



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC	The Salvation of God	SPEAKER	Ps Jeffrey Aw
THEME	Why did the Lord Jesus Come?	DATE	10 & 11 December 2022

MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

Does salvation only mean that you are saved from the gates of hell? In this week's sermon for the series on why Jesus came to the world, Ps Jeffrey Aw expounds on Titus 2:11-14 and provides a holistic view of what salvation truly means and how we can live out our salvation daily.

WHAT IS THE SALVATION OF GOD?

The Salvation of God is more than just saving us from hell. It involves:

1) God reaching out to us (v11)

Due to mankind's sinful nature, we are not able to save ourselves. However, because God loves us, He reaches out to us by giving us Jesus, so that whoever believes and accepts Jesus as Lord and Saviour can be reconciled with Him.

God extended His arms to us and it is by the grace of God that we can receive this salvation from Him. Ps Jeffrey reminded us that God's salvation is meant for everyone and not limited to certain groups of people. The key is how we are responding to God's call.

Salvation not only happens towards the end of our lives; God is at work even in the present. We are reminded that we are saved not by good works but to do good works.

2) God regenerating our hearts (v12)

Only God can regenerate our hearts to be godly and become more like Him. Titus 2:12 reminds us that we are to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions and to lead godly lives in the present age.

To allow God to regenerate us, we first need to know His Word and allow the Word to cleanse and regenerate us. We also need to be open to what God is telling us and be sensitive to the correction and prompting of the Holy Spirit.

3) God returning for us in glory (v13-14)

God is preparing His Church and people as we wait for the second coming of Christ. As Christians, we should not be waiting passively. Instead, we should be waiting expectantly for the return of our King by living our lives worthy of the salvation of God.

God desires for everyone to believe in Him and for none to perish. Hence, it is important that we stay faithful for His return. Jesus as our Blessed Hope will return and bring the ultimate deliverance from every evil, sickness and suffering; He will return as our Victor, King and Judge. We are urged to remain faithful, not be distracted by the things of the world and be zealous for the work of God as we wait for His return.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, when God *reaches* out to us, we should be grateful, believe in Him and accept His love. When God *regenerates* our hearts, we should allow and give God the space to transform us so that we can become more like Him. Lastly, we should examine how we are staying faithful to Him before God *returns* in glory.

Salvation is more than eternal life. We need to have a right understanding of salvation as this will affect the way we think and how we live out our present lives as we await Jesus' return.

QUESTIONS

1. Reflect on the time you accepted Christ into your life. How has your understanding of salvation changed from then till today?

2. We are reminded to live godly lives in the present as we await Jesus' return. Reflect and share about how your walk with God has been over the past few years. How have various situations and major events like Covid affected it?

3. What is one area God has entrusted you to be faithful with/to? What are some promises of God that help you remain faithful especially when it gets difficult?