

“GOD IS STILL WORKING ON US”

(Phil. 1:3-6)

1John 5:13 – *“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”*

John 5:24 – *“I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.”*

Rom.8:1 - *“...there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”*



Philippians 1:3-6

3 – *I thank my God every time
I remember you.*

4 – *In all my prayers for all of you,
I always pray with joy*

5 – *because of your partnership
in the gospel from the first day until now,*

6 – *being confident of this, that he who began a good work in
you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*



H.A. Ironside:

“It is noticeable that the apostle had no doubt as to the final outcome for every true believer. He was absolutely confident that the One who had began a good work in them, would never leave off until He had perfected that which He Himself had commenced. But this would only be attained and manifested in the day of Jesus Christ.”

Salvation, Sanctification, Service, & Glorification.



The meaning of redemption:

“ . . . the purchase back of something that had been lost, by the payment of a ransom....”

1 Peter 1:18-19

“knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”



Four-fold work of Redemption :
Salvation, Sanctification,
Service & glorification.

1. **SALVATION**

– The Work God Does For Us

“He who began a good work in you” (1:6b)

Acts 16 - The household of ***Lydia***, the ***jailer***, and the demon-possessed ***slave girl***

“Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures”

(1 Cor.15:3-4)



God is the author of salvation

Eph. 1:4 – *“...He chose us in him before the creation of the world...”*

John 1:29 - *“...Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”*

Acts 16:6-10 – *God directed Paul and his companions to Philippi.*

Acts 16:14 – *“The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message.”*




John 6:44,65 - *“No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him”*

Jonah 2:9 - *“Salvation comes from the Lord”*

John 5:24 *“Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.”*

Romans 10:9,10 - *⁹If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.*



2. SANTIFICATION

– The Work God Does In Us

Oswald Chambers

“Sanctification means intense concentration on God’s point of view.

It means every power of body, soul, and spirit is chained and kept for God’s purpose only. It will cause an intense narrowing of all our interests on earth, and an immense broadening of all our interests in God.”



1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.”



1 John 3:2-3 - *“Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure”*

Romans 8:29 – *“For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.”*



Chorus: *He's still working on me,*

To make me what I ought to be.

It took Him just a week to make

the moon and the stars,

The sun and the earth

and Jupiter and Mars.

How loving and patient He must be, He's still working on me

Verse 1:

There really ought to be a sign upon my heart,

Don't judge me yet, there's an unfinished part.

But I'll be perfect, just according to His plan,

Fashioned by the Master's loving hand.



3. SERVICE

– The Work God Does Through Us

Ephesians 2:10

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before hand that we should walk in them.”

An advertisement: *“Men wanted for hazardous journey, small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return doubtful. Honor and recognition in case of success.”* **Sir Ernest Shackleton, Antarctic explorer**



Psalms 37:4 - *“Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.”*

2 Corinthians 5:20 – *“..... Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us; we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.”*



“Final Reward in Paul’s Thoughts”

(pp 61-62) – Eld. Ooi Chin Aik

Final judgement and reward

- 1. It provides a sober reminder to Christians that how they live matters***
- 2. It provides motivation for the Christian to live a life that pleases his Lord***



4. GLORIFICATION

– The Finished Work of God

- **Salvation**
- **Sanctification**
- **Service**
- **Glorification**



Romans 8:29-30 - *“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these he also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.”*

Jude 24,25 - *“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen”*



“The conversion of a soul is the miracle of a moment, but the making of a saint is the task of a lifetime”

Alan Redpath

(The Making of a Man of God).

CONCLUSION

- **Salvation** – The work God does **for** us.
- **Sanctification** – The work God does **in** us.
- **Service** – The work God does **through** us.
- **Glorification** – The **finished work** of God.