The Three Seasons of Salvation

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INTRODUCTION

- We have at least three things in common. We'll all have a past, present, and a future.
- And for a Christian, we certainly can't live just for the present. We need to be planning for eternity.
- 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 8

- Many times the New Testament would write about salvation as a past event.
- One is that 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. Let us never forget that our salvation is attached to that day.
- 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.

2 Salvation as a Present Reality

1 Corinthians 1:18; Ephesians 1:3–12; Colossians 3:1–2

- The New Testament also speaks of salvation as a present reality.
- 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.
- We are saved. We're currently experiencing the blessings of salvation.
- Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.
- We have not just a future way out of this world, but a present way out of this world.
- Whatever's going on around me. I know how the story ends. It ends with a father loving his children.

3 Salvation as a Future Hope

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

- Sometimes the New Testament will speak of salvation in future terms. Romans chapter 5 and verse 9 says, we shall be saved.
- Knowing the time that 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.
- We shall be changed, Paul says. And when we shall be changed, we shall be saved.

THE CHALLENGE

Would you make it your present reality and your hope today? Can we help you in that in any way? Why not let it be known right now?

MY NOTES