

5 People Involved In Our Salvation

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."--Eph. 2:8,9.

What a genuine blessing it was to see that the initiative for salvation was on God's part and that my part was to believe and receive God's gift. When the Bible speaks of salvation, it is talking about conversion, the new birth, regeneration, justification and sanctification. It is speaking of going to Heaven and staying out of Hell.

The Bible term salvation is not related to homemade phrases and ideas such as *"joining the church, living right, doing the best I can, keeping the Ten Commandments, living by the Golden Rule, or being baptized."* These things have nothing to do with salvation!

I read somewhere that there are at least five people involved in our salvation:

First. Salvation was Conceived in the Mind of God. *"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."--Gal. 4:4,5.*

Second. Salvation was Completed by Christ. *"But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."--Phil. 2:7,8.*

Third. Salvation is Continued by the Spirit. *"And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged."--John 16:8-11.*

Fourth. Salvation is Contested by Satan. In the parable of the sower Jesus said: *"When one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart."--Matt. 13:19.*

Finally. Salvation is Confessed by the Believer. *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Rom. 10:9."*