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“In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.”

I'd like for you to open your Bible today to the book of **Psalms** and find **Psalm 62**.

I'm going to use as my text **verse 5** as I speak to you on the subject: **“IN GOD IS MY SALVATION”** or **“SALVATION IS OF THE LORD.”**

But I'll be using other verses from this particular **Psalm** and I'd like for you just to keep it open there in your hands and listen carefully to the message. I believe God has given me something for every listener today, **“SALVATION IS OF THE LORD.”**

A wise old believer once requested of his family that after he died they would record on his tombstone and beneath his portrait these words, **“In God is my salvation.”** He said, **“I'd like for every memory of me to be prefaced by these words, in God is my salvation.”**

Isn't this what Paul is saying when he wrote, *“By the grace of God I am what I am?”* Isn't this what David is saying in our text in **Psalm 62:5**: *“In God is my salvation and my glory, the rock of my strength and my refuge is in God?”*

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And isn't this the essence of the entire Bible? My friend; I've looked into God's Word for a long time. I've prepared many messages. I've preached for 30 some odd years and I cannot find any other doctrine taught in God's Word except this; salvation from beginning to end, Alpha to Omega, is of the Lord and of Him only. That's all I can find in God's Word. I cannot find any other doctrine.

When Moses brought the children of Israel out of Egypt and was leading them to the Promised Land pursued by Pharaoh's mighty host; he came to the Red Sea and he stopped there before that Red Sea with the mountains on both sides and Pharaoh's army behind him and these helpless people under his command.

And these are the words that Moses said to the people; *"Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord."* Stand still; stand in awe, stand in reverence, and behold your deliverance, your salvation that is of the Lord.

God did it; God delivered them and God saved them. God brought them out with a mighty hand. They didn't save themselves. They didn't deliver themselves, God did it.

Jonah's entire Book is a full declaration of what he said from the whale's belly. It is recorded in **Jonah 2:9**, down there in the depths of the sea. The iron bars were about him forever, the seaweed was wrapped around his head, he was doomed forever. But he cried out, *"Salvation is of the Lord,"* and it is. And that's what this **Book** is all about and that's the message of the book of **Jonah**.

David's Psalms of praise declare over and over again *"The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord and of Him only."* And the last words of David; I believe they are found in the **23 chapter of 2 Samuel**; *"These be the last words of David, the sweet Psalmist of Israel, the mighty king. Although it be not so in my house the Lord hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and sure, and this is all my salvation and all my desire, although he make it not to grow."* Salvation is of the Lord!

And then this is the message Paul preached in his epistles, in **Ephesians 2:8 and 9, 10**; he says: *"For by grace are you saved through faith and that not of yourselves. It's the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast. We're His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."*

In **Titus 3:5**, *"It is not by works of righteousness which we've done but according to His mercy He hath saved us."*

"Salvation is of the Lord." This is the essence of the whole Bible. This is the message of the whole Bible. This is the doctrine of the whole Bible. I can find no other doctrine in there anywhere.

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I cannot find salvation by human works, by deeds of the law, by self-righteousness, by any of these things, only by grace and by grace alone. Who's grace, God's grace?

Now anything that departs from this message, "*In God is my Salvation*" departs from the Scriptures. In anything that departs from the Scriptures is heresy. That's what Paul said; he said, "*There's just one Gospel.*"

He said in **Galatians**, "*I'm amazed that you've departed from the Gospel of Christ to another Gospel.*" There is not another. It's a perversion of the Gospel of Christ.

And Paul said, "*Though we or an angel from heaven preach any other Gospel than the Gospel which we have preached unto you; let him be accursed.*" Anything that departs from this, salvation is of the Lord is heresy, error.

And my friend; you will find that all error and all heresy has its beginning right here. This is where heresy, this is where cultism, this is where error begins, the addition of something man does to the work that Christ does.

Now that's where error starts. All heresy departs from this truth: "*In God is my salvation. He only is my refuge. He only is my strength. He only is my Saviour. He only is my hope.*" Anything that we add to the work of Christ leads to heresy, it leads to error, and it leads to condemnation. David said; "*My soul, wait thou only on God.*"

I want you to listen. Take your Bible and look at **Psalm 62** and see how often David repeats this message. See how often he says these words, "*That in God is my salvation; salvation is of the Lord.*"

Look back at **verse 1, Psalm 62:1**; listen to David: "*Truly my soul waiteth upon God; from Him cometh my salvation.*" It comes from God.

