

SALVATION

DEFN: "Salvation" - Saved, rescued, or delivered from one's present dangerous condition and brought to safety.

A savior is one who saves, rescues, or delivers and brings to safety. Salvation begins for an individual when he recognizes his hopeless condition (**Eph 2**), his helplessness to correct it (**Rom 5**), but desires to be delivered from this condition (**Mark 2:17**), and then personally trusts Jesus Christ as his Saviour (the KJV spelling is unique for there is only one Saviour). Salvation has immediate, on-going, and future deliverance. Jesus immediately saves a man from the eternal penalty of sin in hell; continues to save him from the power of sin through his earthly life; and will save him in the future from the "presence" of sin in his mortal body when it is clothed with immortality, this evil world is made anew, and Satan is cast into the lake of fire. As Paul spoke in **2 Cor 1:10**, it is a past, present, and future deliverance.

In addition to being saved "from" these things, the salvation of Jesus Christ includes being saved "to" many things such as heaven, spiritual blessings, wisdom and prudence, and an incorruptible inheritance. (**Eph 1:3-8; 1 Pet 1:3-5**)

The doctrine of salvation is the most important doctrine of the Christian faith. Learn it well, understand it completely, and prove it out in your own life so that you may one day earnestly defend it. (**Phi 2:12; Gal 6:4; Tit 1:9; Jude 1:3**)

I. WHAT IS SALVATION?

A. A BIRTH

- **John 1:12-13** (Memory Verse) - You are born of God.
- **John 3:1-8** - You must be born again to see God's kingdom. **John 3:3** (Memory Verse)

NOTE: You can be very religious (a master) and still not understand the first principles of God because they are spiritually discerned. (**1 Cor 2:14**)

NOTE: You must be born again - two births; (1) First, there must be a physical birth, water from womb. The water sack must be broken in order to have a birth. The Jews, like Nicodemus, trusted in the lineage of their fathers for salvation. (2) Second, there must be a spiritual birth, born of the Holy Spirit, which is a miracle of God once the incorruptible seed, the Word of God, has been planted. (**Ecc 11:1-6**)

NOTE: You can see that salvation is not turning over a new leaf or having a change of mind! It is a miracle of God. God planted a seed on fertile ground and gave it power to grow.

- ❑ **1 Pet 1:23-2:2** - You are born again of incorruptible seed and have become a newborn babe.
- ❑ **1 John 3:9; 4:7; 5:1,4,18** - You are born of God.
- ❑ **1 John 3:1-3** - You are looked upon in a different light by God.

B. A QUICKENING

- ❑ **Eph 2:1-5** - An awakening to God's realm takes place to resist Satan and the world.

DEFN: "Quickening" - made alive.

NOTE: You were dead in trespasses and sin. Your life had no purpose or value till you were made alive in Christ.

1. All your thoughts were vain. (**Psa 39:5-6**)
2. All your works were worthless. (**Isa 64:6**)
3. You could not communicate with God. (**John 9:31; Pro 28:9; 1 Tim 2:5**)
4. You were without strength to save yourself. (**Rom 5:6**)

- ❑ **Rom 6:5-11** - You became dead to sin and alive unto God.
- ❑ **Col 2:11-15 (13)** - A joining to Him in power occurs.
- ❑ **Rom 8:9-11** - An empowering to overcome sin in your life transpires.

C. A NEW CREATURE

- ❑ **2 Cor 5:17** (Memory Verse) - A new creature is created within you and old things are passed away.
- ❑ **1 Cor 6:9-11** (Memory Verse) - You become a new creature. The old things cease in your life.
- ❑ **Gal 6:15** - Christ avails a new creature.
- ❑ **Eph 4:22-24** - God created you in righteousness and true holiness.
- ❑ **Eph 2:10** - You were created in Christ unto good works.
- ❑ **Col 1:5-6** - The true gospel brings forth fruit starting with the day you heard it.
- ❑ **Col 3:5-10** - The new man is created after the image of Christ.
- ❑ **1 Pet 1:14-16** - Your Father commanded you to be holy, as He is holy.
- ❑ **1 Pet 4:2-3** - He directs you to live life to the will of God and not to the lusts of men.

