

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
WE LOSE THE PEACE OF YEARS
WHEN WE HUNT AFTER THE RAPTURE OF MOMENTS.

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HOW GOD APPLIES SALVATION TO PEOPLE

Romans 9:30–10:4 NKJV

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INTRODUCTION

There are many reasons why knowing how God applies salvation is important, here are some:

- **Understanding your standing with God:**
Knowing how God saves clarifies your position in relation to God and the nature of sin and its consequences.
- **Assurance of salvation:**
Comprehending the process of salvation brings assurance and security in your faith, because your eternal destiny is in God's hands.
- **Motivation for living a transformed life:**
Understanding that salvation is a gift of God's grace, not earned by works, will motivate you to live a life that honors God and reflects His love and transformation.
- **Direction for evangelism:**
A clear understanding of how God saves enables you to share the message of salvation effectively with others.
- **Distinguishing true teaching from false ones:**
Knowing how salvation is applied by God helps all Christians discern and reject false gospels that may misrepresent the true nature of salvation.
- **Provides hope for life's challenges:**
Salvation offers hope and peace in the face of suffering and adversity, as believers know we are not alone and have a secure future in God's plan.
- **Fosters humility and gratitude:**
Recognizing salvation as a gift of grace fosters humility and deep gratitude for God's love and mercy.

In essence, comprehending how God applies salvation allows us to live more confident, purpose-driven lives, impacting not only our personal relationship with God but also our interaction with the world around us.

SCRIPTURE: Romans 9:30–10:4 NKJV

Understand:

- (a) God has always extended righteousness by faith, e.g., Abel, Noah, Enoch, and Abraham.
- (b) Because of Israel's privilege, they felt they were righteous because of their covenant relationship through the giving of the law. It was a covenant in which Israel never upheld their end of the bargain.
- (c) Ultimately, Israel rejected God's provision for a relationship – His son (Stumbling Block).
- (d) Because Israel rejected Jesus, salvation was offered to the Gentiles, who believed and received Him by faith in the works and words Jesus performed and taught.
- (e) Paul's desire and prayer to God for Israel's salvation was taken as an insult just as if I said, "My desire for church-folk today is that they be saved."

Yet, many church-folk know just enough scripture to be dangerous:

- Like Israel, we have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.
- Fail to realize our knowledge will be a testimony against us in the judgement.

Bible says:

- "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13);
- God says, "Be holy for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16) "Live a life that reflects My own Holiness."
- Our response: I can't, I'm just a sinner, saved by grace!
- God says, "No sinner will inherit the Kingdom of God!"
- You say, But I prayed to receive Christ.
- God says, your prayer was just as superficial as your faith. "No one can turn to God in faith without turning from sin in repentance." You can quote me on that – no charge.

† 2 Corinthians 5:16-18 NKJV

HOW GOD APPLIES SALVATION TO PEOPLE

1) _____

Definition - God's sovereign summons through the gospel that effectively brings sinners to Himself.

Scriptural Basis: Romans 8:30; 2 Thessalonians 2:14; John 6:44 NKJV

Key Characteristics

- Personal & inward
 - His calling can be resisted ending in condemnation (John 1:6-9; 3:19), but if we respond in faith, it always results in relationship e.g. Saul (Paul) (Acts 9); John 6:37 "him that comes to me I will no wise cast out"
 - Initiated solely by God
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2) _____ – Saves from the PENALTY of Sin

Definition - A legal act of God in which He declares sinners to be righteous based on Christ's righteousness imputed to them by faith.

Scriptural Basis: Romans 5:1; Romans 3:23; Romans 3:24; 2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV

Key Characteristics

- Instantaneous and complete – never to be rescinded. (double jeopardy)
 - Based on grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone
 - Removes guilt of sin and grants righteousness – legal declaration by righteous Judge—not guilty!
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3) _____ – Saves from the POWER of sin

Definition - The process by which God makes believers holy in practice, conforming them to the image of Christ.

Scriptural Basis: 1 Thessalonians 4:3 NKJV; Philippians 2:12-13 NKJV; 2 Corinthians 3:18 **ESV**

Key Characteristics

- Progressive throughout the believer's life
 - Involves cooperation: empowered by the Holy Spirit and embraced by human effort
 - Distinct from justification but always accompanies it
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4) _____ – Saves from the PRESENCE of sin

Definition: The final step of salvation when believers are perfected in body and soul, fully conformed to Christ's image.

Scriptural Basis: Romans 8:30; Philippians 3:20-21; 1 John 3:2 NKJV

Key Characteristics

- Occurs at the return of Christ
 - Includes the resurrection and transformation of the body
 - Brings eternal freedom from sin, suffering, and death
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CONCLUSION

God applies salvation in a unified and purposeful sequence:

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| 1. Calling awakens faith | All these stages are: |
| 2. Justification establishes legal righteousness | † Result of God's sovereign grace |
| 3. Sanctification transforms character | † Secured by the work of Christ |
| 4. Glorification completes the process, making believers fully like Christ. | † Applied through the Holy Spirit |