



THURSDAY

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John 17

"When were you saved?" I have been asked that question before by people. Maybe you have also been asked that question, or maybe you have asked yourself that very question. Some people may say that they were saved as a child or a young age. Others might say that they were saved in their adult life. If I am being completely transparent, I am not entirely sure when I received all of Christ's benefits. At eight years old, I knew I was a sinner and needed Jesus and got baptized. In my teenage years, I realized just how sinful I was before a holy God. In my college days is when I fully understood that the gospel is all about the

grace of our Father.

The truth of the matter is "when" we were saved isn't nearly as important as WHO saved us and WHAT He has done. We so often get caught up in our "conversion experience" that we end up looking to the experience for salvation assurance and not the finished work of Christ. Jesus reminds His disciples through prayer about this on the Thursday before his death:

[Click here to read John 17:1-5.](#)

In this prayer that Jesus prays the night of His betrayal, we see in verse four that he anticipates how he will accomplish all of salvation for sinners through His perfect life, atoning death, and life-giving resurrection. Therefore, do not look back to experiences for assurance. Look to Christ for all things in life.

John Calvin, wrote a song on the Apostles Creed for assurance in Christ.

- *When we see salvation whole - its every single part is found in Christ, we must beware lest we derive the smallest drop from somewhere else.*
- *If we seek salvation, the very name of Jesus teaches us that he possesses it.*
- *If other Spirit-given gifts are sought - in his anointing they are found; strength - in his reign; and purity - in his conception; tenderness - expressed in his nativity, in which he was made like us in all respects, that he might feel our pain:*
- *Redemption when we seek it, is in his passion found; acquittal - in his condemnation lies; and freedom from the curse - in his cross is known. If satisfaction for our sins we seek - we'll find it in his sacrifice.*
- *There's cleansing in his blood. And if it's reconciliation that we need, for it he entered Hades; if mortification of our flesh - then in his tomb it's laid. And newness of our life - his resurrection brings and immortality as well come also with that gift.*
- *And if we long to find that heaven's kingdom's our inheritance, His entry there secures it now with our protection, safety too, and blessings that abound - all flowing from his kingly reign.*
- *The sum of all for those who seek such treasure-trove of blessings, these blessings of all kinds, is this: from nowhere else than him can they be drawn; For they are ours in Christ alone.*

Therefore, when were we saved, dear pilgrim? Two thousand years ago, when Jesus accomplished salvation for us! Take some time to review the song above. How can you look to Christ and the gospel in whatever circumstance of life you are in?