

**WHAT GOD DOES IS FOREVER!  
PART 2 - THE SALVATION OF GOD IS FOREVER  
ECCLESIASTES 3:14**

**INTRODUCTION**

We live in a world where nothing is forever or so it seems that way:  
Automobile, clothes, wash car, shine shoes, shaving

Last week we saw how THE WORD OF GOD IS FOREVER.  
*Psalm 119:89—"For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven."*

**NOTHING CAN BE ADDED TO IT!**

**We Don't Need Another Book!**

**We don't need another book about the Book!**

**All we need is the Book and its Author!**

**NOTHING CAN BE TAKEN AWAY FROM IT!**

**It Is Scientifically True!**

**It Is Historically True!**

**It Is Theologically True!**

**GOD DID IT THAT MEN SHOULD FEAR BEFORE HIM!**

**This morning I want us to look at another thing that God does that is forever—THE SALVATION OF GOD IS FOREVER.**

**I. NOTHING CAN BE PUT TO IT (ADDED TO IT!)  
Salvation Has Been And Always Will Be BY GRACE  
THROUGH FAITH!!!**

*Ephesians 2:8-9—"For by **grace are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast."*

But men have always been trying to add to God's plan:

**A. Works Cannot Be Added! (Romans 4:1-8)**

Some may argue that James said that Abraham was justified by works in *James 2:21-24*, but if you keep it in context what James is saying is that the kind of faith that saves, is a faith that moves you to do something!

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Abraham's works just showed that he had the right kind of faith!

This is proved by those listed in Hebrews 11, the "Hall of Faith Chapter!"

The emphasis is that they had faith in God and their faith was more than just a mental assent, it was shown by their obedience to Him!

*Works Cannot Be Added As A Requirement!*

**B. Baptism Cannot Be Added As A Requirement!**

**1. Baptism is not a part of Salvation!**

*John 3:16—"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

The Philippian jailer asked Paul and Silas in *Acts 16:30-31—"...Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved..."*

The Ethiopian Eunuch asked Philip in *Acts 8:36, Acts 8:36-37—"And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? 37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."*

**2. Baptism has to do with Testimony!**

It is a picture and public testimony of spiritual realities!

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It shows that the one being baptized is identifying with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

### 3. **Baptism has to do with Obedience!**

Now understand that a person who has been saved ought to want to follow the LORD in believer's baptism because the Lord has commanded us to be baptized!

*John 14:15—"If ye love me, keep my commandments."*

*John 15:14—"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."*

*Works cannot be added! Baptism cannot be added!*

### C. **Keeping The Law Cannot Be Added! (Romans 3:19-24)**

*Galatians 2:16—"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."*

### D. **Nothing Can Be Added To It!**

It is God's salvation, don't add something to it that He didn't add!

## II. **NOTHING CAN BE TAKEN FROM IT!**

### i.e. **There is nothing that will cause you to lose your Salvation!**

### A. **It Is Seen In The Bible Words Connected With Salvation!**

#### 1. **The Word "Everlasting."**

*John 3:16—"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

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*John 3:36—"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."*

*John 5:24—"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."*

### 2. **The Word "Eternal."**

*John 10:28—"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."*

*Romans 6:23—"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

### 3. **The Word "Never."**

*John 10:28 above.*

*Hebrews 13:5—"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."*

*It Is Seen In The Bible Words Connected With Salvation!*

### B. **It Is Seen In The Operation Of God's Plan And Program!**

1. **To predestinate all those he foreknew to be conformed to the image of Christ. (Romans 8:29)**

2. **To call, justify, and glorify all those he predestinated. (Romans 8:30)**

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Paul puts the word "*glorified*" here in the *past tense*. In other words, in God's sight, the believer is already glorified in heaven with Christ!

**C. It Is Seen In The Work Of The Father For Salvation!**

1. **The Sending Of His Son! (John 3:16)**
2. **The Securing Of His Seed! (John 6:37-40)**

**D. It Is Seen In The Past Work Of Christ For Salvation!**

1. **It Is Seen In His Death!**  
*Isaiah 53:5—"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."*

*Isaiah 53:11—"He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities."*

2. **It Is Seen In His Resurrection!**  
*Romans 5:10—"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."*

**E. It Is Seen In The Present Work Of Christ For The Saints!**

1. **His Present Ministry As Advocate!**  
*1 John 2:1-2—"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."*

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2. **His Present Ministry As Intercessor.**  
*Romans 8:34—"Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."*

**F. IT IS SEEN IN THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!**

1. **He Regenerates The Believer. (John 3:5-6)**  
This means the Christian has a new nature wants to do the things of God! *"That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and That which is born of the Spirit is spirit."*
2. **He Baptizes The Believer Into The Body Of Christ.**  
*1 Corinthians 12:13—"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."*

The believer thus becomes bone of Christ's bone and Flesh of His flesh.

3. **He Indwells The Believer.**  
*John 14:16—"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you **for ever**;"*

*1 John 3:24—"...hereby we know that he abideth in us by the Spirit which he hath given us."*

4. **He Seals The Believer.**  
*Ephesians 4:30—"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."*

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Truly the **Salvation of God is forever** just as much as the **Word of God is forever!** **God has made it sure!**

**The Father has made it sure...**

**The Son has made it sure...**

**The Spirit has made it sure!**

Nothing can be put to it!

Nothing can be taken from it!

**III. GOD DOES IT SO THAT MEN SHOULD FEAR BEFORE HIM!**

Listen, you can do **NOTHING** to save yourself!

But, God has provided **THE WAY** of salvation!

Do you have His great Salvation? If not you can have it **TODAY!**

If you do have it, what are you taking full advantage of it?

*John 10:10—“I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”*

**THE WORD OF GOD THAT IS FOREVER** shows us that  
**THE SALVATION OF GOD IS FOREVER!**

Believe it and receive it!