II. WHY IS SALVATION NECESSARY?

A. TO BECOME GOD'S CHILD

- ❑ **John 1:12** (Intentionally repeated) - You need authority to be called a son and you need power to live like a son.

NOTE: The power that created heaven and earth, the power of God's Spirit, dwells within you. He transforms your life as you yield to Him. It took only six days to create heaven and earth, but it will take the Spirit years "until Christ be formed in you." (**Gal 4:19**) One is a physical change, obedient to God's commands, and the other is a spiritual change subject to the free will of man. (**Phi 2:13**)

- ❑ **Gal 3:26** - You become children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.
- ❑ **1 John 3:1-3** (Intentionally repeated) - If you are now a son, then there is the hope of a new and great heritage in Christ.

NOTE: You are the child of the KING! Do not forget who you are!

B. TO BE SAVED FROM HELL

- ❑ **John 3:36** - The wrath of God abides on the unbeliever.

NOTE: A lost man, is an enemy of God (**Rom 5:1-6**) and is condemned already (**John 3:18**).

- ❑ **Rom 5:5-9** - Christ died when you were without strength to save you from the wrath of God, which is hell.
- ❑ **Matt 13:24-30; 36-43** - The good seed will be spared from the furnace of fire.
- ❑ **Rev 20:15** - Those that are written in the book of life are spared from hell.
- ❑ **Acts 4:12** (Memory Verse) - Salvation is found in no other name among men. A man must be saved from sin in order for him not to go to hell.
- ❑ **Rom 1:16** - The gospel is powerless to save someone until he believes it.

C. TO BE SAVED FROM THIS WORLD

- ❑ **Eph 2:2** - Christ died to deliver you from the prince of the power of the air and from the course of this world.
- ❑ **Gal 1:4** - Christ died to save you from this present evil world.
- ❑ **Heb 2:14-15** - He saved us from the bondage in this life.

D. TO OBTAIN A NEW POSITION

- ❑ **Eph 2:5-7** - You are seated in heavenly places.
- ❑ **1 Pet 2:9; Rev 1:5-6** - You are a priest and a king to God.
- ❑ **2 Cor 5:18-20; Eph 6:19-20** - You are an ambassador to a new country.

DEFN: “Ambassador” - An official sent to a foreign government by a king to represent the power and dignity of his sovereign.

- ❑ **Eph 3:15; 1 Tim 5:1-2** - You are a part of a new family.

III. WHO PROVIDED SALVATION?

- ❑ **Matt 1:21** - His name is Jesus for He shall save. The name, Jesus (Joshua in the Old Testament), means “Saviour”.
- ❑ **1 John 4:14** - The Father sent His Son to be the Saviour.
- ❑ **1 Tim 1:15** - Christ Jesus came to save sinners.
- ❑ **Luke 19:10** - Jesus came to seek and to save the lost.
- ❑ **John 14:6** (Memory Verse) - No man comes to the Father but by the Son.
- ❑ **Acts 4:12** - There is no other Saviour.
- ❑ **Phi 2:9-11** - The name is important above every other name.
- ❑ **Acts 10:43; Acts 13:38-39** - Only belief through His name takes away sin.
- ❑ **1 John 3:5; John 1:29** - He was manifested to “take away” our sins.

IV. HOW WAS SALVATION ACCOMPLISHED?

- ❑ **Rom 5:6-8** - Christ died for the ungodly.
- ❑ **Rom 5:9; Rev 1:5; Rom 3:25** - His blood paid the ransom.

NOTE: Jesus had to shed His blood to fulfill the Old Testament prophecies and patterns. (**Exo 12:1-51; Lev 17:11; Heb 9:1-14, 22; Heb 10:1-14; John 6:53-69**) Dying any other way such as strangulation or stoning would not have been accepted.

- ❑ **Heb 10:5-14; 1 Pet 2:24** - Jesus gave His body for an offering.
- ❑ **Isa 53:10-11; John 19:30** - Jesus completely finished the task. It is a finished work!