Now look, if you will at **verse 5**: "*My soul; wait thou only upon God, (not upon man), upon God, for my expectation is from Him.*" And then look at **verse 7**; "*In God is my salvation.*" Look at **verse 11**; "*Power belongeth to God.*" Look at **verse 12**; "*Unto thee O Lord belongeth mercy.*"

What is David saying? He's saying that salvation is of the Lord. "*In God is my salvation,*" that it all comes from Him. My friend, you ask me what is my message, what is my faith, what is my hope? It's all summed up in these words: "*In God is my salvation.*" That's the summary of it. That's the essence of it. That's the whole of it.

What I'm saying is this; that the whole of the work whereby a son of Adam, a lost sinner, is delivered from the power of sin and from the kingdom of darkness and from the just demands of God's holy law, and from the condemnation and the curse of the broken law, and from the justice of the Lord, and from the power of hell itself, the whole of the work whereby that sinner is

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delivered from the clutches and fetters of these demands and translated into the kingdom of light, into the kingdom of God's dear Son, into forgiveness and mercy, is of God and of Him only.

That's what I'm preaching, that man doesn't do it, that God does it. No angel or man makes any contribution to that blessed work; it's pure mercy and pure grace. It is all of God from beginning to end.

You know my friend; God will teach a believer three things. Now this is important and I want you to listen very carefully to what I am going to say for the next few moments; God will teach a believer three things.

Now, in **John chapter 6:44 and 45** our Lord said; *"No man can come to me except my Father which sent me draw him and I'll raise him up at the last day. And they shall all be taught of God; every man that is taught of God cometh unto me,"* if he's taught of God.

Now what does God teach us? Well God teaches every believer three things:

First: He teaches us to define the Gospel.

Secondly: He teaches us to declare it from our hearts.

Thirdly: He teaches us to defend it.

Now that's right and I want to see if I can make good on that. Now you listen!

First of all: God will teach every believer to define the Gospel!

"Salvation is of the Lord. He only is my salvation, my refuge and my strength." Every believer knows what David's talking about here. That's right, he does. Every believer knows what David is saying, *"Salvation is of the Lord."*

Now you cannot call that salvation which only puts me in a savable condition. Can you call that salvation? That work which only puts me in a savable condition, that work which only enables me to be saved if I'll do a certain thing.

That work which presents me savable; that's not salvation. A bridge that just goes half way across the river is not a bridge. You can't call it a bridge unless it takes you from this side all the way to the other side. Call it anything you want to but it's not a bridge.

And you can't call that salvation which does not take me all the way from Egypt to Canaan. They all left Egypt but all Israel didn't all go to Canaan. Some of them did, but most of them did not. So, they just soon stayed in Egypt because they didn't get to Canaan.

You can't call that salvation which supplies a part of the work and leaves the rest of it for me to perform in my inability. You cannot call that salvation, which starts me on a journey and then stands back and waits to see if I'll make it; that's not salvation.

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No, the bridge has got to go all the way. If it's a bridge it takes you from one side to the other, all the way from the dunghill to the throne, all the way from Egypt to Canaan, all the way from darkness to light, all the way from the grave to the throne of God.

Now that's salvation and that's what Paul's talking about in **Romans 8**, salvation is of the Lord. *"In God is my salvation. He's the author and finisher of our faith. He's Alpha and Omega."*

This is what Paul's talking about in **Romans 8:29** when he says, *"For whom He did foreknow."* Now, we are back in eternity past here, *"Whom God did foreknow."* This is before angels and men ever existed. This is before the morning stars sang together. This is before the foundation of the world.

This is in God's eternal foreknowledge, *"Whom He did foreknow He predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son. And whom He predestinated He called, and whom He called, He justified and whom He justified He glorified."*

This is salvation, foreknowledge to glorification. This is all the way; this is deliverance from Egypt to Canaan; that you can call salvation. This is a bridge all the way across the river. This is taking a person all the way from the dunghill to the throne. You can call that salvation now.

But that which just lifts me out of the dunghill and washes me off and I may fall back in it; you can't call that salvation. That's not deliverance. That's not salvation. *"In God is my salvation."* Salvation is of the Lord.

You call that salvation which lifts the sinner and crowns him, *"Who He foreknew He predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son that He might be the first born among many brethren. And whom He predestinated He called and whom He called He justified and whom He justified He glorified."*

Here you have a work purposed, you have a work started, you have a work continued, and you have a work complete. Now that's salvation. In other words, in **Ecclesiastes Chapter 3:14** the wise man Solomon said; *"I know that whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever. Nothing can be put to it. Nothing can be taken from it because God doeth it that men may fear before Him."*

David made a statement one time that went like this, *"I will be satisfied when I awake with His likeness."* Now, if I never awake with His likeness, then I never have been saved because I never have reached the goal, I never have crossed the finish line. I never have finished my course. I never have come to that object of faith; I'm not like Christ.

