

SMALL GROUP LESSON

POUR SOME LOVIN' ON ME!

Romans 5:1-11

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Our pastor began his sermon this week with a question from Evangelism Explosion, a method of evangelism that was popular in Christian circles in the 1970's and 1980's. The question is, "Have you come to the place in your spiritual life where you know for sure that if you were to die today you would go to heaven?" In other words, "What has to happen for anyone to be confident that God has saved him/her?" But our pastor also made another comment in his opening remarks. He said that **our salvation involves so much more than just going to heaven when I die.**

This week we are going to look at what it means to have "assurance" of our salvation, but we're also going to look at some of the additional things that are involved in our salvation other than just knowing we'll go to heaven when we die. Specifically, we'll be looking at how we were saved, how we are daily "being saved" and what our salvation in the future looks like. We'll also look at the role of suffering in the life of a believer. Let's look more closely at this passage of Scripture.

Read Romans 5:1 & 2

1. According to these verses, what benefits do we enjoy as justified believers?

Read Romans 5:3-4

2. What is the purpose of suffering? How are we to respond to it?

Read Romans 5:5-8

3. What do these verses tell us about unregenerate people (us before we received Christ)? What do they tell us that God did? What did Christ do? Who pours out God's love in our hearts?

Read Romans 5:9-11

4. What parts of the process of our salvation have already been completed? What lies in the future?

5. So how would you today answer the question where John's sermon started, "Have you come to the place in your spiritual life where you know for sure that if you were to die today you would go to heaven?"