

Factors Involved in Our Salvation

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Introduction

1. Eph 2:4-7
2. There is much confusion about salvation across the religious world
 - a. About who can save Acts 4:12; John 14:6
 - i. If in Christ's name only is salvation found can there be salvation in any others name?
 - ii. If Jesus is "the way" is there another way?
 - b. About what saves
 - i. Acts 2:40 can we save ourselves? Titus 3:5; John 6:28-29
 - ii. Eph 1:13 (NIV) ["and you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth..."].
 - iii. Grace only Eph 2:8; If is only by grace that we are saved, why are not all saved. Titus 2:11-12; 1 Tim 2:4; yet Matt 7:13-14
3. There is confusion about four factors involved in our salvation found in our text, let us study these

II Discussion

1. Our Salvation is because of the **Mercy** of God
 - a. He is rich in Mercy Eph 2:4
 - b. He is the Father of mercies 2 Cor 1:3
 - c. He delights in mercy Micah 7:18
 - d. David prayed to God about mercy Ps 51:1
 - e. We are the vessels of mercy Rom 9:23
2. Our Salvation is because of the **Love** of God
 - a. His love is great Eph 2:4; John 3:16
 - b. God is love 1 John 4:8
 - c. This love is everlasting love Jeremiah 31:3
 - d. This love is invincible Rom 8:38-39
 - e. This love was commanded toward us while we were yet sinners Romans 5:6-10
3. Our Salvation is because of the **Grace** of God
 - a. We are saved by grace Eph 2:5,8
 - b. Salvation is by faith, that is might be according to grace Rom 4:16
 - c. Our calling is by grace and His purpose 2 Tim 1:9; 2 Thess 2:14
 - d. Peter wrote of the true grace 1 Peter 5:12
 - e. Grace abounds but has limits Rom 5:20-21, 6:1-2,14-15
4. Our Salvation is because of the **Kindness** of God
 - a. His kindness is toward us Eph 2:7
 - b. God is kind Ps 117:2; 119; 76; Luke 6:35; Titus 3:4

III Conclusion

1. Since God has done this for us what are we suppose to do for Him?
2. We are to obey Him Heb 5:8-9; Matt 7:21, 24-27; James 1:21-25
3. Will you obey Him today 2 Cor 6:2

Sources: Getwell lectures on Ephesians 1984; Gospel Journal May 2004; Vol. 5 no. 5; Heavenly Habitations sermon outlines by Tom Holland; Great Lessons from Ephesians And Colossians By Andrew Connally