

Hallelujah In The City

"The Five F's of Salvation"

1-Fact. 2-Faith. 3-Fruit. 4-Feeling. 5-Future.

Note Galatians 3:26 and I John 3:2: "Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.

In Hebrews 9:26 - Hebrews 10:12 and I Peter 3:18, listed above, we learn first, that Christ "put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself." This is the fact. This is Divine truth. Christ entered heaven by His own blood, and thereby obtained eternal redemption. (Hebrews 9:12). Christ suffered once, the Just for the unjust, that we might be brought to God. (I Peter 3:18). Christ, on the cross, cried "finished." Then and there He made peace through the blood of His cross, to reconcile sinners to God. (John 19:30 and 31 - Colossians 1:20 and 21).

The FACT of salvation is, that all the work that needs to be done for the sinner's salvation Christ did and is doing, together with God the Father, and God the Holy Spirit. Christ's work was, and is, a perfect redemptive work: wholly acceptable to God. Read the "how" of salvation in II Thessalonians 2:13.

Then FAITH. "By grace are ye saved through faith." (Ephesians 2:8 and 9). Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved. (Acts 16:31). Note carefully Romans 4:5:, by believing on the Justifier, the sinner's faith is counted for righteousness. This is good news. The word "believe" is used 100 times in the Gospel of John. Christ said, "Believe on Me and have eternal life." (John 6:47).

And now FRUIT. Note Ephesians 2:10 and John 15:8: "For we are His (God's) workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." "Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples." A Christian is a fruit-bearing branch abiding in the Vine, "Christ". The believer should add to his faith virtue, patience, self-control, goodness, brotherly kindness and love, so he will be fruitful. (II Peter 1:3 to 11). These additions are the fruit of the Spirit; but in Galatians 5:21 to 26, "love" comes first. We are not saved because we bear fruit: but every believer

should bear fruit because he is saved by trusting and resting in the perfect redemptive work of the Lamb of God, Who beareth away the sin of the world.

Then the FEELING. Read Romans 15:13 and 14:17: "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit." "The Kingdom of God is righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit." Salvation is not by feeling, but by faith. Not by behavior, but by belief. Filled with joy and peace is a good feeling. When the believer believes God's Word (I John 5:13 Acts 13:39—Colossians 3:1 to 4), and walks in the ordained good works of Ephesians 2:10, and worthy of the calling of Ephesians 5:1 and 2, he will have the feeling of assurance and joy. Read Acts 13:39 and I John 5:13.

Then the FUTURE of salvation: "That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace, in His kindness toward us, through Christ Jesus." (Ephesians 2:7). This is a forever, never-ending future of bliss and glory.

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed." (I Corinthians 15:51). Those who have died will be raised, and we which are alive shall be changed, and have bodies like Christ's glorified body and appear with Him in glory (I John 3:2— Colossians 3:4—Philippians 3:20 and 21). There is a glorious never-ending FUTURE to Salvation.

But for the unsaved, eternal conscious perdition.