"I shall be satisfied when I awake with His likeness." Paul said, *"To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."* If I'm never resurrected, my vile body is never conformed to the image of His perfect body and I've never reigned with Christ and I'm never a joint-heir with the Son of God throughout eternity, then I've never been saved.

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You can't call that salvation which does not complete what it starts. **Philippians 1:6:** *"He that hath begun a good work in you shall perform it (or finish it) in the day of Jesus Christ our Lord."*

My friend; defining salvation; God teaches every believer to define it. And He can tell you this; He'll have to put it in His own words. And I'm telling you that you have to be a theologian to be saved.

I'm not saying that you have to be a doctrinist to be saved. I'm not saying that you have to be a person that knows all the jots and tittles of the law and the Scripture to be saved; I'm saying that every believer can define salvation. He can tell you what salvation is, *"It's of the Lord."*

The Father made Christ our Surety. The Father made Christ our Representative in His eternal covenant of mercy He put us in Christ. All that we have is in Christ. We are chosen in Him, we are loved in Him. We are accepted in Him. We are redeemed in Him.

We are crucified, buried, and risen in Him and we are seated in Christ. And when Christ shall come again, the Scripture says; *"He'll bring us with Him."*

So, everything's in Christ. God made Christ our Surety, our Representative. Just as Adam was our representative in the Garden, *"As we have borne the image of the earthy, (Christ is our Representative on earth and on the cross) we shall bear the image of the heavenly."*

Every believer knows that and he knows that in time Christ came to this earth and fulfilled the law and honored the law and fulfilled the justice of God on the behalf of every believer. It was necessary that the Son of God, the captain of our salvation, *"Be tempted and tried as we are, yet without sin."*

It was necessary that He go to that cross and bleed and die. It was necessary that He suffer the wrath of God. It was necessary that He be buried and rise again as our justifier. It is necessary that our great High Priest intercede at the right hand of God for every believer.

Then we know that the Holy Spirit in due time quickened us and called us and awakened us and revealed the Gospel to us. Paul said, "I was alive one time without the law for when the holy law of God came in the hands of the Holy Spirit it slew me: I died, I saw my guilt, I saw my shame. I saw my inability. I cried to God: What will you have me do?" The Holy Spirit was pleased to reveal Christ to me and grant unto me repentance and faith.

Now, we hear a lot of talk about repentance and faith, repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. And I say we don't hear enough talk about it. But I say we hear the wrong talk about it.

Listen my friend; repentance is the work of God in us; it's the gift of God. Now wait a minute! *"It's the goodness of God that led you to repentance. God hath granted repentance also to the gentiles."*

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It is God who convicts men of sin. It is God who reveals unto us our evil and our guilt. It is God who gives us the spirit of repentance. *“Faith is the gift of God.”* The disciples cried; *“Lord, increase our faith. Faith is the gift of God, not of works.”* Salvation’s of the Lord! It’s of the Lord wholly and completely. And it’s of the Lord in its perfection.

One of these days they’re going to take us out and bury us. Now who’s going to raise us? God will have to do that. It is God that will quicken our mortal bodies and our vile bodies and change them into the likeness of His glorious body. It is God who shall translate us to His glorious kingdom.

Salvation’s of the Lord! *“In God is my salvation. In God is my hope. My soul wait upon God. My expectation is from Him. Power belongeth unto the Lord.”* Don’t leave this for me to do. God must do it. Salvation’s a gift of God.

Now then; God teaches the believer, I say teaches in three things:

First of all: He teaches us first to define the Gospel!

And I’m telling you this, every believer knows who saved him; God did it. He knows it’s the gift of God. He knows it’s the work of Christ. He knows all of it is of the Lord and of Him only.

Secondly: He’s able to declare it from experience, from his heart and in genuine sincerity!

I’m afraid it’s possible for a man to define the Gospel and not to be able to declare it as a living experience from his own heart. That’s right! Yes sir; I’m afraid that’s possible.

In other words, the truth becomes dead, dry, lifeless, doctrine, and that won’t do. That just will not do. It’ll do you no good to define in the clearest terms God’s power if you haven’t experienced it.

It’ll do you no good to define the glory of Christ if you’ve never experienced it. It’ll do you no good to talk about the majesty of God if you’ve never experienced it. Christ said, *“You call me Lord with your lips but your hearts are far from me.”*

Do you know the doctrine? Can you define it? Well, let me ask you this, can you declare it? Can you say with David: *“In God is my salvation? He only is my strength. He is my refuge. He is my Lord.”*

Can you fall at His feet with Thomas and say, *“My Lord and my God,”* not just the God of the world, the God of creation, the God of the universe, the God of Israel, and the God of Christians, but, *“My Lord?”*

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Have you bowed to Him? Has He broken your heart? Is He sitting on the throne of your heart? Does He control your life? Is He the very beat of your heart and the thought of your mind, the affection of your soul?

