

# SALVATION

It's appropriate that one of the first videos recorded and filmed for the Tube7 site, was "Salvation" by Andy Banton. Why? Because everything in life finally comes down, and will in the future come down to where you and I stand with God. Are we saved or not? Has God found us yet? Do we belong to the sheep or the goats? Have we been rescued, or are we still in danger – eternal danger? And everything that you'll find on this site is in some way based on what the Bible calls this "great" salvation. You'll find here help on obtaining salvation, the consequences of neglecting it, how to grow in it, and finally how to pass it on to others.

But why is this salvation so great? What makes it so important? There are 4 huge reasons.....

## ***1. Christian salvation is great because it's comprehensive.***

When you insure your car, you have a choice between "third party" and comprehensive cover. With the first option there are things that can happen to you or your car that are not covered by the policy. It's limited. Many people, even some Christians think of salvation like that. Limited....to the soul, or to the "spiritual". To the future or to the past. Far from it! No – it's gloriously comprehensive. According to the word of God, salvation is all-embracing. It includes the physical as well as the spiritual, the body as well as the soul. In fact, it extends (and will one day soon be seen to extend) to the entire universe. The Bible talks about the day when the "wolf will lie down with the lamb". CS Lewis in his "Narnia Chronicles" imagines a world where horses can talk. He could well be right!

## ***2. Christian salvation is great because it has been obtained for us at a tremendous cost.***

The Bible reminds us that our salvation was not obtained with silver and gold, but with the precious, hugely expensive "blood" of Jesus. In other words, someone has died to win our salvation, our rescue from a meaningless life, and a sorrowful eternity. And that someone is no less a person than God the Son. The everlasting son of God, who had no beginning, and who had been used to the continuous, unbroken admiration and adoration of heaven's inhabitants – that same divine person came voluntarily into space and time. Came not as a VIP, but unrecognised and poor. Came to be abused, rejected, spat on and finally nailed to a cross. The eternal dies! Not just physically, but abandoned by God the Judge, He dies consciously bearing in His body and soul, all the transferred guilt and shame of all the sins of all His people.

## ***3. Christian salvation is great because deals with all my most fundamental needs, questions and problems.***

My greatest need is to be right with God, forgiven for my sins. My greatest questions are "Why am I alive?" and "Where will I go when I die?". My greatest problem is my broken relationship with God. All these are fundamental. Basic. They underlie all other questions, needs and problems. And they are all dealt with and provided for in this "great" salvation.

## ***4. Christian salvation is great because it cannot be taken from us.***

Salvation is a gift. It cannot be earned. But neither can it be lost. Why? Because God never changes His mind. He never recalls His gifts. He remains faithful, even if we don't. Add to that Jesus' own specific promises that He will never allow one of His sheep to be stolen, and you'll begin to see just how safe salvation makes us. Nothing – absolutely nothing can now come eternally between God's everlasting love for us. Not angels nor demons. Not past sins or future mistakes. There is now then no condemnation for those who are in Christ.

So...where do you stand? Have you received this great salvation? Have you turned decisively towards God, and away from yourself and your sins? And have you taken Him at His word concerning Jesus? – that He is able to save comprehensively and for ever, those who come to God through Him?