

**(Salvation) 5. Fits us to live Holy in this life****~Other Speakers S-Z: D.S. Warner:**

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope' and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."â€”Titus 2: 11-14. Here is a whole sermon. Salvation is not the result of our good works; but the outflow of God's grace, the pure gift of his mercy. It is not reserved in heaven for us, but has appeared on earth to all men, and is delivered free of charges at the door of every heart. It redeems us from all iniquity. It teaches us how to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts. Namely, it gives us power to fully abstain from all sin, and say no to every Presentation of evil. And as a result we live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world.

We have already seenâ€”Luke the covenant of divine mercy provides grace whereby we may serve God without fear in righteousness and true holiness before him all the days of our life.

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."â€”Rom. 8:1,2.

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."â€” Gal. 2:20.

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."â€” Phil. 1:21. His spiritual life was purely the life of Christ in him; and in all its minutia redounded to the glory of God.

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed. " â€”1 Pet. 2:24. These testimonies are descriptive of God's will in us, and our privileges in Christ. For the same salvation which the apostles enjoyed we need, and the same Christ who saved them from all sin is able to do the same for us. Nor is there any respect of persons with God. If, therefore, the apostles and first disciples of Christ attained an experience where they were really "crucified with Christ," "dead to sin," and "free from sin," and their life was simply the Christ life in them, God requires the same of us all. While the gifts of God in salvation are various, salvation itself is the same to all. And we all need the same holiness of heart to fill our calling in life, however humble it may be; and to fit us for heaven. Therefore he who testified to the Roman brethren that "the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus had made him free from the law of sin and death," also tells them, and us as well, " to reckon themselves dead indeed unto sin." He who said to the Galatians, "I am crucified, " etc., also commands them, saying, "Walk in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh." "And theyâ€”the children of Godâ€”that are Christ'sâ€”fully given to him have crucified the flesh, with the affections and lusts. " He who told the Ephesians that God had chosen us in Christ even "before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy, and without blame before him in love. "â€”1:4, commanded them to "put off, concerning the former conversation, the old man which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the Spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."â€”4:22-24. Thus we might go through all the Epistles and find that the highest plane of salvation and holiness gained by the apostles is also administered to and enjoined upon all the children of God.