

## Crystallization-Study – Complete Salvation of God in Romans

### General Sketch

- The **complete salvation** of God in the book of Romans is carried out on and brought into the believers of Christ by the **power** of God through His **complete** gospel.
  - **Rom. 1:16** – For I am not ashamed of the **gospel**, for it is the **power of God** unto **salvation** to everyone who believes, both to Jew first and to Greek.
    - *Power of God* denotes a powerful force that can break through **any obstacle**. This power is the **resurrected** Christ Himself.
  - **Rom. 8:10** – But if **Christ is in you**, though the body is dead because of sin, the **spirit is life** because of righteousness.
    - He is no longer merely the Christ outside the believers, but He is now the **Christ within us**.
    - The gospel in Romans is the gospel of the One who is now **indwelling** His believers as their **subjective** Savior.
- Such a complete salvation of God is composed of God's **judicial redemption** and His **organic salvation**.
  - **Rom 5:10a** – For if we, being enemies, were **reconciled to God** through the **death of His Son...**
    - **Forgiveness of sins** is based on the **redemption** of Christ, which was accomplished through His death; it is the **initial** and **basic** blessing of God's full salvation.
    - **Justification** is God's action whereby He approves people according to **His standard** of righteousness. God can do this on the basis of the redemption of Christ.
    - Propitiation and forgiveness of sins are adequate for a sinner but not for an enemy. An enemy needs **reconciliation** which goes further than propitiation and forgiveness.
  - **Rom 5:10b** - much more we will be **saved in His life**, having been reconciled
    - **Titus 3:5** – Not out of works in righteousness which we did but according to His mercy He saved us, through the **washing of regeneration** and the renewing of the Holy Spirit

- The washing of regeneration begins with our being **born again** and continues with the **renewing of the Holy Spirit** as the process of God's new creation.
- **Sanctification** involves not only a change in position; it involves a transformation from the natural disposition to a spiritual one by Christ as the life-giving Spirit **saturating** all the inward parts of our being with **God's nature** of holiness.
- To be **renewed** means that a **new element** is wrought into our being.
- **Transformation** is the inward, metabolic process in which God works to spread His divine life and nature throughout **every part** of our being, particularly our soul, **bringing Christ and His riches into our being** as our new element and causing our old, natural element to be gradually discharged.
- **Conformation** is the end result of transformation, where we may match the glorified image of Christ.
- **Glorification** is the step in God's complete salvation where our body of Sin is completely saturated with the glory of God's life and nature.
- Only by taking the all-inclusive Christ as the **center and circumference** of the entire book of Romans can our exposition be thoroughly adequate.
- God's complete salvation is **based upon God's righteousness**, which is Christ.
- Christ **covers** the believers that they may be **justified objectively**.
- Christ is **given** to the believers as their **righteousness subjectively** to become their **living** so that they may be **justified before God subjectively**.
- **God's righteousness is Christ**, and the **believers' faith is also Christ**, whom they appreciate and receive in their hearing of the gospel.
- God's judicial redemption is covered by the first four chapters of the book of Romans, and God's organic salvation is covered by the last twelve chapters.

(Crystallization-Study of the Complete Salvation of God in Romans – Message 1)