

Let's Discuss...Salvation

PART 7_Looking to the Future



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Scriptures mentioned:

For by grace you have been saved by faith. Nothing you did could ever earn this salvation, for it was the love gift from God that brought us to Christ! So no one will ever be able to boast, for salvation is never a reward for good works or human striving. We have become His poetry, a re-created people that will fulfill the destiny He has given each of us, for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. Even before we were born, God planned in advance our destiny and the good works we would do to fulfill it!
Ephesians 2:8-10 TPT

*The righteous flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
They are planted in the house of the Lord;
they flourish in the courts of our God.
They still bear fruit in old age;
they are ever full of sap and green,
to declare that the Lord is upright;
He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.*
Psalm 92:12-15 ESV

*Now this, "He ascended"—
what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?*
Ephesians 4:9 NKJV

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Episode Summary

In this final conversation on salvation, we talk about what we're most looking forward to in the future as we live out our salvation. We reflect on how we can look back and see God's faithfulness throughout our journeys, even when we were inconsistent in our faith. Tilly points out how the more "seasoned" you are (aka older), the more tangible moments of God's faithfulness you can look back on.

Let's Discuss...

- We are free indeed! When looking ahead at the path that lies before you, what are you most excited about in your future? What are some of the hopes you have for your local community?

At last we have freedom, for Christ has set us free! We must always cherish this truth and firmly refuse to go back into the bondage of our past.
Galatians 5:1 TPT

- How do we guard ourselves against becoming old, sour, cynical or apathetic, but instead continue to "bear fruit in old age" as Psalm 92:14 says?
- What are some practices or methods you've come across that help remind you of God's faithfulness? Whether it be through prayer, journaling, sharing stories with friends, or reading Scripture, how do you cultivate a heart of gratitude?
- You've come to the end of our discussion points around the theme of salvation! From the numerous questions, thoughts and videos, what new insights on salvation have you learned? What are some of the questions you still have, and what are some prayer points you'd like others to stand with you on?

Let's Pray...

*Take delight in the LORD,
and He will give you your heart's desires.
Commit everything you do to the LORD.
Trust Him, and He will help you.*
Psalm 37:4-5 NLT

- As we grow in our walk with God and love for Him, as He becomes our delight, the desires of our hearts begin to align with His. Reflecting on what you're most excited about when looking to the future, commit these desires to Him in prayer. Place your trust in Him, believing that He will help you see them come to pass, and thank Him in advance for helping you along the journey.
- Consider taking some time this week to write down what you're most excited about when looking to the future, especially as it relates to your spiritual life. What are some of the character traits, disciplines or daily habits you want to embody?
 - » Are there any struggles or weights you have a hard time laying down in exchange for the freedom promised by Christ?
 - » Each one of us, whether we've just begun our walk or are farther down the track, is on our own path. This week identify what the next step is for you to move you from where you are today to where you'd like to be tomorrow.

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Never doubt God's mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for His miraculous power constantly energizes you.

Ephesians 3:20 TPT

Let's Go Deeper...

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