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PASTOR ANDREW BURNS
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October 11 - Operation Christmas Child Kick-Off
- October 18 - Pastor Appreciation Sunday & Communion
- October 24 - Harvest Party
- October 29-31 - Men's Advance
- November 7-8 - Guest Speaker, Chad Gonzales

OVERVIEW

Part 1 – More Than a Ticket to Heaven

Core Scriptures: Hebrews 7:25; Colossians 1:13; Romans 5:20

Overview

This guide is based on the first message in the series "Saved to the Uttermost." Pastor Andrew explores the depth and fullness of what salvation truly means, drawing from the Greek words *sozo* and *soteria* to show that salvation is far more than a ticket to heaven. It is a complete, ongoing rescue that encompasses forgiveness, healing, deliverance, wholeness, and redemption.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. The phrase “saved to the uttermost” comes from Hebrews 7:25, and the Amplified Classic translation expands it to mean completely, perfectly, finally, and for all time and eternity.
2. Jesus does not merely offer salvation — he is salvation. His very name, *Yeshua*, means “Yahweh saves.”
3. The Greek words *sozo* (to save) and *soteria* (salvation) were not originally religious terms. They described rescue from real, life-threatening dangers — sickness, battle, and death. Healing, deliverance, wholeness, and freedom are not additions to salvation; they are included in it.
4. Salvation is not a one-time event that is only past tense. It is accurate to say we have been saved, we are being saved, and we will be saved.
5. Jesus is currently and always interceding for believers before God. His priestly ministry did not end at the ascension.
6. Where sin increased, grace increased all the more (Romans 5:20). No one can out-sin the grace of God that is found in Jesus.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Opening Question

Before this message, how would you have answered the question, "What does it mean to be saved?" How has your answer changed or expanded?

Section 1 – The Priest Who Never Stops

Hebrews 7:25 says Jesus is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. What does it mean to you personally that Jesus is actively and always interceding on your behalf right now?

Pastor Andrew put it plainly: "There is nothing that God has to offer you that is more extravagant than what Jesus has already done for you." How does fixing your eyes on the cross change the way you seek God in difficult seasons?

Section 2 – Sozo and Soteria: The Breadth of Rescue

Pastor Andrew makes the case that *sozo* and *soteria* include healing, deliverance, wholeness, and preservation, not just forgiveness of sins. Does this challenge the way you have understood salvation? In what ways?

The Holy Spirit, who empowered Jesus to heal and deliver all who were oppressed (Acts 10:38), now lives inside every believer. What are the implications of that truth for how you approach your own needs and the needs of others?

Section 3 – Free, But Never Told

Pastor Andrew drew a comparison to a slave who has been freed by law but never told, and a pilot who does not know he has been rescued. In what areas of your life have you been living as though you are still under something that Jesus has already freed you from?

Colossians 1:13 describes God delivering believers out of the dominion of darkness and transferring them into the kingdom of his Son. How does understanding salvation as a transfer of kingdoms change the way you think about your daily life and struggles?

Section 4 – Grace That Cannot Be Outrun

Romans 5:20 says that where sin abounded, grace abounded all the more. Is there an area of your past or present where this truth is difficult to believe? What makes it hard to receive?

When you fall short, do you tend to run toward God or away from him? What would it look like to treat his throne as a throne of grace (Hebrews 4:16) and Jesus as your advocate rather than your accuser (1 John 2:1)?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Meditate on your union with Christ. Set aside time this week to reflect specifically on what it means that your life is hidden in Jesus (Colossians 3:3). Consider journaling what comes up as you sit with that truth.

Identify an area of separation. Think of one area of your life — your health, emotions, relationships, or thought life — where you have not yet walked in what salvation has provided. Bring that area before God this week, not as a request for something new, but as a claim on what has already been given.

Examine your posture toward grace. When you fall short this week, practice returning to God immediately, remembering that his throne is one of grace and that Jesus is your advocate, not your accuser.

Study the words *sozo* and *soteria*. On your own or as a group, look up several New Testament passages where these words appear and note the variety of contexts — healing accounts (Mark 5:34; Mark 10:52), deliverance moments (Luke 8:36), rescue from danger (Matthew 14:30), and salvation declarations (Luke 19:9–10). Allow the breadth of those passages to expand your understanding.

Pray with expectation. Because the Holy Spirit who empowered Jesus now lives in you, approach your prayer time this week with the awareness that you are not praying toward a distant God. You are praying from within a relationship where rescue, healing, and wholeness are already part of what has been provided.

CLOSING

Pastor Andrew describes salvation as something we have been saved, are being saved, and will be saved into. Which of those three dimensions do you most need to grow in understanding right now, and why?

Close your group time by praying together along these themes:

- Gratitude for the completeness of what Jesus accomplished
- Asking the Holy Spirit to reveal areas where the group has not yet walked in the fullness of salvation
- Interceding for one another, as Jesus himself intercedes, with confidence and expectation