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Question:

What does it mean to be saved?

Focal Truth:

God, by His mercy, saves – rescues sinners from sinfulness.

1. The God of mercy shows mercy to underserving sinners.

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- a. God's mercy is rich. Eph. 2:4
- b. God's mercy is great. 1 Pet. 1:3
- c. God's mercy is full. James 5:11

2. The God of mercy rescues the miserable sinner from his sinfulness.

For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. Tit. 3:3

"What do you want Me to do for you?" And he said, "Lord, I want to regain my sight!" Lk. 18:41

Mercy kneels down by the sinner to rescue them!

3. The God of mercy renews the damaged sinner from his brokenness.

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- a. Washed cleansed from the filth and corruption of sin
- b. Reborn born again spiritually from spiritual deadness in sin
- Renewed to a new way of living from a life of hopelessness

Mercy renews from the oldness of sinfulness.

4. The God of mercy restores the guilty sinner from his guiltiness.

...so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Tit. 3:7

Mercy relieves misery!

Daily Use:

- Those who put their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are saved!
- God's mercy is for all who are unbelieving sinners!
- God's mercy is for all who are saved sinners!

