



## *Hallelujah In The City*

### THREE "SALVATION" LOOKS

LESSON TWO READ ISAIAH 45:22 - JOHN 1:29 - HEBREWS 12:1 - 3 - TITUS 2:13

Let us read the five verses mentioned above:

"Look unto Me and be ye saved all the ends of the earth: For I am God and there is none else."

"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, Which taketh away the sin of the world."

" . . . let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith; Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

As we consider these verses, let us think of Ephesians 2:10: "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."

God knows, what everyone should know, and that is, that no man can walk in good works acceptable to God until that man is first the workmanship of God. Man must be worked upon by God before God will accept any service from that man. We are turned to God to serve

God and to wait for His Son from heaven, even Jesus, Who delivered us from the wrath to come, (I Thessalonians 1:9 and 10).

Man's first look must be the look of salvation from the penalty of sin and for the new birth. In Hebrews 9:26 - Hebrews 9:24 and 28, we read of the three appearances of the Lord Jesus Christ.

First Christ appeared once in the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself (Hebrews 9:26)—Christ suffered for sins once, the Just for the unjust, to bring us to God. (I Peter 3:18). Christ entered into heaven by His blood, having obtained eternal redemption for us. (Hebrews 9:12).

So the sinner's first look is, "Behold the Lamb of God Which beareth away the sin of the world." (John 1:29).

Look to Christ on the cross, for we are redeemed, cleansed, washed and justified by His precious shed blood. (I Peter 1:18 to 20 - Matthew 26:28 - Romans 5:6 to 10 - I John 1:7 to 9).

Christ on the cross cried, "finished." All that the vilest sinner on earth needs for eternal redemption, is a saving-look of faith to Christ and Calvary. The most cultured, moral, religious sinner needs the same look or he will suffer the sorrows of the second death. (Revelation 20:9 to 14).

Then Christ is not only the Author of our salvation, but the Finisher. (Hebrews 12:1 to 3). He appears now in the presence of God for believers. (Hebrews 9:24). He is their Advocate (I John 2:1). He ever liveth to make intercession for them. (Hebrews 7:25). Having loved his own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end. (John 13:1).

So the second look is to Christ at God's right hand. In this way the Christian can run a good race. Christ on the cross established our relationship. In heaven He maintains our fellowship.

Christians are also to seek those things above, where Christ is. (Colossians 3:1 to 4). Christians are confident. (Philippians 1:6). They are persuaded. (Romans 8:32 to 39). They have a strong consolation. (Hebrews 6:16 to 19).

Believers are saved from the penalty of sin. Then being indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and because of the work of Christ in God's presence, believers can be saved from the power of sin. The secret of victory is told in Romans 6:6 to 19.

Christ is coming to save the believer from the presence of sin. Then Christ will present the Church to Himself as a glorious, holy, spotless Church. (Ephesians 5:26 and 27).

So the third look is Hebrews 9:28 and Titus 2:13: "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God our Saviour Jesus Christ." "Then shall ye appear with Him in glory." For this, Christ prayed in John 17:20 to 25. Read John 11:42.