

SAVED, SANCTIFIED, AND SPIRIT-FILLED

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Born Again	Inner spiritual renewal as a result of the power of God in a person's life.
Repent	To feel remorse or self-reproach for what one has done or failed to do; be contrite
Regeneration	Spiritual or moral revival or rebirth
Saved	To rescue from harm, danger, or loss, bring to a safe position

Scripture Reference:

But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. (Luke 22:32)

After giving your life to the Lord and being regenerated by His power, there should be a commitment on your behalf to go and win others to Christ. Before we can do this, however, we must first learn what salvation is for ourselves. Salvation is a term that we use to explain to others that we have turned from our past lifestyle and are now submitted to the will of God and in doing what His Word commands.

Confession and Belief

We often hear the scripture that explains the criteria for salvation, but do we truly know what it means?

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (Romans 10:9)

1. What are you confessing? Are you confessing another God? Are you ashamed to confess the Lord Jesus Christ before others?
2. What do you believe? Do you believe that God raised Jesus from the dead or do you see this as a theory or misconceived truth?

Salvation is not a complex set of rules that must be completed before you get to God. Salvation is very simple. Confess the Lord and believe. Not everything that is wrong in your life will immediately change, but this does not mean that you are not saved.

Your spirit comes to you already saved. Your soul is being saved through your confession, regeneration, and propitiation. Your flesh, which is what fights against your spirit, is the part of you that longs to hold on to the old lifestyle. This is why James 4:7 admonishes us, ***Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you...***

Salvation does not mean that you will no longer be tempted, but by submitting to God because of your salvation, you're more apt to resist continually falling into the snares of old.

Body, Soul, Spirit

The body, soul, and spirit are likened unto a house.

- **The house is the body.**
- **Inside the house is the soul.** In the natural, a person can enter and leave the house at will. But in the spirit, if the soul leaves the body (the house), then the body is dead.
- **And the telephone is the spirit.** The spirit gives life to the soul.

How to Become an Effective Witness:

The do's and don'ts of witnessing vary depending upon where you seek your information. The best rule of thumb is to witness by example and according to the Word of God.

1. Do not use the Word of God as an excuse to be rude or offensive. Many are offended by the Word of God, but it shouldn't be because you are using it as a tool to flex your own muscles instead of leading individuals to Christ.
2. Stick with the facts, according to the Word of God, and when witnessing avoid using a lot of religious lingo that the individual might not understand.
3. Talk to the person and not at him or her.
4. Don't insult persons you are witnessing to when they reject the Word of God by yelling to them that they're going to hell for not obeying or listening to what you have to say etc... Remember, it is the Spirit of God that draws people to Christ. If you take rejection personal you can not be an effective witness. Furthermore, you never know when the door might open for you to minister to the same persons again, and despite initially rejecting the Word you spoke, they will remember the Christ-like behavior that you exhibited.

Next Week we will discuss ...

What does it mean to be Spirit-filled?

If I don't have the Holy Ghost does that mean that I am not saved?