

# COMPLETE SALVATION

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# INTRODUCTION

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I want to emphasize that our salvation is *great* and it is *complete*, because I believe that many Christians who have experienced salvation have not experienced *all* that God included in the salvation He has provided. It is as if they are living in a corner of a little house, whereas they have actually entered a great big, wonderful mansion that God has prepared for them. In fact, I do not believe that there is a Christian on earth today who has experienced the completeness of all that God has provided in salvation—and I include myself. I thank God I am enjoying a lot more than I did when I was first saved in 1941, but I know there is much, much more for us all.

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## SO GREAT A SALVATION

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**I**n Hebrews 2:3, the writer asks: “*How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation . . . ?*”

It is a *great* salvation that God has provided for us through Jesus Christ. However, one of the great dangers is that we would “neglect” it—that is, not really enter into it. Neglect includes accepting our great salvation as just a theological fact or doctrine but not embracing it in fullness in our experience.

### **Understanding the Vastness of Our Salvation**

In Ephesians 3:17-19, the apostle Paul prays for the people of God:

*. . . That you, being rooted and grounded  
in love, may be able to comprehend with*

*all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

I picture entering our great salvation as walking into a tremendous mansion. It has many corridors and different types of rooms. If we look, first of all, at the width—it stretches out as far as our eyes can see in either direction. Then if we look ahead at the length, we cannot see the end of it. Imagine standing on a grand staircase in the midst of that wonderful mansion. When you look down, you cannot see all that is beneath you. Finally, as you look up, it stretches beyond what you can take in with your eyes!

Paul's prayer tells us that God does not want us to remain isolated in some small corner of the mansion we have entered, but to comprehend—to take in and embrace—all the scope of our great salvation: its width, its length, its depth and its height.

Throughout the Bible, the word *salvation* has a very wide application. For many people it might simply mean having their sins forgiven and becoming “a pre-packaged soul for heaven”. But there is a lot more to salvation than that.

Salvation is a biblical word for God's all-inclusive provision for man. It is used in the New Testament to