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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October - Pastor Appreciation Month
- October 29-31 - Men's Advance
- November 7-8 - Guest Speaker, Chad Gonzales
- November 15 - Operation Christmas Child Collection

OVERVIEW

Session 3

Core Scriptures: Hebrews 7:24-25; Romans 4:4-5; Romans 5:1-2; Colossians 1:13; 1 Corinthians 1:18; Romans 13:11; 1 Peter 1:3-9; Philipians 3:20; Acts 4:12; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Overview

This session looks at the fullness of salvation through Jesus Christ in three tenses: we have been saved, we are being saved, and we will be saved. Pastor Andrew grounded all three in the name and priestly work of Jesus, who saves completely and always lives to intercede for his people. This guide is meant to help your group move from head knowledge to heart transformation as you reflect on the finished — and still unfolding — work of Jesus.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

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1. **Salvation has a past, a present, and a future.** Believers have been saved from sin and its judgment, are being saved through the ongoing work of Christ in daily life, and will be saved when salvation reaches its full completion.
2. **The name of Jesus carries the mission of Jesus.** The Hebrew name *Yeshua* means “Yahweh saves.” Rescue, redemption, healing, wholeness, preservation — every dimension of salvation is bound up in who Jesus is.
3. **Jesus is your permanent High Priest.** Hebrews 7:24-25 presents Jesus as the one who holds his priesthood permanently and saves completely, for all time, because he always lives to intercede. He never takes a break, never goes on vacation, and never forgets you.
4. **Salvation is received by faith, not earned by works.** Romans 4-5 makes clear that justification comes through faith. Trying to justify ourselves by works turns grace into a debt — a liability we cannot carry — and cuts us off from the gift that comes only through Jesus.
5. **We stand in a place of undeserved privilege.** Through faith we have access into the grace in which we stand (Romans 5:2). Believers can come before God with confidence and boldness — not something we achieved, but something given.
6. **The fulfillment of salvation is coming.** Romans 13:11 says our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. Our bodies will be transformed to be like the glorious body of Jesus, and our inheritance is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading (1 Peter 1:4).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Opening Question

When you hear the word “salvation,” what comes to mind first? Has your understanding of that word changed or grown over the years?

We Have Been Saved – The Finished Work

Pastor Andrew pointed to Abraham, who was justified by faith and not by works, and to Romans 4:4’s warning that the one who works receives wages not as a gift but as what is owed. Where do you still find yourself trying to earn or maintain God’s approval? What would it look like to release that to Jesus?

Romans 5:1-2 says that through faith we have obtained access into the grace in which we stand – a place of undeserved privilege. How often do you actually think about the privilege of standing before God? What gets in the way of living with that awareness?

We Are Being Saved – The Ongoing Work

First Corinthians 1:18 calls the word of the cross the power of God to those who are being saved. As Pastor Andrew described it, that present tense means daily deliverance from sin’s dominion through the resurrection life of Jesus. How does returning to the cross – not just as a starting point but as an ongoing reality – shape the way you face everyday struggles?

Sanctification – being set apart and transformed into the image of Christ – is part of salvation’s ongoing work. Where do you sense God doing that work in you right now? Is there an area where you are resisting it?

We Will Be Saved – The Coming Fulfillment

Romans 13:11 urges believers to wake up because salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. What does it mean to be awake in the season we are living in? What does spiritual sleep look like in practice?

First Peter 1:3-9 describes an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for those who are guarded by God’s power through faith. Pastor Andrew tied that hope to the promise that our bodies will be transformed to be like the glorious body of Jesus. How does keeping that future in view change the way you respond to present trials?

At the Table – Communion Reflection

If your group shares communion together, use these questions before or after partaking.

Communion, in Pastor Andrew’s words, is a time to recall and weigh well what Jesus has done for you. As you come to the table, what specific aspect of his sacrifice do you most want to remember and give thanks for?

In 1 Corinthians 11, Paul warns against approaching the Lord’s table carelessly. Familiarity can breed contempt, even here. Where might familiarity be dulling your sense of awe at what Jesus accomplished? What would it look like to come with fresh eyes?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

1. **Meditate on the three tenses of your salvation.** Set aside time this week to sit with each reality — you have been saved, you are being saved, you will be saved. Journal what each one means to you and where your understanding needs to grow.
2. **Replace performance with faith.** Identify one area where you have been trying to earn God's approval or secure your own standing before him. Write down what it would look like to release that area and trust the finished work of Jesus instead.
3. **Live with eternity in view.** Begin each morning by recalling the inheritance described in 1 Peter 1 — imperishable, undefiled, and unfading — and ask God to help you make that day's decisions as a citizen of heaven (Philippians 3:20).
4. **Pray with awareness of Jesus's intercession.** Hebrews 7:25 says Jesus always lives to intercede for those who come to God through him. When you pray this week, acknowledge that he is already praying on your behalf, and let that shape the confidence with which you approach God.
5. **Share what Jesus has done for you.** Acts 4:12 declares there is salvation in no other name, and Peter said it without hesitation before the most powerful men in Jerusalem. Look for one opportunity this week to tell someone — simply and honestly — what Jesus has done for you.

CLOSING

Salvation is not a box checked at a single moment in the past. It is a rescue already accomplished, a work still underway, and a hope not yet fully realized — and all three rest on the same Savior, who saves to the uttermost and never stops interceding. Close your time by praying through those three tenses together. Thank God for the salvation you have already received — rescue from sin, reconciliation to him, and new life in Jesus. Ask him for greater awareness of his ongoing work — daily deliverance and continued transformation. And lift your eyes toward the day your salvation is complete and you see Jesus face to face.