

Things That Accompany Salvation

Hebrews 6: 9-12

I love to read the Word of God and have something almost jump off of the page as it grabs my attention. As I read these verses that happened to me. The phrase [things that accompany salvation](#) captured my full attention. Have you ever contemplated what you actually received at salvation? I know that salvation, as glorious as it is, is difficult to fully comprehend. The child of God has received more than our feeble minds can grasp.

I know that I was once a sinner, lost and condemned, but at the moment I was saved, all of that was forgiven. I know that I no longer stand accountable for my sin because I have been cleansed in the blood of Christ and God sees me as He sees His Son. I don't fully understand the magnitude of such grace, but I am now accounted as righteous.

We will never fully understand all that God did for us at the moment we were saved, but these verses do reveal some of the things that accompany salvation. It would be impossible to fully exhaust all that the Christian received in salvation, but we can allow this portion of Scripture to speak to us. I want to consider the [certainties](#) revealed in the text as we think on: [Things that Accompany Salvation](#).

I. A Relationship (9) – [But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.](#) Paul addresses the Hebrews as [beloved](#). This is a term of endearment for them, but it also reveals one of the things that accompany salvation.

- The beloved are part of the body of Christ. They have been born again, adopted into the family of God. Those who were once strangers and foreigners have been accepted and given an inheritance in Christ our Lord. [Ephes.2:19 – Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;](#)
- We got much more than forgiveness at salvation; we also got a family! We have the glorious privilege of sharing an intimate relationship with the Son of God. We have access to the throne of grace with Christ standing as our mediator and intercessor! I no longer belong to this world, but I am a child of God. [2 Cor.5:17 – Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.](#)
- What a blessing to be in Christ. We are not saved and left to wander aimlessly through this life, but we have the benefit of being in Christ. [Ep.2:10 – For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.](#)

II. A Reliance (9) – [But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.](#) In the previous verses Paul spoke of the peril of those who turn away from the truth and reject the mercies of the Lord. Here he expresses his confidence in the Hebrew believers. He was persuaded that they would remain committed to the cause of Christ.

- I realize there are those who are professors but not possessors. They claim to have been saved, and may even attend church for a while, but they do not remain. John spoke of these in his epistle. [1 Jn.2:19 – They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.](#) I have seen many come and go in my Christian life, but all are not mere professors; some have truly been born again.

- I'm glad for those of like faith, those I can depend on to remain committed to the cause of Christ, those who are not looking for a place or a reason to get out, but rather a place to get in on the abundance of God. I not only received a relationship with Christ, but I have received the blessing of fellow believers to stand alongside of me.

- Many times I have drawn strength from mature saints of God when walking in a difficult situation. There are those who come and go, but the faithful will remain. There may be fewer of us than there was in the past, but I am persuaded that the church of Christ will go on. I am not worried about showing up for service only to find that all have abandoned the Lord. God has put a desire in the hearts of His own that this world and the difficulty it brings cannot remove.

- Rejoice in the fact that we have others that we can depend on and walk this road of life with! We are not perfect, but praise God we are forgiven. There is nothing like the fellowship of believers.

- I have never found the acceptance and love that I have found among the church! The saved share a bond that this world knows nothing of. You've heard the old saying "blood is thicker than water," well that's true concerning the church; we have all been covered in the precious blood of Christ!

III. A Remembrance (10a) – [For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love.](#) God has promised not to forget the works that we have done for Him. He is ever mindful of all that is done for His cause and His glory. We don't serve the Lord just so we can reap His benefits, but God is keeping a record.

- I'm glad that God chooses to have selective memory. I don't say that out of disrespect, but think about what we know concerning what God chooses to remember. [Ps.103:12 – As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.](#) [Heb.10:17- And their sins and](#)

iniquities will I remember no more. Micah 7:19 – He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

- We know that God is fully aware of who we were and who we remain to be, but He has chosen to remove our sin and not to remember them anymore. God chooses to forget the sin and remember the good. We are promised a reward for all that we have done for Him. There is not one deed you have done for Christ that has gone unnoticed or will go unrewarded. Mat.10:42 – And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward. Gal.6:9 – And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

- This world will try and make you believe that all that you do for Christ is in vain, but God has promised a reward. We are undeserving of any of God's favor, but salvation is accompanied by the remembrance of God. I want to do all I can to achieve a crown that I might be able to lay something at the feet of my blessed Lord for all He has done for me. Our remembrance will be for His glory!

