

It's a Process  
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A man randomly sat down next to me at the American Legion Bar and asked if we could talk. I agreed and soon thereafter he asked me if I was "Saved." I knew exactly what he meant and said, without hesitation, "Yes." We continued to talk, exposing small differences of opinion or interpretation until it became clear that his version of being saved was different than mine. In his view, being saved was something that happened all at once. A flash of faith, or understanding, or giving oneself to the Spirit. I replied, "For me it was a process."

He looked at me stunned, so I continued.

"For me, after I dedicated myself to God and His work, I knew that there were things, flaws in my character, contrary behaviours, and such that I had to expunge before I could be fully saved. Over the years I have worked at these and still have more work to do, but I feel comfortable that I am on the right side of the gate.

After a few days of reflection, wondering why this person approached me at all, I conclude that the episode was arranged in order to enlighten me regarding my efforts to repair America and "Save" freedom, the Nation, and our collective futures.

It's a process. It isn't going to happen with the next election. It isn't going to happen with the next ruling from the Supreme Court.

I conclude that, as with my own salvation, the American People must begin to reject the flaws in our behaviours. We need to begin to reject the toxic attitudes that permeate the politician and the political process. To become saved as people, we learn to reject jealousy, anger, greed, callousness, and lust, in order to become closer to Him.

As a society, we need to learn to reject representatives without honor, without respect for others, without character, ethics, and integrity. Men and women who win elections based on derision, lies, and selfish goals, will govern with derision, lies, and self-serving agendas.

To that end, to the end of preserving America and American Freedom, I pledge to reject those candidates who display these traits. I pledge to seek out those who value their personal integrity over the prospect of winning the next term of office.

To that end, we will only succeed if we take this pledge together. While this pledge may only be one step in the process of salvation for America, it must be the first step.