. There is spiritual salvation by way of pardon upon conversion. **ACT 2:38.**
 - C. There is spiritual salvation from societal corruption. **ACT 2:40.**
 - D. There is spiritual salvation by hope in the resurrection of Christ. **ROM 8:24; HEB 6:18-20.**
 - E. There is spiritual salvation by remembering gospel instruction. **1CO 15:1-2.**
 - F. The Philippian jailor experienced diverse salvations by faith. **ACT 16:30-31.**
 - 1. He was spiritually saved from darkness unto Christ and the victorious abundance He alone can give. **ACT 16:32-34 c/w JOH 10:10 c/w PHIL 1:6.**
 - 2. He was concurrently saved from suicidal despair or the fate of a failed jailor. **ACT 16:27-28 c/w ACT 12:19.**
 - 3. Countless people over the centuries have been similarly saved. Their spiritual conversion was also their personal salvation from destruction.
 - G. **(ACT 22:16)** And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.