

What is Salvation ?

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Salvation is being saved from danger and difficulty. Theologically, it is spiritual rescue from the consequences of sin - which, as clearly stated in the Bible, is death and eternal separation between man and his creator.

One may ask why salvation is necessary. Actually, it is a need because man has already been condemned to death by sin. Notice the word of God which says "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Moreover, all men have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Therefore all men are supposed to die according to the standard of the living God. But I want you to notice that God did not want us to pay the penalty of our sins. That

is why he made a way of escape through Jesus Christ. "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." Salvation therefore is necessary in order to escape the consequences of sin.

Salvation is a gift of God to man through Jesus Christ. It is an unmerited favour, and no man can obtain it except by his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." Also Salvation is only through Christ. There has never been another person in history sent by God to die for sins. Christ was

born to take the horrible death on the cross, so that by his blood, we are cleaned from our sins and become the true children of God. "...being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through him."

Dear, reader, salvation is for you too, though you can't say you have not sinned. Note that your sinful nature is by virtue of inheritance.

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." But I have good news for you. The price of your sins was paid by Jesus Christ on the cross, and by his shed blood, your sins are washed away. The

only thing you need to do is to realize your incompleteness and imperfection. Then turn to the Lord Jesus Christ. Confess your sins to him and ask him to take them away. If you do this sincerely, the Lord will forgive you and clean you from all unrighteousness. Friend, I beseech you in Christ's stead, be reconciled to God. May God bless you as you trace your way back to him.

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Hot Stuff

By David Bernard

In the last couple of issues of the UPEI Sun, there were articles dealing, basically, with the existence of God. The articles I'm referring to are Idowu's insert on Sin, and Joe's insert on superstition. Their articles put forth points somewhat distant from each other.

In my own life I have realized major changes brought about by God's loving hand. Therefore with these concrete facts as well as my observations of other committed Christians honestly trying to get through each day as best they can, I'm able to see myself in my place in God's tiny caravan.

Lately, not only in the university newspaper, but also in the Charlottetown Guardian, there was a front page article on religion, particularly the rise of religious sects on Prince Edward Island. If we look a little farther from Prince Edward Island, say with an eye to the whole world, we see people committing themselves to gregariously oriented get-togethers. There are probably several reasons for this; 1. Seeing as all things have their being in God, then we, each of us,

with the gift of life, have a hunger to experience God. (It is said we can experience God in each other.) In my own life I experienced a pronounced emptiness, a hollow nothingness. I was hungering for the indwelling presence of God. As far as pleasures this world offers, they only served to make me less happy, and indeed effectively obscured my vision of who I was, and better still, who I am called to be. 2. People today as always need to be acknowledged, to feel respected, worthy. Actually this is a need to be loved. People so often see this as a weakness when really it is a built-in God given strength. Think about it.

3. Thirdly, some of the major churches that have been experiencing something of a slump in attendance, have been examining themselves and saying why is it so? They are finding out that people need to hear what the heck it is they're here on Earth for. They need to be taught over and over again that God does indeed very much love mankind, that God is holy, and that because we sinned we could not join God in that Holiness until that transgression was removed. We of ourselves could in no way restore our sonship with God, so once and for all God made known for all generations his torrential, fierce, yet gentle, bleeding love for his earth-man creatures by sending part of himself to Earth to convince mankind of his love for us, and to overcome the

root of the sin that constantly strives to separate man from God.

This God accomplished through his son Jesus, the Christ, Spirit-God took on Earth and mud flesh. The God-man taught us about Father-Love and achieved victory over the forces that first enslaved man. In stressing the importance of his death, Jesus said, "Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown (Christ's death breaks Satan's dominion over man because Jesus has by this act done all the Father deemed necessary to restore the God to man relationship disrupted by sin since the action of Eve and Adam). And when I am

lifted up from the Earth, I shall draw all men to myself." (John 12:31:32)

Sure, God is a loving God. But he doesn't fool around either. He gave us our intelligence and he knows we know know right from wrong, and he'll judge us accordingly. Listen to the Word the Almighty God addresses to us "today" through one of his friends of several or so generations

ago....."The heart is more devious than any other thing, perverse too: who can pierce its secrets? I, Yahweh, search to the heart, I probe the loins, to give each man what his conduct and his actions deserve." (Jeremiah 17:9-10)

JUNIOR CLASS

Well, the Junior Class has finally got off its ass, having two meetings last week. Yes, two meetings. Both meetings were attended by a meagre 8 people. Don't start asking for excuses; both meetings were advertised.

The first meeting was held Wednesday, Oct. 17, in the Panther Lounge. The purpose of the meeting was to elect an executive. Luckily, three people came forward to help get things started. They were Grace Cameron, secretary-treasurer; Derwin Banks (Satch), vice-president, and Ivan MacArthur, president. Since we are well along in the semester, it was also decid-

ed to have a general Junior Class meeting soon.

How soon? Well, it was held on Friday, Oct. 19 on the third floor of the Barn. At the meeting several good ideas were passed around as how to raise money (believe me, we need it) and we will be getting started right away. Among other things, we will be sponsoring a pub on Friday, Nov. 16. Keep an eye and/or ear open for further information.

Anyway, you are now up on the latest Junior Class happenings. If you would like to get the news firsthand, come to the meetings. We will be holding another meeting before the end of the semester. Try to attend. Remember, we are the Class of 1981.