

Lesson
3

Salvation

**What takes place when I am saved and
what is my new relationship to God?**



Your decision to accept Jesus as your personal Savior is the greatest decision you could ever make. However, as a young Christian, it is likely you do not fully understand the significance of what happened in your life.

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This lesson is designed to give you a greater understanding of salvation. You will also learn how your decision has affected your basic relationship to God.

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INTRODUCTION TO SALVATION

The Bible reveals many things as we read and search its pages. The heart of the Bible is found in the message of salvation. God makes known His plan to have our sins forgiven and to have the security of knowing Heaven is ours.

The concept of salvation infers that we are saved from something or someone. Salvation means that God saves us from spending our eternity in Hell.

But salvation includes so much more than escaping Hell. It guarantees we will spend eternity with Jesus Christ. Salvation also provides all that is necessary to live victoriously in this world. Jesus said it like this:

“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” John 10:10b

It is extremely important that we understand God’s plan of salvation found in the Bible because it is the only way to get into God’s Heaven.

“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12



WHAT IS SALVATION?

There are all kinds of teachings by various religious sects regarding the salvation of an individual. Our concern is finding what the Bible teaches about salvation.

Salvation is a term we use to identify God’s chosen method of redemption for mankind. It is God’s way of bringing man back into fellowship with Himself. It is often referred to in the Bible as the Gospel which means “good news.”

1. Read I Corinthians 15:1-4
 - a. In verse 1, what does Paul say he preached to them?

 - b. In verse 2, what happened to those who received the Gospel?

 - c. Verses 3 and 4 contain the contents of the Gospel. Please list them:
 - (1) Verse 3 _____

 - (2) Verse 4a _____

 - (3) Verse 4b _____

2. Romans 5:8 talks of Christ's death. Consider carefully the following questions from this verse:
 - a. Christ's death demonstrated what?
 - b. What was your condition for which Christ died?
 - c. For whom did Christ die?
 - d. According to this verse, what was the reason for Christ's death?

3. I Corinthians 15:12-20 speaks of Christ's resurrection. Answer the following questions from this passage of Scripture:
 - a. According to verse 14, what if the resurrection were not true?
 - b. How important is the teaching of the resurrection to your faith?
 - c. According to verse 20, is Christ risen from the dead?

WHY DO WE NEED SALVATION?

The Bible records several reasons why we need salvation. By looking at some passages of Scripture, we will be able to answer this important question.

1. Romans 3:23
 - a. How many people in this world are sinners?

 - b. Does that “all” include you?

2. Romans 5:12
 - a. This passage teaches you are a _____

 - b. What is the result of sin entering the human race?

3. The reason you must be saved is because you are a

The Bible teaches that we are all sinners. Because God is holy, He cannot allow sin into His Heaven. Therefore, we conclude that:

- As a sinner, I cannot go to Heaven.

- As a sinner, I do not deserve to go to Heaven.

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4. Scripture speaks of salvation in a unique way. Look up the following verses:

Romans 6:23

Romans 5:15-18

Ephesians 2:8-9

- a. These passages refer to salvation in what way?

- b. Consider these questions:

(1) How do you receive a gift?

(2) How much do you pay for a gift?

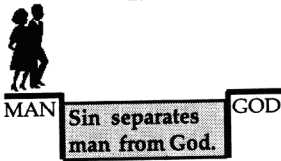
(3) Who pay for a gift?

(4) How would you summarize receiving salvation as a gift?

Salvation is the gift of God which provides deliverance from sin to Christ through the Gospel: the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

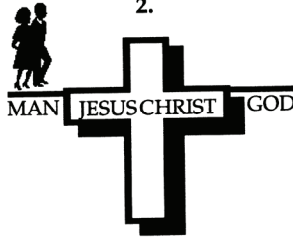
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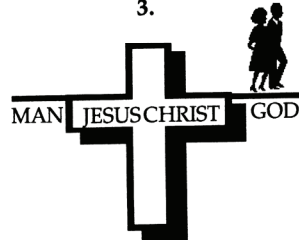
"For ALL have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

2.



"But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

3.



"I am the way, the truth, and the life: No man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

This illustration pictures why you need to trust Christ as your personal Savior. It is the only way to be reconciled to God. Without salvation in Jesus Christ, there is no way possible to have a personal relationship with God.

HOW DO WE RECEIVE SALVATION?

Having learned what salvation is, we now come to the all important question of how do we receive salvation? Different denominations and churches answer this question differently. Somebody is wrong! If there is one way to Heaven, then all cannot be right. Let's see what the Bible says because it gives us God's way to salvation.

Repentance

1. From Mark 1:14-15, answer these questions:
 - a. Who is speaking in verse 15?

 - b. What is the first requirement for salvation according to verse 15?

2. Look up Luke 13:3-5: How important is repentance?

CONCLUSION

Repentance means "a change of mind." It has to do with sin. It is recognizing that our sin will keep us from Heaven. "I am willing to turn from my sin" is an attitude of repentance. Repentance is a change of mind about sin. It is absolutely impossible to be saved without repentance.

Faith

1. In Mark 1:14-15, what is the second requirement for salvation?

2. Look up Ephesians 2:8. You exercise faith when you believe. How important is faith?

3. According to Romans 10:17,
 - a. What must take place before you can have faith?

 - b. What must be heard?

4. Faith is your reliance upon Christ for salvation. He has finished the payment for your sins. According to Romans 10:9-13, what must you do to be saved?

CONCLUSION

Faith is defined as “taking God at His Word.” Romans 4:21 “...and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.” Thus, repentance is our willingness to turn from sin, and faith is our willingness to turn to God. Faith is an act of our will whereby we ask and receive Jesus Christ as our personal Savior.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED SALVATION?

If you have received Jesus Christ as your Savior and you have salvation, please write out your testimony of when and how you received Christ as our Savior.

