

Sermon Title: Something Solid: The Doctrine of Salvation

**Discovery Church Statement of Faith:** Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

Focus for Today: What do we mean by (1) regeneration (2) justification (3) sanctification and (4) glorification?

Read: Romans 5:1-11

## **Four Facets of Salvation**

### **1. Regeneration: Salvation as New Life**

- Ephesians 2:8-9, “<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.
- John 3:1-8
- 2 Corinthians 4:6
- Lydia in Acts 16
- 2 Corinthians 5:17-18, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God...”

### **2. Justification: Salvation as New Standing**

Verse 1: “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Verse 9 tells us: Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Verses 6-9: <sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Verse 10-11, “<sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.”

### **3. Sanctification: Salvation as Grace-driven Growth**

**1 Timothy 4:16**, “<sup>16</sup> Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.”

**Romans 8:29**: “For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son...”

### **What will my life look like if I'm growing through grace?**

**Verses 3-4:** Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope

**Verse 11:** <sup>11</sup> More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

### **4. Glorification: Salvation as a New Future**

**Verse 2:** Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

**Verse 4:** and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame,

### **Revelation 21:1-4,**

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

### **Applications:**

1. We should be thankful like we are saved
2. We should love each other like we are saved
3. We should confess and repent like we are saved
4. We should do good works like we are saved