



A SERMON: What is "SO GREAT" About Salvation? by Mark N. Posey

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

Introduction: The Hebrews writer asked, "*how shall we escape, if we neglect SO GREAT salvation*" (**Hebrews 2:3**). It salvation is neglected, there can be NO escape, but a "*certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation.*" (**Hebrews 10:27**) Therefore, consider several reasons why salvation is "SO GREAT:"

1. **Salvation is "SO GREAT" because of the PRICE that was PAID for it.** Paul said, "Ye are bought with a price" (**1 Corinthians 6:20**). The price that was paid was "His own blood" (**Acts 20:28**). Jesus' blood is called "precious" in **1 Peter 1:19**. Jesus paid a price He did not owe; He paid it all.
2. **Salvation is "SO GREAT" because of the PLAN that PRECEEDS it.** The word TUPOS in **Romans 6:17-18** means "plan, form or pattern." Vine's says, "*a cast or frame into which molten material is poured so as to take its shape*" (pg. 124). The Gospel plan of salvation is the mold ["form"]. Those who are obedient to the plan are granted "freedom" from sin (**Romans 6:18**).
3. **Salvation is "SO GREAT" because of the PEACE that it PRODUCES.** Peace is valuable. Money has been spent, wars have been waged, and battles have been fought; all in the name of peace. Jesus made peace between God and mankind at the cross (**Ephesians 2:14-17**; **Romans 5:1**). Therefore, all that are in Jesus Christ are "one" (**Galatians 3:27**) and have the right to boldly enter the presence of God (**Ephesians 2:18**; **Hebrews 10:19**).
4. **Salvation is "SO GREAT" because of the PLEA that it PROCLAIMS.** **2 Corinthians 5:20**, "Be ye reconciled to God." Christians herald the truth — Jesus saves! It is a great honor to proclaim God's "excellencies" (**1 Peter 2:9**).
5. **Salvation is "SO GREAT" because of the PURPOSE for which it was PROPOSED.** **Ephesians 1:10**, "*that in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him.*" Christians are connected with the eternal oneness.
6. **Salvation is "SO GREAT" because of the PROMISES that PERPETUATE faithfulness.** God's promises are in the form of Spiritual Blessings (**Ephesians 1:3** says, "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.*"). The promises of the Lord are both abundant and infinite (**James 1:17**).

7. **Salvation is "SO GREAT" because of the PLACE that is PREPARED for it.**

Heaven is "far better" than anything here on earth (**Philippians 1:23**; **Romans 8:18**). Heaven is an inheritance that is incorruptible [not liable to corruption or decay], undefiled [free from contamination] and never fades away [unfading, a symbol of perpetuity] (**I Peter 1:4**). It is the "paradise of God" (**Revelation 2:7**). Heaven will surely be worth it all!

Conclusion: Thank God for his "unspeakable gift" (**2 Corinthians 9:15**). Knowing the greatness of the gift of Christ, how sad for those who miss heaven all together. Let us never lose sight of the gift and value of "SO GREAT" a salvation!

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