Sunday Worship 10_10_2021

Ken Chapman · 2 Corinthians 1:10

INTRODUCTION

- We have at least three things in common. We'll all have a past, present, and a future.
- We want to narrowly focus on the past, present, and future of our salvation.
- It speaks of the Christian salvation in those three tenses of a fact of our past, the reality of our present, and the hope of our future.

1 Salvation as a Past Event

Ephesians 3:8–11; Acts 2:47; Acts 16

- Our salvation is based upon a past historical event. That Jesus died on the cross for our sins.
- Our salvation was secured by the blood of Christ that happened in that past event.
- If you're a Christian this morning, you can point back to a decision that you made and to an action that you took, to an event in your past.
- And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.
- In every account of conversion in the book of Acts, you'll see baptism being administered. And you'll see it being administered immediately.
- Rejoice that Jesus gave his life upon that cross, and then rejoice that you came to a saving knowledge of the truth and obeyed the gospel on that day in your past.

2 Salvation as a Present Reality

1 Corinthians 1:18; 1 Corinthians 15:2; Ephesians 1:3–7

- For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to those of us who are being saved. It is the power of God.
- By that gospel, you also are saved. Not you were.
- We are saved. We're currently experiencing the blessings of salvation.
- Because I'm in the world, but I'm not of the world. And the world's not in me.
- These are heavenly blessings that we are experiencing now in Christ.
- I know how this story ends. I'm a child of God, that's my present reality.

3 Salvation as a Future Hope

Romans 5:9; Romans 13:11; 1 Corinthians 15

- Now it is high time to awake out of sleep. For now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.
- Based upon a past, enhanced by the present reality, there lies that future hope.
- A past resurrection, the resurrection of Jesus Christ, that ensures and guarantees our future resurrection.

- Don’t give up. Because you shall be saved. Don’t give up. Because your salvation is nearer now than it ever has been.

THE CHALLENGE

Would you make it your present reality and your hope today?

MY NOTES