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God's Complete Salvation

Message 12 Receiving and Growing in Salvation

Scripture Reading: Rom. 10:8b–13; 1 John 1:3; 2 Cor. 3:18; 1 John 1:7, 9; Acts 24:16; 2 Tim. 3:16–17; Matt. 4:4; Eph. 6:17; 1 Pet. 2:2–3; Rom. 10:12–13; 1 Thes. 5:17; 1 John 2:27; Heb. 10:25

I. Receiving by believing—Rom. 10:8b–13

Romans 10:8–13 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of the faith which we proclaim, 9 That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 For with the heart there is believing unto righteousness, and with the mouth there is confession unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes on Him shall not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all and rich to all who call upon Him; 13 For "whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Mark 16:16 He who believes and is baptized shall be saved, but he who does not believe shall be condemned.

John 1:12–13 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name, 13 Who were begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

- **2 Peter 1:4** Through which He has granted to us precious and exceedingly great promises that through these you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world by lust.
- A. Believe and be baptized—Mark 16:16
- B. Receive judicial redemption and the life and nature of God—John 1:12–13; 2 Pet. 1:4

II. Growing by cooperating with the Lord and enjoying His rich provision

A. Having an intimate, loving and personal relationship with the Lord—Song of Songs 1:2–4; 1 John 1:3; 2 Cor. 3:18

Song of Songs 1:2–4 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! / For your love is better than wine. 3 Your anointing oils have a pleasant fragrance; / Your name is like ointment poured forth; / Therefore the virgins love you. 4 Draw me; we will run after you-- The king has brought me into his chambers-- / We will be glad and rejoice in you; / We will extol your love more than wine. / Rightly do they love you.

- 1 John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard we report also to you that you also may have fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.
- **2 Corinthians 3:18** But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.
- B. Confessing our sins—1 John 1:7, 9; Acts 24:16
 - 1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.
 - 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
 - Acts 24:16 Because of this I also exercise myself to always have a conscience without offense toward God and men.
 - 1. To enjoy His forgiveness and cleansing
 - 2. To remove the barriers so that His life can grow
- C. Reading the Word—2 Tim. 3:16–17
 - **John 6:63** It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.
 - Ephesians 5:26 That He might sanctify her, cleansing her by the washing of the water in the word.
 - **Matthew 4:4** But He answered and said, It is written, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God."

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2 Timothy 3:16–17 All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, **17** That the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.

Ephesians 6:17 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God.

1 Peter 2:2–3 As newborn babes, long for the guileless milk of the word in order that by it you may grow unto salvation, 3 If you have tasted that the Lord is good.

- 1. To receive Spirit and life—John 6:63
- 2. To be washed by the water in the Word—Eph. 5:26
- 3. To eat our spiritual food—Matt. 4:4; Eph. 6:17
- 4. To grow unto salvation—1 Pet. 2:2–3
- D. Calling on the name of the Lord

Romans 10:12–13 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all and rich to all who call upon Him; 13 For "whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Isaiah 12:3–4 Therefore you will draw water with rejoicing / From the springs of salvation, 4 And you will say in that day, / Give thanks to Jehovah; call upon His name! / Make His deeds known among the peoples; / Remind them that His name is exalted.

- 1. To be saved daily—Rom. 10:13
- 2. To enjoy His riches—Rom. 10:12
- 3. To drink of the wells of salvation—Isa. 12:3–4

E.Praying

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Unceasingly pray.

1 John 2:20 And you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know.

1 John 2:27 And as for you, the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone teach you; but as His anointing teaches you concerning all things and is true and is not a lie, and even as it has taught you, abide in Him.

- 1. To have fellowship with the Lord—2 Cor. 3:18
- 2. To abide in the Lord—1 Thes. 5:17
- 3. Obeying the teaching of the anointing—1 John 2:20, 27
- F. Meeting with the church—Heb. 10:25

Ephesians 2:19 So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

1 Corinthians 14:26 What then, brothers? Whenever you come together, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.

Romans 12:1–2 I exhort you therefore, brothers, through the compassions of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:5 So we who are many are one Body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Hebrews 10:25 Not abandoning our own assembling together, as the custom with some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more as you see the day drawing near.

- 1. Functioning as members—Eph. 2:19; 1 Cor. 14:26
- 2. Serving as priests—Rom. 12:1–2, 5
- 3. Enjoying the corporate blessing—Heb. 10:25

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G. Preaching the gospel—Acts 1:8; Rom. 1:14-16

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Romans 1:14–16 I am debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to foolish; **15** So, for my part, I am ready to announce the gospel to you also who are in Rome. **16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes, both to Jew first and to Greek.

Further reading

God's Full Salvation, Lesson 20.