

b. Applications of meaning:

- (1) 1 Corinthians 6...we were of the wicked sort who could not enter the Kingdom of heaven but now we are washed, sanctified, and declared to be right in the sight of God.
- (2) Ephesians 2...although dead in trespasses and sins, God has saved us by grace and made us His workmanship.
- (3) 2 Corinthians 5...we are new creations through the work of Christ, reconciled to God and given a work of reconciliation to our world.
- (4) Hebrews 12...we are brought not to a mountain that spoke of the law but to the company of the Lord's people and to the Lord Jesus, Himself.
- (5) John 17...we are the subjects of the moving and passionate prayer of the Lord Jesus Christ.

c. It must be understood that all of this is graciously accomplished and in the light of it...how could any saint feel unthankful or unloving?

2.6 2. It also means the reality of fellowship with God...sketched above but a beautiful concept for the Christian to see. To be saved means to have peace and access with the Father and to have a life of divine companionship. The reality of this is clearly seen in 1 John 1 and in John 14-17. It is our privilege to hear the Word, abide in Christ, and see the fruit that God will give to our lives for His honor.

2.7 3. Finally it means that we have an assured spiritual relationship.. having the right to enter the holiest of all (Hebrews 10) and to express the options of the faith (prayer, etc.) and to show ourselves obedient to the indwelling spirit of God.

It seems plain (to me) that when one sees the reality of what it means to be saved, he will be gripped with the reality of worship. This worship will certainly be at first a matter of his private spiritual life with God but it will certainly overflow from that into his spiritual community

2.8 5. A general trend may be seen in the Old Testament worship scenes. Victories both personal and public are celebrated with worship. And thanksgiving is a part of the reflection of a conqueror on what God has allowed him to do with the result that praise flows to God for His wonderful intervention. Good examples may be had in the life of Noah...or of Jacob...or of Joshua...or of Gideon... or of nearly any of the Old Testament saints whose lives are set before us in exemplary manner.