

## “What You Got When You Got Saved” *Hebrews 6:9*

**Open:** Hebrews 6:9 “*But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation...*”

- The Apostle Paul, through the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, is telling those who have been saved have been given something better.
  - We are no longer bound for hell.
  - We are no longer a child of the devil.
  - We no longer have to be a slave to sin.
  - We can live a happy and a joyful Christian life.
- The Bible is telling us that when a person gets saved, they not only get the free gift of salvation but that there are also certain things that automatically accompany salvation.
  - We get a mansion in heaven.
  - We become an adopted child of God.
  - We can, if we yield to the Holy Spirit, live free from the bondage of sin.
  - We receive the Holy Spirit who comforts us in sorrow, teaches us the Word of God, and shows us how to be happy and enjoy the Christian life.
- So many Christians, when they get saved, are excited and joyful about being in the family of God; but sadly, over time, many will grow cold in the Christian life and will even doubt their own salvation. This is what the Bible is telling us in Heb. 6:1-6a “*Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, **let us go on unto perfection**; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, [2] Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. [3] And this will we do, if God permit. [4] For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, [5] And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, [6] If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance...*”
  - vs. 1-3 Tells us, to go onto perfection and that we do not need to lay a new foundation; but rather we need to build on the foundation that was laid at salvation.
  - vs. 4-6 Tells us, it is impossible to renew someone again to getting saved, because the foundation was already laid.
- The reason we read our Bibles, go to church, and tell other people what God did for us is, so we do not forget or lose sight of what we got when we got saved. Heb. 2:1-3a “*Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, **lest at any time we should let them slip** [2] For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; [3] How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation;”*

- In the Bible, God instructs us to build on the foundation of Salvation so we can enjoy the Christian life, or we will become content with just being saved; and live a miserable life as a child of God. **II Peter 1:8-10** *“For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. [10] Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:”*
- Do not be the child of God who is dissatisfied with the Christian life. Grow and learn how to build on the foundation that God has given us through Salvation. **I Cor. 3:10-15**

## I. **New Home**

- **John 14:1-3** *“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. [2] In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”*
- A. This means there is more to life than what this world lives for. **Matt. 6:25b** *“...Is not life more than meat, and the body more than raiment?”*
  - 1. Finances                                      Fancy food
  - 2. Frivolous things                              Fame and popularity
- B. This means my focus is on things out of this world. **Matt. 6:19-21**
  - 1. Eternal rewards
  - 2. Establishing a relationship with my Heavenly Father
  - 3. Enjoy watching God bless a life of faith.

## II. **New Heritage**

- **Rom. 8:15 & 17** *“For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. [17] And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”*
- **Heb. 2:11** *“For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,”*
- A. This means, as a child of the King, we act differently than when we were children of the devil.
  - 1. Thankful              Obedient
  - 2. Kind                      Truthful
- B. This means we walk proud of who we are as Christians
  - 1. We are not ashamed of who our Heavenly Father is and we are willing to tell others what God has done for us. **Rom. 1:16** *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ:”*

2. Just like we are not ashamed to be Americans, we are not ashamed to be Christians. I am willing to walk like, talk like, and act like a child of the King. **Ps. 16:6b** “... *I have a goodly heritage.*”

- **I John 4:5-6** “*They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. [6] We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.*”

### III. New Help

- **John 14:18** “*I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you.*”
- A. This means we do not have to live our lives in bondage to sin. We can yield our desires to someone who is greater than we are. **I John 4:4** “*Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*”
- B. This means we do not have to worry or fret about the difficult circumstances in life, we can simply pray to our Heavenly Father. **Rom. 8:26-27** “*Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. [27] And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*”

### IV. New Hymn (song)

- **Ps. 40:3** “*And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.*”
- A. This means we should not be singing the music of this world.
  1. Violence      Disrespect
  2. Immorality    Disobedience
- B. This means we should be full of good music that lifts our spirit and the spirits of those who hear us sing.
  - Do not be like the children of Israel who lost the joy of their salvation and were unable to happily sing the songs of God. **Ps. 137:2, 4** “*We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.[4] How shall we sing the LORD’S song in a strange land?*”

#### Close:

- Don’t grow stale in the Christian life because you get enamored with the things of the world.
- Don’t fall into the trap of thinking your missing out by being a Christian.
- Look at all that God gave you and build on the foundation of salvation.

### **Phil. 4:19**

“*But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*”