

John 256“From The Father To The Son To The Spirit To Us”

John 16:11-15

The Lord Jesus has had intimate knowledge of His death for His entire life and now the day is upon Him; He is face to face with an event that His creation was never initially designed to bear and that’s physical death.

Remarkably, His greatness was never so great as during His days of the most opposition from Satan and his emissaries.

It was at such times that we see His character of love and devotion to His Father and His Father’s plan brought out like never before.

Jesus is rejoicing in anticipation of His disciples’ future success during this hour of the anticipation of His imminent death and separation from His Father!

The Sanhedrin at the prompting of the high priest determined to kill Jesus and Judas had entered into an agreement with the religious leaders to be the betrayer.

Well, this is where we find ourselves in our study as we enter the apostle John’s decent on his flight from time to eternity and back; only to anticipate our future journey into eternity to be re-united with the King of kings, the Lord of lords, our Savior!

THE THREE ASPECTS OF OUR SALVATION:

1. We have been saved in the PAST from the PENALTY of sin, i.e. JUSTIFICATION; Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast.

2. We are being saved in the PRESENT from the POWER of sin, i.e. SANCTIFICATION; Romans 6:14 For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law but under grace.

3. We will ultimately be saved in the FUTURE from the PRESENCE of sin, i.e. GLORIFICATION; 1st Peter 1:5 This inheritance is kept in Heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

We are kept by God’s power and if we don’t rely on His unconditional promises, we will never be effective witnesses for Jesus Christ.

To counteract the work of God, we must have a power greater than His and by the way, our security in Him is true whether we realize it or not.

Contrary to the opinion of some, this concept when properly understood DOES NOT lead to loose living but rather to humble awe-inspired obedience.

If we can become unsaved, all that happened when we trusted Jesus and took His Word for the fact that we would never perish, has to be undone.

Success in witnessing requires that we be Christians, filled with the Holy Spirit, fully convinced of our salvation, willing to share God’s concern for the lost.

And please leave your Gospel guns at home!

God is seeking fishermen not hunters.

He wants to generate light not heat; last time I checked, bull-headedness is NOT a spiritual gift.

Feel free to use the Scriptures to show that the argument is not with you but with God and that the Bible claims over 3,000 times that it is the Word of God

So, don’t ever be afraid to ask someone; “If you became convinced that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the promises He made were true, would you trust Him with your life?”

WEEK TWO 19 Jan 2025:

Sometime this week, ask someone you know to be a non-Christian to read over your completed assignment from last week.

After he/she has read it in your presence, ask what they understand it to say and to tell you in their own words.

This will help you to see if you are clearly communicating and also give you the opportunity to share the Gospel personally without the discomfort that many fear in a 'cold call' situation.

Make written notes after your encounter as to how it went.