

“This We Believe” #6

“SALVATION: A Fire Escape?
or so much more?”

If salvation was simply a ticket to heaven, God would take us there the moment we in trust Him. There is so much more to Salvation than that. It is a here and now opportunity to experience God’s transforming power, to fulfil His purpose for life and enjoy His eternal pleasure.

SANCTIFICATION: I am set apart for holy purposes

- A position
 - 1 Peter 1:1,2 – present reality for believers
 - Ephesians 1:3-5,13 – family identity
- A process
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:23 – applies to spirit, soul and body
 - 2 Corinthians 3:17, 18 – from glory to glory
 - 1 Peter 1:13-16 – the goal is holiness
- A Purpose
 - Ephesians 2:8-10 – created for good works
 - Galatians 5:22-26 – free to display the fruit of the Spirit
 - 1 Corinthians 12-14 – free to use the gifts of the Spirit
- A Prospect
 - 1 John 3:2,3 – ultimate transformation
 - Romans 8:28-30 – glorification – the final step of salvation

SECURITY: I am kept by the power of God for eternity

- New identity
 - John 3:1-7 – a new birth event
 - John 10:27-30 – the Father protects His family
- New responsibility
 - Mark 12:30,31 – love God and love others
- New accountability
 - 1 Corinthians 3:10-14 – how have I chosen to live
 - 1 Corinthians 5:1-5 – secure even in rebellion

Salvation is not a fire escape from the torments of hell;
It is a purposeful plan:

- to redeem lost humanity.
- To give purpose and meaning to life
- To transform us into the likeness of Jesus
- To bring us finally into His presence for eternity