Saved from What? R.C. Sproul
Chapter 1
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Scripture assignments...

- Zephaniah 1:14-18
- Zephaniah 3:14 - 20
- Acts 16:30 - 31
- Luke 7:50
- 1 Timothy 2:15
- 1 Corinthians 7:14
- Ephesians 1:4
- Romans 10:13
- 1 Corinthians 1:18
- Romans 5:10
- 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10
We have always been talking about the Holiness of God?

If we live “coram deo” (before the face of God) we like Isaiah, Job, Habakkuk, Paul etc. will among other things serve
Well...?
Do Evangelicals Understand the Gospel?

- Christians United for Reformation (CURE) survey
  - 1% of “Christians” could give an adequate description of the Gospel

- Is the Gospel...
  - A personal relationship with Jesus Christ?
  - Asking Jesus into your heart?
  - Just know Jesus is God?
What is saving faith?

- *Fides viva* - the elements of...
  - *Notitia* - the facts or content of our faith
  - *Assensus* - the propositions
  - *Fiducia* - the relationship

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- Apologetics
- Holy Spirit
Zephaniah and the Gospel?

- Read Zephaniah 1:14-18

This is what you’re saved from…
The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.

A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring distress on mankind, so that they shall walk like the blind, because they have sinned against the LORD; their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them on the day of the wrath of the LORD. In the fire of his jealousy, all the earth shall be consumed; for a full and sudden end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.
What are you saved from?

- Zephaniah 3:14 - 20 (*at last some good news!*)
Salvation and salvation

- Acts 16:30 - 31
- Luke 7:50
- 1 Timothy 2:15
- 1 Corinthians 7:14

The Bible doesn’t always use the word “salvation” or the verb “to save” to mean the doctrine of salvation.

The common thread is at its root “salvation” means to be rescued from calamity.
Salvation: Past, Present, Future

- Several senses, several tenses
- Ephesians 1:4 - The tense used would imply from all eternity we were saved (agrees with Matthew 25:34)
- Romans 10:13 (this was on the button)
- 1 Corinthians 1:18
- Romans 5:10
Saved from the Wrath to Come

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

- What is the “wrath” to come?
- Do you believe there is a “wrath” to come?
- Knowledge of God’s Holiness leads to an appreciation of such a “wrath”
  - Remember Isaiah, Job, etc.
“But I don’t need Jesus!?”

- A lack of Notitia? A failure of Christian apologetics
- To know God (to know His Holiness) leads to knowing why one needs Jesus
- What is God’s plan for the unsaved?

Judgment
Are you saved? That question is the most important issue any person will ever face.

When we consider even for a moment the frightening dimension of the unbridled outpouring of God’s wrath, we tremble in our souls. When we consider that we deserve to be consumed by His fury and realize that His fury has instead consumed Jesus in our place, when we recognize the greatness of the peril, we then are able to see the greatness of the salvation that He has bestowed upon us. How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?

R. C. Sproul, Saved from what?
Next week…

- Saved from what
  - Chapter 2 - The Shattered Self-image
    - Sound familiar?