

A Woman & Her Walk With God Series

Encouraging Women to Walk With God on the Brighter Side of Life



Walking in the Light of Our Salvation

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation." Isaiah 12:2

Last week we learned that when a woman chooses to walk with God, she is choosing to walk on the brighter side of life. Why is this? Because we learned from the scriptures that God is the light of this world, and in Him is no darkness. That was good news for all of us who have chosen to walk with Him.

This week I would like to show you from God's Word how the light of God is able to brighten every area in our everyday saved life. As a starting point, I will show you the light that you will experience as you walk with God in the light of your salvation.

What is your salvation? It is the saving of your spirit from going to Hell when you die. Now, that might sound morbid, but the truth of the matter is, that until you trusted Christ as your personal Saviour to take you to Heaven when you die, Hell is exactly where your spirit was headed after you died. I don't know about you, but that is good news to me, and it is enough to brighten up any one of my gloomy days. But as great as that fact is, there is so much more that God wants us to understand and experience as we walk daily with Him in the light of our salvation.

Here are a few of them:

FREEDOM

When we got saved, God gave us the freedom from the bondage of our sin. We are no longer going to be eternally penalized for them, and because of our salvation, we have the opportunity to become new creatures that behave in a different way than we used to. What does this mean? It means that our testimony can change and we can be known for being a better person and doing better things. Isn't it great to think, that just because of the atoning work of Jesus, that we are no longer under the condemnation of our sin nature? When God looks down at us, He sees our good works, and when we continue to walk with Him in these good works, He opens the eyes of others to see them as well.

- ◆ II Corinthians 5:21
- ◆ II Corinthians 5:17
- ◆ Romans 8:1-4

You know what else this means? It means that we aren't limited in our future or our behavior by what our parents did or didn't do with us or to us. For most of us, that is really good news.

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FORGIVENESS

Our salvation also brings us eternal forgiveness for everything wrong we used to do, and the opportunity to be forgiven for everything wrong that we are going to do.

- ◆ Acts 13:33-39
- ◆ Acts 26:14-18
- ◆ Colossians 1:9-17
- ◆ I John 1:9

Because of Jesus, there is no reason that any of us need to live in guilt. When we sin (and we will!), God just asks that we confess that sin, so that He can forgive it, and then He expects us to stop doing it so that we can prove to Him that we are really sorry for it. God is not the least bit impressed with our guilt. And you know why? Because He knows that all it represents is a selfish sense of worldly sorrow. So, dear friend, if you have been carrying around all kinds of guilt about something, choose this day to lay it aside, and just confess what you did wrong and be free from the weight of it!

FELLOWSHIP

I think the best thing that we gain by walking with God in the light of our salvation is the realization that it was Him that chose us. Did you know that it was God who chose you first to be His, not the other way around? (Ephesians 1:3-14)

And did you know that one of the reasons that He chose you was so that He could have constant fellowship with you? (John 14:16-18;26-27)

I don't know about you, but before Jesus became my personal Saviour, I was a lonely and fearful gal. Oh, I had a family, friends, and plenty of things to do ~ but I didn't have anybody that was there for me all of the time or who genuinely cared about my innermost hopes, dreams and fears. That was until after I got saved and God sent the Holy Spirit to live within me and comfort and guide me through my life. *And by the way, as a side note: God never meant for my family, friends, and activities to meet my innermost need for fellowship. No, this was a need that He created in me that only He could fill. Why? Because God wants us to want to fellowship with Him just as badly as He wants to fellowship with us!*

- ◆ Romans 14:17
- ◆ Romans 15:13

FUTURE

Because we are saved, we have the promise of a fabulous future with God. We no longer are limited by the strongholds that Satan has developed in our lives (drinking, smoking, bitterness, immorality, rebellion, depression, etc.) because I John 4:4 tells us, *"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."* We can gain great encouragement from this as we seek to lay aside the "sin and weights that so easily entangle us in this life." (Hebrews 12:1) We are also encouraged because I John 5:4-5 tells us that because of our salvation, that we have everything we need to overcome the problems that we have in this world.

*As we close this study, and at the end of each of our future studies, I want to take the time to remind you that your walk with God is a precious thing! Don't take it for granted! It is something that should be valued and protected at any cost. One way that you can do this is by being grateful on a daily basis for it. Spend time each day thanking God for His willingness to walk with you in the daily details of your life. Thank Him for guiding you in all truth, showing you direction, and for the comfort and love of His constant fellowship.

May God bless you as you seek to appreciate the blessing of walking with God in the light of His salvation that shines in the midst of your everyday life!

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