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Salvation/Deliverance Is From Our Creator/Redeemer -
Part 4

Acts 20:21 AMP

But constantly and earnestly I bore testimony both to Jews and Greeks, urging them to turn in repentance [that is due] to God and to have faith in our Lord Jesus Christ [that is due Him].

Humility from recognizing God's Sovereignty

As you look into the sky on a clear, starry night, step back and fathom that our God and Creator spread out the infinite universe with His fingers, Isa 40:12, AFTER He created it all by just saying the word! Gen 1, Psa 33:6,9, 148:5.

Ps 33:8-9

Let all the earth fear the Lord; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

Our God and Creator wants to save us from sin, and deliver us to righteousness. In fact, that's what Christ did for us on the cross. As our Redeemer, He died for sin, and rose for righteousness! Rom 4:25

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He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

We are saved from sin, and delivered to righteousness. We've been saved and sanctified, as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. And He continues to perform a good work in those who believe.

If one doesn't even believe in or "acknowledge" God as his Creator, there is nowhere they can go. Humility is not there, there is no good soil in which the fruit of righteousness can grow. Rom 1:28

We might think because there is "no fear in love", 1Jo 4:18, we should not fear God. But "no fear in love" refers to having no fear in this world, because you know you are perfectly loved by God.

Who to fear

There is no fearing man if we know how fully we are loved by God, but the one we rightly fear is God Himself, who has authority over life and death and eternal

judgment. Luk 12:4-5

Adam Clarke on Luke 12:5

"[Fear him] Even the friends of God are commanded to fear God, as a being who has authority to send both body and soul into hell. Therefore it is proper even for the most holy persons to maintain a fear of God, as the punisher of all unrighteousness. A man has but one life to lose, and one soul to save; and it is madness to sacrifice the salvation of the soul to the preservation of the life."

John Calvin on Luke 12:5

"Christ must be viewed as saying, that when we give way to the dread of men, we pay no respect to God; and that if on the contrary we fear God, we have an easy victory in our hands, so that no efforts of men will draw us aside from our duty."

But don't forget the One you serve! Don't forget His power and authority! That reality will keep us humble, and give us courage to serve Him without hesitation, even in the face of the threats of man.

"You only come this way once."

We have only one life to live, so what will we make of the rest of our days?

We are to have fear for Christ, and also fear God. Eph 5:21, Ecc 12:13

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and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

The pattern remains...

Fear God, and live. Fear your Creator, and turn to your Redeemer for true life. Repent and believe. Confess and press on. We are saved from sin, and delivered to righteousness our whole lives, when we stay living in the Gospel reality.

Salvation/Deliverance is from our Creator/Redeemer

The FREEDOM which the Redeemer purchased for us includes an ongoing deliverance, and the opportunity to live a life of righteousness, moving us from salvation to sanctification, and eternal life.

Redeemed in Gal 3:13

Exagorazo; to buy up, i.e. ransom; figuratively, to rescue from loss (improve opportunity).

Because our Redeemer was raised from the dead, we have an active faith and hope in God. We not only have salvation, but also an active deliverance/movement towards sanctification which we can enjoy.

When we trust in Him, He flips the coin in our life, and that is now the life we are called to, a life of deliverance to righteousness. Rom 6:18-23, 1Pe 2:24

Our Redeemer delivered us, and still delivers us. Deliverance is a movement by God in the lives of those who believe. 2Co 1:10

"It was for freedom that Christ set us free", Gal 5:1a. We can now live a life of deliverance; a life of righteousness, by ongoing faith in the Redeemer.