

Church of Christ

... Heart to Heart ...

We speak often of salvation or of being saved. A saved person is one who has been rescued from the condemnation because of sin. Maybe we don't see the condemnation or we would better understand salvation. "For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (Col. 1:13-14) When one is rescued, they have escaped from some horrible fate they were facing. If we weren't transferred, there is no redemption (buying back) or forgiveness!

In 1741, an Irishman named Connell was sentenced to death at Northampton. A minister by the name of Philip Doddridge sought to help Connell because he believed he was innocent of the crime. After a lot of time and expense, Mr. Doddridge could not convince the judge and the judgment was upheld: **"Death by beheading!"** Connell was asked if had any last requests before heading to the gallows. "Yes", he replied. "Would you stop the procession in front of Mr. Doddridge's house for just a moment?" The request was granted. When the procession stopped, Connell cried out, *"Mr. Doddridge, every hair of my head thanks you; every throb of my heart thanks you; every drop of my blood thanks you! You did your best to save me but could not!"*

Here is a person so thankful for the attempt of another, but only to lose in the end. You and I did not have an attempt, but a Savior who plead our case, poured out His blood for our death sentence and paid our price. We've been rescued from a horrible end. Yet many, who claim their Savior, who make a claim to be a member of Christ's body where we have been transferred, are so lazy and unthankful they don't live in a way that would be worthy of their salvation! (Eph. 4:1) Many times people want the salvation, but show little gratitude. They still love the world, the world of darkness and sin. They openly walk in the ways of the lost around them, maybe not to the same degree, but they still walk there. To assemble with the saints is fine, unless something else comes up or needs their attention.

How thankful are you? How do you show your Savior you are thankful? Can you say, *"Every hair of my head thanks you; every throb of my heart thanks you; ever drop of my blood thanks you?"* Think about it!!!

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