

Salvation Matters

By Edd Sterchi

“Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.” (2 John 8)

In 2 John 8, the “full reward” of salvation forevermore is referenced. It is a beautiful concept in that when we receive our heavenly reward, nothing will be held back! It will be full and perfect. But in this great text, it is very important for us to note four important points concerning this salvation:

“Look to yourselves...” – This is a great reminder that salvation is an individual matter. None of us will be saved based upon what another does or does not do (except Jesus Christ, of course). We must make sure that we have followed God’s will for our lives. “Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? – unless indeed you are disqualified.” (2 Cor. 13:5, see also Rom. 14:12).

“...that we do not lose those things...” – It is important to also remember that salvation can be forfeited. If we turn our backs on Christ after being converted to Him, then we will be just as lost as if we had never met Him. “You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.” (Gal. 5:4, see also Heb. 2:1).

“...we worked for...” –Another thing about attaining salvation is that salvation takes activity on our part. Of course, we could never earn our salvation, but we still must meet the gospel conditions set forth. And that does take obedience on our part. “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not a sin my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;” (Phil. 2:12, see also Matt. 25:21).

“...but that we may receive a full reward.” – Finally, let’s note this: salvation must be accepted. God has offered salvation to all through the sacrifice of His Son. But we must still receive it and take it into our hearts and lives. “Receiving the end of your faith – the salvation of your souls.” (1 Pet. 1:9, see also Jas. 1:21).

Do you have assurance of the “full reward” offered by God? I can guarantee you, you will not want to miss out on any of it.



That meets at 701 South Wilbur, Sayre, PA 18840
(570) 886-1838

Arthur Barry, Evangelist- (607) 280-1732
Paul Cowles, Evangelist- (607) 592-8091

November 27, 2022

All the Churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

Today’s Sermon: **What’s on Your Mind?**

Arthur will be preaching today.

Scripture Reading: **1 Timothy 1:1-7**

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

Bulletins are archived on the website.

Notes for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes are available on the website.

valleycitieschurchofchrist.org

Find us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/valleycitiescoc

Headphones are available for the hearing impaired.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Arthur is teaching from Romans.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm November 30, on Zoom, Paul is teaching from 1Peter.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** December 18th.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class –Tuesday November 29, Lesson 13, Day 4, 10am on Zoom. This will be our last class until January 3, 2023 when we start our new book.**
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing-** January 29th.



Sandy has several copies of the new Ladies' Class book with her today- Women of the Genesis by Cindy Colley.

There has been a suggestion that we serve a Christmas Dinner here at the building for local people as an outreach activity. Please let your interest in this be known.

Sam Olugun has accepted a full-time job as a Process Engineer in East Windsor, CT. His new address is 50 Reed St., Vernon, CT 06066.

Some of the Barry Family are still in the area as they gathered to celebrate Thanksgiving last week.

PRAYERS

- **Continue to pray for the people of Ukraine** who are living every day through a war. They are losing friends and loved ones, their homes, their jobs and in many cases having to flee the country for safety. Remember to also pray for the **people in Russia**, especially for the church.
- **Pray for the family of Steve Noble**, for peace and comfort after his passing.
- **Pray for Jerry Lowe** as he considers having a knee replaced. Also pray for him to get connected with a local church in Las Vegas where he can get a ride to worship.
- **Pray for Henry** as he has started radiation therapy for his cancer. Pray for minimal side effects and that his sister Caroline will be okay while Henry is being treated..
- **Darlene and Doug Elsbree** headed for West Palm Beach, Florida on Wednesday. Pray for safe travels for them and keep them safe until they return at the end of January.
- **Pray for safe travels for friends and family who are returning home after the holiday**

Pray for these people:

- **Mike Walls** (frontal lobe dementia), and his wife Carrie and the family. Mike will return to Cedars Sinai Hospital in L.A. for surgery on Jan 30 and 31, 2023.
- **Zach Cowles (overseas deployment with the Army)** The situation is becoming tense where he is stationed.
- **Dan Myers (lung cancer)**
- **Darlene's friend Connie** (stage 4 lung cancer, spread to brain) They are trying targeted radiation.
- **Doug Elsbree's friend Dave Merrill-** (liver cancer) He has now quit work.
- **Jim Sexton** (esophageal cancer) not out of the woods yet, but lymph system appears clear of cancer.

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.