Is Christ your Lord? Can you declare that? *“In God is my salvation.”* Define it, *“Salvation’s of the Lord.”* Declare it, *“In God is my salvation.”*

Do you believe in the doctrine of original sin? Hum? I do, definitely I do. But I’ll tell you this, I know more about the fact of it than I do about the mechanics of it. *“I know that when I would do good (perfection) evil is present with me.”*

I know something of the fact of original sin. I don’t know a whole lot about the mechanics of it. I know something happened in the Garden that had an effect upon the whole human race and plunged it into darkness, death, destruction, and damnation.

But I know this; there’s sin in here, that is in me. I’ve experienced it; I can declare it. I can’t define it as well as I can declare it.

Do you believe in the doctrine of election? Of course I do. I couldn’t deny the doctrine of election; I see it in Abraham. God called Abraham. *“Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.”*

I see it in Israel. I see it in the apostles. I see it in the Gentiles. I see it in the Word of God. But I know more about the fact of it than I do the mechanics of it. God called me. He chose me. If He had not chosen me I would have never chosen Him.

If He had not loved me I never would have loved Him. If He had not sought me I never would have sought Him. I’m no fool; I know better than that. I know that if God left me alone and didn’t stop me on my road to hell I would still be going there. I know that.

I know that God chose me; I didn’t choose Him. He said that to His disciples: *“You didn’t choose me I chose you.”* I know that but I know more about the fact of it than I do the mechanics of it. I don’t know why He chose me. I just know that He did.

And then you say, “Do you believe the doctrine of effectual call?” Of course I do: *“We are the called of Christ Jesus.”* I know more about the fact of it than I do the mechanics of it. I don’t know who God will call or how He will call them; I just know He will.

I know Paul said this, *“God, who separated me from my mother’s womb, called me by His grace and was pleased to reveal His Son in me.”* Let me ask you a question from **1 Corinthians 4:7**: *“Who maketh thee to differ? What has thou that thou didst not receive? Now, if you received it, why do you glory as if you didn’t receive it?”*

God made the difference. I know that. I can declare and I can define salvation’s of the Lord from beginning to end, Alpha to Omega; it’s all of the Lord, the whole journey from hell to heaven is of the Lord, from the grave to glory is of the Lord.

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But thank God I not only can define it I can declare it. He has met me on my Damascus Road and called me to himself. Can you declare that? *“In God is my salvation and my strength.”*

You say, “Do you believe in the doctrine of final perseverance?” I certainly do, without question, definitely. But let me tell you something, when I think of the rivers that I must yet cross, when I think of the mountains that I must yet climb, when I think of the desert wasteland that I must yet cross over, when I think of the enemies about me, the potential to sin within me, the power of Satan, the hatred of Satan; there’s no way that I’ll ever persevere except by His grace. That’s right!

**“He will keep me till the river
Rolls its waters at my feet
And then He will bear me safely over
Where my Saviour I will meet.”**

I declare it by experience. Now last of all!

Thirdly: God will teach the believer; He will teach him to defend it, God is my salvation. And He will defend it against any enemy, any who contest it, because it’s his only hope. It’s the only hope he has. If God doesn’t build the house they labor in vain who built it.

And this is my only hope. I will not let you take that away. I will not surrender. *“What shall it prophesie me if I gain this whole world, (its friendship, the world’s fame, the possessions of this world) and lose my soul?”*

God teaches us to define this Gospel and to declare it from my heart and to defend it, yea, with our lives. It’s the only Gospel there is and whatever it costs, whatever I have to give up, I must have this Gospel.

I must have Christ. I have no other choice. It’s my only hope and we defend it because it’s our only message. It’s the only message for the sinner.

If I gave you a law to keep you couldn’t keep it. If I gave you a work to perform you couldn’t perform it in perfection. If I gave you a race to run you wouldn’t finish it. If I gave you a price to pay you couldn’t pay it; you are bankrupt.

So I give you a free gift; Christ is salvation. There’s mercy with the Lord.

**“Come every soul by sin oppressed
There’s mercy with the Lord
He’ll surely give you rest
By trusting in His Word.”**

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That's the Gospel. It's my only hope and it's my only message for you. You say, "What must I do preacher?" "*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.*" Look to Him and be saved." You can look to Christ can't you?