V. HOW IS SALVATION ACQUIRED?

- ❑ **Acts 17:30; Luke 13:3** - Repentance is required.

DEFN: “Repentance” - An admission to God of personal guilt as a sinner, and a personal desire to change the condition. A willingness to make a 180 degree turn from sin.

- ❑ **2 Cor 7:10-11** (Memory Verse) - Only a godly sorrow (seeing the sin from God's eyes) works a true repentance in the heart.
- ❑ **Mark 1:15; 1 Cor 15:1-4; Rom 10:9; Acts 20:21** - Repentance and belief in the Gospel is required.
- ❑ **Eph 2:8-9** (Memory Verse) - It is by grace through faith (**Rom 11:6** - not works). Faith must be present.
- ❑ **Luke 18:15-17** - You must have faith as a little child.
- ❑ **Rom 3:28** - You must have faith in the Saviour's work.

NOTE: You must believe in “the faith” and not just any faith. You must call in truth (**Psa 145:18-20**) or you could be sincerely wrong. The Jews had a zeal for God but not according to knowledge. (**Rom 10:1-2**)

- ❑ **Rom 3:20-28** - You must believe that “faith in His blood” is all that is necessary. Faith is a complete trust in the finished work done on the cross by the Saviour as a total payment for your salvation.

VI. SALVATION DELIVERS FROM ALL SIN

- ❑ **Col 2:13-14** - You are forgiven “all” trespasses - past, present, and future.

NOTE: All your sins were future at the time of the cross. He imputes His righteousness to you at the point of salvation.

- ❑ **1 John 1:7** - You are cleansed from all sin.
- ❑ **Tit 2:14** - You are cleansed from all iniquity.
- ❑ **Acts 13:38-39** - You are justified from “all things”.
- ❑ **Heb 10:15-17; Isa 43:25** - The Lord will not remember your sins.
- ❑ **Isa 44:21-22** - He blotted out your sins like a thick cloud. You are the child of Abraham by faith. (**Rom 4:11-12**)
- ❑ **Mic 7:18-19** - He buried your sins in the depths of the sea.
- ❑ **Isa 38:17** - He put all your sins behind His back.

VII. EVIDENCES OF SALVATION

- ❑ **Rom 8:9-16; 1 John 3:24, 4:13; Gal 4:6** - The Holy Spirit in you bears witness that you are a child of God.
- ❑ **John 16:8** - You will have conviction of sin.
- ❑ **Rom 10:9-11; 1 John 4:14-15** - You will confess Christ as your Lord and Saviour before others.
- ❑ **Heb 12:5-11** - You will be chastened of the Lord. He will deal with you for your own profit so that you will not be allowed to enjoy the pleasures of sin. You are His child!
- ❑ **1 John 5:4-5** - You will overcome the world by faith. The world will not have dominion over you.
- ❑ **1 John 3:14, 4:7** - You will experience a love for the brethren. You will desire to be with them in fellowship and gather together with them in church regularly.
- ❑ **2 Cor 5:17; 1 Cor 6:9-11** - You will see old things pass away and new things mount up in your life.
- ❑ **1 John 2:3-8; Rom 7:22** - You will experience a desire to keep His commandments.
- ❑ **1 John 2:29** - You will do righteousness and walk in true paths as you grow in grace.

CONCLUSION:

You have learned that salvation is much deeper than it appears on the surface. God has begun a wonderful and eternal work within you. If in the course of this study you feel you have not grasped the impact of God's great work, then we challenge you first to "Examine yourself, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except you be reprobates?" (**2 Cor 13:5**) If you believe you are genuinely converted, then, "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." (**Phi 2:12**). And "...give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if you do this you will never fall." (**2 Pet 1:10**) The good work that Christ has begun in you began as a seed. It must grow up in you, and out from you, to bear fruit to the world. As God reveals the areas of needed change, trust Him as He gently but firmly works to perfect them. Do not resist Him in pride, but yield yourself, cleaving to Him in love. Our prayer for you is "...that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God." (**Phi 1:9-11**) We are "... confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:" (**Phi 1:6**)