

# HOW GREAT A SALVATION

Hebrew 2:3

Encourages us not to neglect the great salvation that we have in Christ.

I. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation.

Romans 1:16

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the **power** of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

## A. Salvation of the soul.

1. Christ wants to save our minds from its corrupt thoughts.

Romans 12:2 - Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your **mind**. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

2. Christ wants to heal our emotions.

Romans 5:1 - Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

I Peter 1:8 - Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious **joy**,

3. Christ wants to change our will or desires.

See Romans 12:2 above.

## B. Salvation from oppression.

### 1. Christ came to deliver us from Satan.

Hebrews 2:14 - Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the **devil**—

### 2. Christ came to deliver us from sin.

Rom. 3:23 - for all have **sinned** and fall short of the glory of God

Rom. 8:1-3 - Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man,

### 3. Christ came to give us a blessed life.

John. 10:10 - The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have **life**, and have it to the full.

II. God's salvation is rich and free.

A. Christ desires us to be rich in all things.

Rom. 10:12 - For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and **richly** blesses all who call on him,

2 Cor. 9:11 - You will be made **rich** in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Eph. 1:18 - I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the **riches** of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

B. We are rich in his grace (Eph. 2:7),  
mercy (Eph. 2:4), understanding (Col. 2:2)

C. Christ has opened the channel of  
communication with the Father.

Hebrews 10:19,20 - Therefore, brothers,  
since we have confidence to enter  
the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,  
by a new and living way opened for us  
through the curtain, that is, his body,

D. Christ intercedes for us as the perfect high priest.

Hebrews 2:17,18 - For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

1. He can save us completely.
2. He understands us completely.
3. He can completely empathize with us.

E. Christ has given us the Holy Spirit.

I Corinthians 2:12 - What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely **given us**.

1. Who watches over our soul.

2. Who teaches us all things and helps us remember all that Christ has taught us.

3. Who guides us, and helps us in our weakness.

4. Who helps us pray and intercedes for us.

5. Who gives us power to serve Christ.

F. God freely gave us salvation through Jesus Christ.

(Salvation is free, but it didn't come cheaply.)

III. We must not neglect such a great salvation.

Hebrews 2:1-3 - Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

A. We must work out our salvation (cultivate) with fear and trembling.

Philippians 2:12 - Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and **trembling**,

B. We must walk in this salvation.

C. We must use it to the fullness.

In other words, we need to lay hold of every promise and blessing that salvation offers.