

worship in the imagery of the lamb of God...one slain for sinners and now triumphant over the forces of evil and so worthy to open the "title deed of the universe."

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3. Throughout Scripture a number of expressions are used to identify the Lord and to stimulate our hearts and thoughts in the direction of worship...
  - a. The prophetic formula of the great prophets (especially Isaian) when the Lord is seen as the "holy one of Israel."
  - b. The New Testament concept as noted in the testimony from John the Baptist and referred to above as "the Lamb of God."
  - c. The personal side of His ministry when He is seen to be our "righteousness" as designated in Jeremiah 23 and 1 Corinthians 1.
4. So, when we come to God we come in the righteousness provided by Christ and at the same time, as of the priestly office, presenting Christ. In worship (wheter private or public) it is this presentation that marks us and in a unique sense we are never closer to God than when bowed in love before Him.
5. Could we but see this picture clearly it would make a great difference in our worship...but the occupations of this life often dim the image and the fact is that sometimes we have forgotten what it means to be saved. This forgetting is hard on our worship and so, to appreciate the art and reality of worship, it is good to think a bit about the work of salvation.

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C. What does it mean to be saved?

1. First it means that by grace we are given a whole new life.
  - a. Areas of meaning:

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- (1) Theologically...we are right in the sight of God, on a new foundation (ground) with Him...with our sins gone and our souls bathed in the light of immortality.
- (2) Socially it means that we are part of a new family with a fellowship with God, Himself, and a family relationship with all those who are His.
- (3) Personally it means that we are privileged to say "Abba, Father" and to think of the God of the universe in a close, personal, and friendly sense.

It is, in short, a new life in every department so far as eternity and a relationship with God are concerned.