

Wells of Salvation

TEXT: Ephesians 2:12-16

Introduction:

1. **Isaiah 12:3** *"with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation"*
2. **The Message:** *Salvation is a deeper subject than most realize.*
3. Notice the way salvation is described to the Christians in Ephesus.

I. Redemption from sin -- Ephesians 1:5, 7

1. What is sin?
 1. Transgression -- **1 John 3:4**
 2. Iniquity -- **Isaiah 59:2**
 3. Unrighteousness -- **1 John 5:17**
2. What is redemption?
 1. To buy back, ransom, deliver
3. Who is our deliverer?
 1. Christ. He has the **RIGHT, WILL, POWER, PRICE**

II. Resurrection (quicken - made alive) from death -- Ephesians 2:1

1. Sinners are dead -- **Colossians 3:3**
2. Gospel makes us alive -- *"newness of life"* **Romans 6:4**

III. Release from captivity -- Ephesians 2:2, 6

1. Satan and sin enslave us.
2. Gospel is dynamite to release us -- **Romans 1:16**

IV. Return from exile -- Ephesians 2:12-13

1. 1. B. C. = Before Christ - we were:
 - a. Without Christ
 - b. Aliens
 - c. Strangers
 - d. No hope
 - e. Without God
2. Now (in Christ Jesus) we are NIGH (close).

V. Reconciliation from enmity -- Ephesians 2:14-16

1. Enmity existed because of rebellion and sin.
2. Reconciled by:
 - a. His blood on the cross.
 - b. Peace through his blood.
3. Where is this reconciliation? In his body (church).
4. Results = Access to Father (**18**); Not strangers (**19**); Citizens (**19**)

VI. **Rescue from darkness -- Ephesians 5:8**

1. You were in darkness.
2. **NOW** (present tense) you are in the light.
3. Reject works of darkness -- **Ephesians 5:11**

Conclusion:

1. Jesus is calling us today to come and drink of the well of water springing up into everlasting life – **John 4:13, 14** bringing salvation.
 - a. In that we may have:
 - 1) Redemption from our sin
 - 2) Resurrection from the dead
 - 3) Release from the captivity of sin
 - 4) Reconciliation
 - 5) Rescue from darkness
2. We may have these today **IN Jesus Christ** by:
 - a. Believing that Jesus is who he says that He is (**John 8:24**); repent of your sins (**Acts 2:38**); confess His name before men (**Acts 8:37**) and be baptized for the remission of your sins (**Acts 2:38; 22:16**) and remain faithful to Him for the rest of your life (**Acts 2:42**).