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Are You Worthy of Salvation *Kevin Cauley*

Are we worthy of salvation? There is a sense in which we are and a sense in which we are not. One is not worthy in the sense that he cannot earn his salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9). In that sense, one will never be worthy. However, we are worthy in that God paid the price for our salvation. That price was the blood of His Son, and it was high, but God certainly thought that it was worth it, and in that sense, we are worthy (1 Peter 1:18-19). In this sense, when we do what God commands, even under difficult circumstances, he says that we are worthy (Revelation 3:4). And if God says a person is worthy, then he is worthy, even though, that worthiness did not originate from him but from God. Worthy of Salvation

Forgiveness of sins is similar. Romans 4:8 says, "Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin." If the Lord says, my sins are forgiven, then they are forgiven, even though ultimately, that forgiveness does not originate from me, but God (i.e. I don't forgive myself). The result is as if I never had any sins to begin with. That doesn't mean I never sinned, but from the Lord's perspective, He chooses to see it that way (Colossians 1:22).

I could say that because I have sinned, I am not worthy (Luke 15:21), but the good Father who loves his children says, "Don't say such things. You are my son. I love you, and I say you are worthy (2 Thessalonians 1:11), not because of what YOU have done, but because of who I AM and what I have done for you." As far as the Father is concerned, we are worthy, and that's the final word.

Thankful for Jesus the Christ

Kevin Cauley

“For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly”
Romans 5:6

Christianity is the only world religion that teaches salvation by grace. The other world religions teach that “salvation” is based on merit. This means as long as one is 51% good, he may claim salvation. He can be 49% evil and be “saved.” This implicates God in evil since God would be obliged to “save” people who are 49% evil. In such a system, God must condone evil. What kind of a god would condone evil?

In Christianity, God doesn't condone evil. He demands that everyone be holy as He is holy (1 Peter 1:16). This means, however, that one must be perfect to be saved. If one sins just one time, he is lost. He isn't lost because God is evil, but because he is evil. How can a person be saved? There is only one way; God must pay the price for his sins. He did this through Jesus' perfect life and sacrifice on the cross.

Since Jesus paid the price, Jesus may give salvation to whoever He desires, and Jesus desires that salvation be given to those who trust and obey Him in love (John 14:15). Hebrews 5:9 says, “And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.” Salvation is by grace through faith because we trust that Jesus will save us when we obey Him (Ephesians 2:8-9). Our obedience doesn't merit salvation as if God owes it to us; obedience is simply the response of one who trusts Jesus for salvation. Do we obey perfectly? No, but Jesus forgives those who are trying to be faithful to Him, and He knows who is and who isn't (2 Timothy 2:19). I am so thankful for Jesus.

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris
Freddie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Lisa Dukes, Doug Crouse,
Freddie Callis, Betty Mosely,
Teriyaki Anderson,
James Morris, Troyce Taylor,
Pearl Johnson, Paula Wadley,
Judy Ellis, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance, Mary Lewis,
Roberta Donaldson
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,
Sammy & Shirley Puckett,
Danny Darnaby

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Roger Callis,
Caraline Rogers
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone,
Jane Washington, Betty Green

Today's Sermons

AM - Empty Me
Luke 5:1-11

PM - Limiting God
Psalm 78:40-42

Happenings

South Jackson

October 26-29

Annual Gospel Meeting
David Powell is our speaker
Potluck Meal will follow Sunday
AM service

Area Events Posted On the
bulletin board

Cards to Send

Pat Gordon
Bells Retirement Village
366 Herdon Drive
Building 3, Apt. 33
Bells, TN 38006

Sharon Turner
91 Jone Road
Medon, TN 38356

Weekly Record

6 AM	3
Bible Class	46/10
AM Worship	82/6
PM Worship	51/7
Wed Bible Study	45/3
Contribution	4477
Budget	4014

Those Privileged to Serve

Oct 19 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM -M. Wages, J. Smith

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Charlie Richardson

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Marion Thomas

Communion: Mike Wages

Contribution:

Ron Clouse

Oct 26 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Clouse, R. Pack

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jonathan Orr

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Sermon: David Powell

Closing Prayer: Carleton Kidder

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Contribution:

Jeff Bliss

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Louie LeRoux

Communion: Greg Long

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Ray Pack

Sermon: David Powell

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Mike Wages

Oct 22 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Devo - Ray Pack

Oct 29 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

gospel Meeting - David Powell

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - WBBJ	5:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM