

PRAYER STUDY 28
"Salvation" FROM BILL GOTHARD MATERIALS

JOHN 3:3

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

1. What is salvation? Deliverance; help; rescue from a dangerous circumstance or harmful state by a savior; rescue from earthly enemies, guilt, sin, and punishment; health, help, deliverance, welfare. Salvation can refer to ordinary dangers and conditions on earth. We usually think of salvation as being only the state of believers being safe from righteous wrath and in a proper relationship with God because of the "Born Again" experience, but it actually refers to all the promises of God for us.
2. How are we born again in the spirit?
 - a. Open your spirit to God's message of being born again:
 - *All have sinned and come short of the glory of God-Romans 3:23*
 - *The wages of sin is death-Romans 6:23*
 - *But God commendeth His love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us-Romans 5:8*
 - *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-John 3:16*
 - *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-John 5:24*
 - b. Understand with your mind.
 - c. Repent with your emotions.
 - d. Choose with your will.

SAMPLE PRAYER: "DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR LOVING ME AND SENDING YOUR SON TO DIE FOR MY SIN. RIGHT NOW I DO RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS MY SAVIOR. I ASK HIM TO COME INTO MY LIFE AND TO CLEANSE ME OF ALL MY SIN, AND MAKE ME YOUR CHILD FROM THIS MOMENT ON. THANK YOU FOR HEARING MY PRAYER AND ANSWERING IT THROUGH JESUS' NAME. AMEN."

5 CAUSES OF DOUBTING SALVATION

1. Second Thoughts about Childhood Decisions
2. Unforgiving Spirit toward an Offender
3. An Unwillingness to Make Past Offenses Right
4. A particular sin we are unwilling to give up
5. A point of pride in becoming a Christian(ex. The person that purposes that they will never "walk forward" in a meeting but will become a Christian their way.)

6 EVIDENCES OF SALVATION

1. NEW AWARENESS OF RIGHT AND WRONG(John 16:8, Romans 7:18-25, 1st John 5:19)
2. HUNGER FOR GOD'S WORD(Job 23:12, Jeremiah 15:16, Hebrews 5:14)
3. DESIRE FOR CHANGED LIFE(2ND Corinthians 5:17)
4. INCREASE IN TESTING(Luke 6:22, 2nd Timothy 3:12)
5. LOVE FOR OTHER CHRISTIANS(1st John 4:7-13)
6. DESIRE TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT CHRIST(Psalm 107:2, 1st Peter 3:15)