IV. A Responsibility (10b) – which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. The blessings and benefits that accompany our salvation are wonderful, but there are also certain responsibilities that come along with salvation and being a servant of God. This verse reveals that our responsibility is two-fold. We have a responsibility to:

A. The Savior – The labor and the works that we do are all to be done in a way that brings honor and glory to the name of the Lord. Our salvation is not merely a one way street. We are not to be careless in our everyday lives, seeking only to receive the blessings that God affords, and yet fail to honor Him with our lives. (I am confident in the security of the believer, but that is not license to sin!)

- The child of God is an ambassador for the King; we are His representatives to a lost and dying world. We are expected to represent Him well in all that we do. It makes no difference what the circumstance or situation, we are to subdue the flesh and respond in a way that would honor the Lord. Those who are born again have been purchased from the slave block of sin; we have been fully pardoned and set free, but we are still responsible to serve our Master in a way that pleases Him! Mat.5:16 – Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

B. The Saints – in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. We also have a responsibility to minister to the saints of God. We are not saved to please ourselves and have our

own way. Salvation is accompanied by the call to be of service to those around us. One who is in the will of God and living for Him will have a desire to be of help to fellow believers.

- We are all in this thing together. We need each other as we journey through life. I have received a command to help you bear your burdens. [Gal.6:2 – Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ](#). There should not be a one of us within this congregation who has to face difficulty alone. We are all part of the body of Christ and there is an obligation to support and defend one another! [Gal.6:10 – As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith](#). (Gal.6 goes well with this passage).

V. A Resolve (11-12) – Finally we see that salvation is accompanied with the call for resolve, to remain committed to the Lord. This is also two-fold in its application. We are to resolve in our hearts:

A. To Endure (11) – [And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end](#): This verse reminds us that we are to endure until the end. We are to remain steadfast in our service for Christ until He calls us home, whether that be through the rapture or through the grave. There is simply no place for a Christian to set down or quit. There are no leaves of absence or vacations when it comes to serving the Lord. You are a Christian everyday you live and everywhere you go!

- I once heard of a family who wanted to take a break from church during the summer months to allow their children time to relax. God hasn't called us to a life of ease and relaxation. We are called to endure and remain faithful to the very end. If there is breath in your body, you are called to serve!

B. To Excel (12) – [That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises](#). The call to remain committed with resolve isn't limited to endurance only; there is also the expectation for us to excel in our Christian lives. We have been left an example to follow and a heritage to maintain. You were not saved to occupy two feet on a church pew and simply keep it held to the floor. You are saved with the expectation to grow and mature in the Lord.

- If you are no closer to the Lord than you were this same time last year, then you have failed in fulfilling your commitment to God. It will be a sad for many Christians who were saved and chose to remain idle in service to Christ. There ought to be a desire in your heart to move forward in your Christian life.

- How much have you grown in the Lord? I fear that many in our day never get off of the milk of the Word and grow into the meat of the deeper things of God. There is great truth and wisdom to be found while serving the Lord, but that will only come through prayer, study, and devotion to Him. I want to challenge each of us, myself included, to excel in the coming year for the Lord. Determine in your heart to grow in your faith and draw closer to Christ.

I was greatly encouraged as I pondered some of the things that accompany salvation. We have more in Christ than we will ever fully comprehend. These verses also challenged me to strive for a closer walk and continued service for the Lord. I started well when the Lord saved me and I certainly want to finish well.

Are there some areas that you need to seek the Lord's help in fulfilling those things that accompany salvation? We are not saved to ride the "blessing train" all the way to glory and give nothing in return. Salvation has great privileges, but it also comes with grave responsibilities.