

**SUBJECT:** Salvation.

**TITLE:** Things That Accompany Salvation.

**PROPOSITION:** To look at things that accompany salvation.

**OBJECTIVE:** So we can see what these things are.

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Read the text.

2. Regarding the text.

- (1) In studying the book of Hebrews the writer discusses better things.
  - A. They had a better revelation (Heb. 1:1-4).
  - B. They had a better covenant (Heb. 8:6).
  - C. They had a better priesthood (Heb. 7:17)
- (2) Salvation is always used in at least two ways in the New Testament:
  - A. It is used in deliverance from the power and effects from sin (Mk. 16:16; Lk. 24:46,47).
  - B. It means eternal salvation or entrance into heaven (1 Jno. 2:25; 1 Pet. 1:3-5,9; Tit. 1:2).
- (3) However, there are some things that accompany salvation.
  - A. The word "accompany" comes from the Greek word *echō*, and among other things means "4a) to be closely joined to a person or a thing" (*Thayer's Greek To English Lexicon, e-Sword Bible Program*).
  - B. Therefore there are things that are closely joined with or connected to salvation, and it is those things that we wish to look at this morning in our lesson.

3. Reference To S.T.P.O.

**DISCUSSION:** THINGS THAT ACCOMPANY SALVATION INVOLVE--

I. GOING ON TO PERFECTION.

1. We are to leave the first principles behind and go on to perfection (Heb. 6:1).

(1) The word "perfection" comes from "teleiōtēs 1a) the state of the more intelligent 1b) moral and spiritual perfection" (Ibid). "perfect, one who reaches a goal. Perfection or perfectness, stressing the realization of an end in view, the state achieved when a goal has been accomplished ([Col 3:14](#); [Heb 6:1](#)).

**Syn.:** *katartismós* (G2677), the condition or characteristic of perfection; *plērōma* (G4138), a filling up, fulfillment, fullness, that which fills or has been filled; *apartismós* (G535), completion, finishing; *ékbasis* (G1545), the end, result; *holoklēría* (G3647), integrity, physical wholeness, perfection, soundness" (*Word Study Dictionary, e-Sword*). So we are to go on to a state of completion, wholeness, soundness, maturity.

- (2) This does not mean that we can never go back and re-study the first principles (2 Pet. 1:12, 13).
- (3) What this does mean, however, is that we won't just dwell on the first principles (1 Cor. 3:1-3).
2. One of the essentials of going on to perfection is mastering the first principles.
  - (1) When people do not even know the first principles and have those down right they cannot go any further than that (Heb. 5:12-14).
  - (2) How can I teach others, if I do not know what the scriptures say? This is why Paul instructed Timothy to study (not just read, but study) to show himself approved to God knowing how to rightly divide the word of truth (2 Tim. 2:15).
  - (3) Bible study takes a lifetime (2 Tim. 3:15).
3. One of the essentials of going on to perfection is to not lay again the foundation.
  - (1) Progress is, and must be the watch word of the Christian (Heb. 6:1-3).
  - (2) We are to guard ourselves from falling away into apostasy (Heb. 6:4-8).
  - (3) The same principles that were set forth to keep the Jews from going back into Judaism will keep us from going back into the world (Heb. 2:1-4).

## II. HOPE, FAITH, AND PATIENCE.

1. Hope is one of the things that accompany salvation.
  - (1) Our hope is in Christ Jesus (1 Tim. 1:1).
  - (2) Our hope is the anchor of the soul (Heb. 6:18,19).
  - (3) Our hope is firm because God cannot lie (Tit. 1:2).
2. Faith is one of the things that accompany salvation.
  - (1) Faith must come by hearing the word of God (Rom. 10:17).
  - (2) Faith must be based upon evidence (Heb. 11:1).
  - (3) Faith must be accompanied by works (Jas. 2:24,26).
3. Patience is one of the things that accompany salvation.
  - (1) We must learn to run with patience (Heb. 12:1,2).
  - (2) Patience is one of the Christian virtues (2 Pet. 1:5-8).
  - (3) We have need to be patience (Heb. 10:36).

## III. THE CHURCH.

1. The church was in the mind of God from the beginning.
  - (1) It was God's eternal purpose (Eph. 3:10,11).
  - (2) Isaiah prophesied that it would come (Isa. 2:2-4).
  - (3) Daniel prophesied that the church would come in the days of the Roman empire (Dan. 2:44,45).

2. The church is made up of the saved and no one can be saved outside it.
  - (1) The Lord added to the church those who were saved (Acts 2:47).
  - (2) Christ is the savior of the body (Eph. 5:23).
  - (3) The body of Christ is the church of Christ (Eph. 1:22,23; Col. 1:18).
3. Only those in the church enjoy the Spiritual blessings given to the church.
  - (1) Those in the church are reconciled to God (Eph. 2:14-16).
  - (2) Those in the church are covered by the blood of Christ (Col. 1:14).
  - (3) Those in the church are brothers in Christ (1 Pet. 2:17).

**CONCLUSION:**

SUMMARY: Things that accompany salvation involve--

1. Going on to perfection.
2. Hope, Faith, and Patience.
3. The church.

APPEAL: Let us keep close to these things for they belong to salvation.

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