

OUR GREAT SALVATION Ephesians 1:1-14

Who is your Savior? All three persons of the Godhead are involved in our salvation.

I. The Father Graciously Provides Our Salvation 1:4-6

A. He selected us vs. 4

This selection:

1. is often misunderstood and feared.
2. is founded upon God's holiness and love. cf. Deut. 7:7-8
3. is similar to God's foreknowledge. cf. Amos 3:2
4. is not based upon foreseen faith or merit.
5. rather it is based upon God's purpose which He has not revealed. Rom 8:29; 2 Tim 1:9
6. Either God is sovereign or fate is.
7. Defined by A.H. Strong, *Systematic Theology*, p. 770, Revell, 1907.

It is "that eternal act of God, by which in His sovereign pleasure and on account of no foreseen merit in them, He chose certain out of the number of sinful men to be recipients of the special grace of His Spirit, and so to be made voluntary partakers of Christ's salvation."

B. He _____ us vs. 5

1. its meaning: to _____
2. its work: He puts us on the straight and narrow road that _____
_____. Mt. 7:13-14
3. its goal: _____
positionally - _____
experientially - _____
4. its result: _____

C. He has _____ us. vs. 6

1. His free, abundant _____ results in our absolute acceptance.
2. Based on our _____ in Christ.

II. The Son Sacrificially _____ Our Salvation 1:7-12

A. Our _____ vs. 7

1. It involves our _____ as the result of the payment
_____.
2. Compare Mt 20:28; Mk 10:45; Rom 3:24; Heb 9:15
3. It is in _____ through _____.

B. Our _____ vs. 7

1. Redemption and forgiveness are _____, though closely _____.
2. Illustrated through the _____ of the Old Testament.
Lev 16:2-22
3. Redemption is _____ at the cross, forgiveness is _____ at the _____.

C. Our Position in _____ vss. 7b- 11

1. Its abundance vss. 7b-8
2. Its mystery vs. 9
3. Our future vss. 10-11

D. Christ's Work Summarized vss. 7-12

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

III. The Holy Spirit Continuously _____ Our Salvation 1:13-14

- A. The seal – the work is _____ and the matter is closed.
- B. The _____ is a guarantee.
 1. What is promised will _____.
 2. Until our salvation is _____.