

God, before men (James ii) spring forth in their life of peace with God—peace made by the precious blood of Jesus (Col. i. 20). Their doubts and fears have given place to assurance of salvation through the word of the truth of the gospel believed. (Eph. ii. 9-11 ; Col. i. 5).

New birth and sealing are not necessarily received by the same act of faith, nor at the same moment—it depends on *what* is believed. There is a difference, but life is first in order, and both are by faith.

The salvation of God is not mere forgiveness of sins, and deliverance "from the coming wrath" by the blood of Jesus, which cleanses from every sin, once and forever, even to justification "from all things;" but it also is the present practical deliverance from sin, as a master. That is, Christ has not only died for the believers' sins, but sin itself was condemned on the cross, and by our death with Christ we have been delivered from its service, though not from its presence within; and we therefore reckon ourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ risen, and are *thus* enabled by faith to "sin not." See 1 John i. ii.

But there is also the hope-phase of salvation as regards the body, which we keep under looking for its redemption at the Lord's coming. This is the full salvation of God. See Rom. iv.-viii.