

CHAPTER 13

The Day God Saved Your Soul



"O what a wonderful, wonderful day,
Day I will never forget;
After I'd wandered in darkness away.
Jesus my Saviour I met.

Born of the Spirit with life from above
Into God's family divine;
Justified fully through Calvary's love,
O what a standing is mine!

And the transaction so quickly was made,
When as a sinner I came.
Took of the offer of grace He did proffer,
He saved me, O praise His dear Name!"

--John W. Peterson

We have been studying the great events of history and we have seen that we are surrounded within and without by the results of these world-changing events. We have seen the **problem** caused by sinful and stubborn men, resulting in slavery and defeat. We have seen the **solution** found in a good and gracious Saviour, who can set a person free and give him victory. We must each ask ourselves the question, "Am I part of the problem or am I trusting in the God who is the solution?"

As you think about your life, what was the greatest event which ever happened to you? What would you say is the most **important** day in a person's life (circle the **most important** day):

- a. the day he is born
- b. the day he learns to walk
- c. the day he learns to talk

- d. the day he goes to school
- e. the day he graduates from high school
- f. the day he helps to lead his team to the championship
- g. the day he graduates from college
- h. the day he gets married
- i. the day he has his first child
- j. the day he becomes President of his company
- k. the day he earns a million dollars
- l. the day he retires
- m. the day he recovers from a serious operation
- n. the day he receives Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour and Lord
- o. the day he dies

Why is this the most important day?

Did God save your soul? Many people go through life having experienced a day of birth, a day of graduation, a day of marriage and a day of death, but they have never experienced a **day of salvation**, and because of this they must face a terrible **day of J** _____ (2 Peter 3:7). If a person does not receive Christ as his Saviour, then someday he must face Christ as his Judge.

In John chapter 9 Jesus gave sight to a man who had been blind from birth (see John 9:1,6-7). Certainly this was an event in this man's life which he never forgot! He was able to say, "One thing I know, that, whereas I was _____, now I _____" (John 9:25). If God has saved your soul, are you able to say the same thing (see Acts 26:17-18)? _____

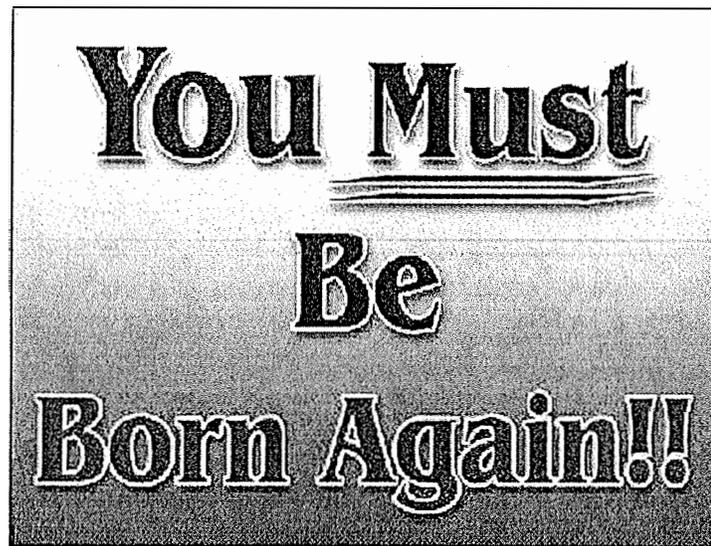
In John chapter 11, Jesus gave life to a man who had died (see John 11:43-44). Certainly Lazarus always remembered this great day when he was raised from the dead! If God has saved your soul, can you say, "Once I was dead but God has given me life" (see Ephesians 2:1,5; 1 John 3:14)? _____

In John chapter 5, Jesus healed a man who had been sick with an infirmity for 38 years (see John 5:5-9). Certainly this man never forgot the day he met Jesus! If God has saved your soul, are you able to say, "Once I was sick with sin, but the Great Physician healed me" (see Luke 5:30-32; 1 Peter 2:24)? _____

Is it necessary for a person to remember the exact day when he was saved? Some people do

remember the very day when they came to Christ. Zacchaeus never forgot the day Jesus said to him, "This _____ is _____ come to this house" (Luke 19:9). The criminal who was crucified with Jesus knew that God saved his soul on his dying day. The Lord said to him, "T _____ shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43). The Philippian jailer did not forget the night he was saved (Acts 16:30-34) and the Samaritan woman long remembered the day she met the Lord (John chapter 4). And yet, some people are not able to remember the exact day on which they were saved. They **know** they are saved, but they are not sure exactly **when** this took place.

When you were born into this world, you received physical life and you became a member of your physical family. When you were **born again** (John 3:3,7), you received eternal life (God's life) and you became a member of God's family.



To the tune of the "Happy Birthday" song:

**Happy Birthday to You,
Just one will not do.
Born again means salvation.
How many have you?**

Do you remember the exact day you were born into this world (into your human family)? You might say, "Of course, I was born on _____" (your date of birth). Actually, you do not remember the date of your birth. The only reason you know the date of your birth is because your parents told you or because you looked at your birth certificate.

Suppose your birth certificate had been lost and your parents had never told you when you were born. Would you know the exact day of your birth? _____ Even though you would not know the day of your birth, would you know that you were really born? _____ How would you know this? You could say, "I'm not sure exactly when I was born, but I **know that I'm alive!**" How do you **know** you are alive? "Because **right now** I am breathing, my heart is thumping, my body is moving and I have all the signs of physical life!"

What are some of the signs indicating that you are alive **spiritually**?

1) 1 John 3:14 – Because I _____

2) 1 John 2:3 – Because I _____

3) 1 Peter 2:2 – Because I _____

Can you think of other signs of **spiritual life**?

Therefore, some people are able to say, "I'm not sure when I was saved, but I know I was born again and I know I have eternal life (1 John 5:13). I **know** that I am saved and I am trusting in Jesus Christ **right now!**"

Do you know that you are **alive** right now (physically and spiritually)? If you are alive, then you must have been born! Just because you do not have your birth certificate does not change the **fact** that you were born!

What are some of the things that happened to you the day God saved your soul?

1. John 5:24

2. John 1:12

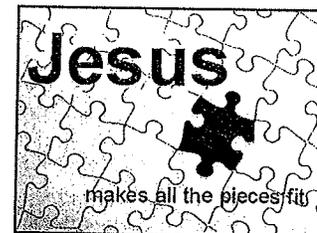
3. 2 Corinthians 5:17

4. John 8:36; Romans 6:18,22 _____

5. Acts 10:43

("remission" means forgiveness)

Can you think of other things that happened to you the day God saved your soul?



If God has saved your soul, read 2 Corinthians 9:15 and Hebrews 10:39.

If you have never come to Christ so that He could save your soul, read 2 Corinthians 6:2. **When** should your **day of salvation** be? _____ Why is it dangerous to delay?

This concludes this set of notes on *Great Events that Changed Our World*. May the Lord encourage you to look unto Him in these challenging days. Only He can take all the pieces of your life and make them fit together. Remember, you can't work out your life, but He can! Trust Him. Proverbs 3:5-6.