



Rooted In Salvation (Part 2)

Ephesians 1:3-6; Romans 8:31-39

The Order and Blessings of Our Salvation

1. God sovereignly **called** and **elected** some to be saved simply for His glory and to display His love for us. (Ephesians 1:5-10; Romans 5:6-11)

2. God **regenerated** (gave us spiritual life and spiritually made us clean) us at the moment of salvation. (Titus 3:5)

3. God **converted** (changed our affections) us at the moment of salvation. (2 Cor. 4:6)

4. God **justifies** (declares righteous) us at the moment of salvation. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

5. God _____ us into His family at the moment of salvation. (Eph. 1:3-6; Gal. 4:4-5)

The background for the New Testament concept of adoption comes from the practice of adoption in ancient Rome. Listen to the following excerpt from Dr. John MacArthur's book Slave: The Truth about Your Identity in Christ...

“The adoption process consisted of several specific legal procedures. The first step completely terminated the adopted child's social relationship and legal connection to his natural family. The second step made him a permanent member of his new family. Additionally, any previous financial obligations were eradicated, as if they never existed. In order for the transaction to be legally formalized, the presence of seven reputable witnesses was necessary. Once the adoption was complete, the son or daughter was now under the care and control of the new father. The previous father no longer has any control over his former child.”¹

¹ John MacArthur, Slave, pp. 155-157.

6. God _____ us at the moment of salvation and continues to do so as we walk with Christ throughout this life. (1 Corinthians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 3:18)

Paul uses the past tense form of “sanctified” to let these believers know that this is who they are in Christ and nothing can change that. However, Paul later teaches them in his second letter that while they are positionally sanctified in Christ they should progressively be more sanctified as they walk with Him, or in other words, becoming more and more like Jesus.

7. God _____ us in Him at the moment of salvation. (Romans 8:1, 31-39)

Knowing that there is no longer any condemnation for a child of God, regardless of the accusations brought against us, and that there is nothing in all of the universe that can separate us from God’s love because of what Christ Jesus did for us, I can live with the utmost of joy in knowing that I am loved and favored not because of what I do or don’t do, but because of who I belong to.

8. God will give us _____ bodies at the consummation of our salvation. (Philippians 3:20-21)

In justification we are freed from the penalty of sin, in sanctification we are freed from the power of sin, and in glorification we will finally be freed of even the presence of sin.

Conclusion:

In the face of so great a salvation the only proper response to all of this is what the saints cry out in **Revelation 7:10-12...**

¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”