

## On “One Salvation”

I believe some of the brethren have misspoken when they have said that “there is only one salvation.” I say this because eternal salvation must be distinguished from those many instances of timely savings that we read of in the scriptures.

I will give a couple of instances here of what I have reference to: in Jeremiah 4:14 the prophet tells the Israelites to wash their hearts from wickedness that they might be saved; and in Acts 2:40 Peter tells them to save themselves from that untoward generation. But if Jeremiah and Peter had been talking about these people saving themselves in an eternal sense then they would have been teaching eternal salvation by works, which would have totally contradicted everything the apostle Paul taught on the subject of eternal salvation.

God’s people may save themselves from many things. As my Daddy used to say, “We can save ourselves from being chicken thieves simply by not stealing chickens.” But when it comes to eternal salvation, Jesus is the only Saviour, and we had no part in that work. Neither can we help Him in it now.

We thank thee, Dear Lord, for giving us Thy darling Son to save us from our many sins: and we also thank Thee for giving Thy people to Him (see for instance John 17:2). He keeps them by His mighty power and will never cast a single one of them out of the number of his elect family. Great is His faithfulness!

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