How Salvation Works #3

Tony Mauck · Colossians 3:12–17

INTRODUCTION

- I do believe that every one of us is of sufficient mind to be delivered from the great confusion that exists in the religious world about how salvation works.

1 Whoever Believes Is Born of God

1 John 5:1–6; 1 John 3:3–10; 1 John 2:1–2

- Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God.
- Believing in Jesus the Christ is more than just a simple affirmation in one's mind. It's a signing on to all that the Savior is about.
- Because we are born of God, sin is not our practice. Sin is not our lifestyle. Sin is not our habit. It is an exception to the rule.
- Everyone who has this hope fixed on him purifies himself just as he is pure.

2 Born of the Spirit, the Water and the Word

John 3:5; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:22–23

- Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. So born of God involves both the Spirit and water.
- We are born again, how? By the washing of regeneration and the renewal of the Holy Spirit.
- When we are baptized in water, we do what? We die to sin and rise to walk in newness of life.
- The Spirit reveals the Word, and the Word instructs us to be baptized in water for the cleansing and remission of our sins.

3 The Word Is to Have an Ongoing Effect

Colossians 3:16; Colossians 3:1

- The Word that causes us to be birthed into Christ is to have an ongoing effect in our lives.
- Every one of us is indeed capable of being saved eternally in the presence of God.
- Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you. When we talk about how salvation is going to work, I want to tell you folks that phrase is key.
- If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking. Keep seeking the things above where Christ is. That's how the word saves us.

4 Chosen of God, Holy and Beloved

1 Corinthians 8:3; John 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 4

- You are the object of God's affection. If anyone loves God, he is known by him.

- Those who are chosen of him are loved by him. He responds to their requests. He disciplines them for their benefit.
- But do not miss the word holy. We have been set apart for his high and noble and special purposes.
- Once you're born of God, the work isn't done. That's just the beginning.

5 You Still Have Some More Work to Do

Colossians 3:12–14; 1 Peter 1:22

- You need to have compassion and kindness and humility and gentleness in your dealings with others.
- Proper attitudes will not be a constant. And will not be maintained without some effort.
- These qualities, they don't just magically happen. You can't rub them on like a salve. You've got to work at developing them. Thus he says, put on.
- These seven qualities are essential to both unity and the nurturing of souls. And that's really what the local church is all about.

6 Let the Word of Christ Richly Dwell in You

Philippians 4:7; Colossians 3:15–17

- The peace of God that surpasses all comprehension, guarding our minds in Christ Jesus.
- Every word and every deed in my life is measured. Doing all in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- As we're born of the word, the word is to govern who we are and what we're about.
- Let the word of God have its effect in your heart and in your life.

THE CHALLENGE

Live the life that you were created to live. To the glory of God, born of Him. An active participant in the greatest cause on earth. And a life that is intently aimed at heaven.

MY NOTES