

Saved!

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

SAVED! What a great Bible term. Some people say it is antiquated, but I disagree. It means deliverance instead of destruction, Life instead of death, Acquittal instead of punishment And rescue instead of ruin.

Saved! What a beautiful multi-faceted word! The more we understand about being saved, the more we know about safety.

Believers on the Lord Jesus are saved! And on what basis did we get saved? We got saved on the basis of Christ’s finished work outside of us in history. (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). Believers have been delivered from damnation. (Romans 5:1). We are saved. Believers are no longer under wrath. (Romans 5:9).

We are saved.

Jesus said, “I am the door: by me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved and shall go in and out, and find pasture.” (John 10:9).

We are saved!

Again, in Acts 2:21, we learn that “Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

"But surely I am saved by giving up my bad habits?"
Not at all!

As Harry Ironside said, “The gospel is not a demand that you give up the world, that you give up your sins, that you break off bad habits and try to cultivate good ones. You may do all these things, and yet never believe the gospel and consequently never be saved at all.”

In spite of our unworthiness, we, by faith, receive a complete and finished salvation.

We are not half condemned, we are saved.

We are not half accepted, we are saved.

Because of the doing, dying and rising again of Christ Jesus we are saved completely. (Colossians 2:10).

We are saved forever. (Romans 11:29).

And, we are saved for his glory. (Romans 15:7).

Notice how our salvation begins with grace and ends with glory. Grace is the forerunner of Glory. Glory is the consummation of grace. Grace makes us safe!

Across the history of the believer's life is now written in large bold letters ... **SAVED**. The more we understand the gospel the more we realize that the Father cannot discover any state to 'unfit' us for Jesus. (See Romans 8:33-39). We are saved!

It's a wonderful thing to know that the Lord Jesus has nothing against us. We are saved! We are saved because Christ Jesus lived and died for us. He was charged with our sin and He acknowledged our sin to be His.

We are saved and ...

We are safe!

In His life, He gave Himself for us. At the cross, He gave Himself for us. We are saved and therefore safe!

What sin can keep the believer out of Glory?

Would you say the sin of blasphemy? No it can't be blasphemy for Saul of Tarsus said, "*I was a blasphemer.*" (1 Timothy 1:13). Yet, God saved him.

Would adultery keep a person out of Glory? That can't be so. Rahab the harlot had practiced prostitution. (Joshua 2:1). Yet God saved her.

Would you say murder would keep a person out of glory? Well, David had a hitman kill Uriah; that's murder. (2 Samuel 12). Yet God saved him.

Would you say divorce would keep you out of Glory? The woman at the well was married five times. (John 4:16-18). But God saved her.

We have too small a view of the Lord's power, grace and mercy. He is the saviour! We are the saved. We are safe.

As you remember, the name Jesus comes from the Hebrew 'Jehoshua', meaning "Jehovah saves." Jesus was born as our Saviour. In other words, He was born to save. (Matthew 1:21). If He loses us, He's, therefore, not the Saviour who was born to save.

But He died on the cross as our Saviour.

He was buried and rose again as our Saviour!

Therefore, we are safe and we are saved!

Remember this, to be saved is to be plucked from a place of extreme danger to one of extreme safety.

We are not taken from danger to perish!

We are not drawn out of the horrible pit to slip unrestorably and irrecoverably deeper.

We are not redeemed to be released

We are not delivered from the fire to be destroyed by a worse fate! No! A thousand times no!

He has brought us up out of the horrible pit and miry clay and has set our feet upon a Rock. (Psalm 40:2).

We are safe!

How can Christ possibly lose us?

He chose us unto salvation from the beginning. (2 Thessalonians 3:13). Did He make the wrong choice?

He purchased us with His saving blood. Was the purchase invalid?

If you are saying He can lose you, then you are saying He is just not powerful enough to protect and keep you.

He gave Himself as our ransom. Was the payment insufficient?

By Himself, He purged our sins. Was the purging of our sins not thorough enough? NO! A thousand times NO!

How then can we be saved and lost?

He paid for us and purged our sins

We are safe!