

Salvation

Lesson 7

Memorize (Select One) –

- ✓ John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.
- ✓ Ephesians 2:8 & 9 - For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Salvation is of the Lord (Jonah 2:9). Salvation is not a human enterprise. Human beings cannot save themselves, it is a Divine work accomplished and applied by God. Salvation is both of the Lord and from the Lord. It is the Lord who saves the sinner from God's wrath (John 3:36).

Salvation is:

- By Grace alone (*Sola Gratia*)
- Through Faith alone (*Sola Fide*)
- Because of Christ alone (*Sola Christus*)

I. God's Grace in Salvation

God's grace is God's unmerited favor toward undeserving sinners. It is His sovereign act of love and mercy in granting salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ. This grace is totally of God and apart from anything men are or can do. Fill in the blanks on the following passages:

- A.** Romans 3:24 - "Being justified as a gift by _____ through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus."
- B.** Ephesians 2:7-9 – "So that in the ages to come He might show His surpassing riches of _____ in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For _____ you have been saved through faith; and that _____ of _____, it is the gift of God; _____ as a _____ of _____, so that no one may boast."

II. God's Sovereignty in Salvation

God "...works all things after the counsel of His will" (Eph. 1:11). This includes His sovereign choice in salvation.

- A.** Look up Romans 8:29 & 30, write out the progression of how God brings someone to salvation:
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| Vs. 29 | Whom He _____ | He also _____ |
| Vs. 30 | Whom He _____ | He also _____ |
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| Vs. 30 | Whom He _____ | He also _____ |

- B.** Based upon John 6:44, what is involved in the person who comes to Christ? _____

- C.** Read Ephesians 1:4-6. According to verse 4, what has been God's plan before the foundation of the world? _____

For what purpose does God plan His salvation (v. 6)?

III. God's Provision for Salvation

God has provided salvation in the person and work of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

- A.** According to Romans 1:16, this good news of salvation to everyone who believes is called the _____.
- B.** Read I Corinthians 15:1-4. What did Paul proclaim to the Corinthians (v. 1)? _____ . Based upon v. 2, what does the Gospel do for those who receive it? _____ . Verses 3 & 4 present the details of the Gospel. What are they?
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- C.** In John 14:6 Jesus made an exclusive statement about coming to the Father. What is the essence of His claim? _____

- D.** What is the point made about Christ (v. 10) in Acts 4:12?

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- E.** Specifically, what is it that Christ did that accomplishes salvation (II Corinthians 5:21)? _____

IV. God's Means of Salvation

- A.** Hebrews 11:6 declares that there is but one way to please God or come to Him. What is it? _____
- B.** Justification is another word for salvation. According to Romans 3:28, how is man justified? _____

The Scripture never expresses faith as blind or as a leap into the unknown. Faith in faith or in self will not save anyone. In the Bible, faith always has God as its object. The Christian's faith is anchored in the person and work of Christ. (Romans 10:9)

V. Conversion

Salvation is about a changed life (II Corinthians 5:17). Conversion is defined as the sinners willing response to the Gospel call, in which there is repentance of sin and faith in Christ for salvation.

- A.** According to John 16:8, what does God the Holy Spirit do within a person's heart that precedes conversion? _____
- B.** What is the purpose of the Law as stated in Romans 3:20?

- C.** Why did the tax-gatherer cry out to God in the Temple (Luke 18:13)?

- D.** Repentance is always involved in conversion. To repent is to turn away from sin and turning to God.
1. Read Acts 17:30 & 31. By what proof did Paul declare as a reason why all men everywhere should repent? (v. 31)

2. What part of I Thessalonians 1:9 expresses the fact of the Thessalonians repentance?

3. According to II Corinthians 7:9 & 10, what does true repentance lead to? (v. 10) _____

VI. Evidence of Salvation

John Calvin stated, "It is faith alone that justifies but faith that justifies is never alone." In salvation, justification always leads to sanctification – The Doctrine of growth and change into the likeness of Christ. In Matthew 7:17-20, Jesus said a good (living) tree will be evident by it's _____. How do the following passages express fruit (evidence) of salvation?

1. John 14:15 _____
2. James 2:17 _____
3. I John 4:7 & 8 _____

The Order of Salvation

1. Election (God's choice of people to be saved).
2. The Gospel call (proclaiming the message of the Gospel).
3. Regeneration (being born again).
4. Conversion (faith and repentance).
5. Justification (right legal standing).
6. Adoption (membership in God's family).
7. Sanctification (right conduct of life).
8. Perseverance (remaining a Christian).
9. Death (going to be with the Lord).
10. Glorification (receiving a resurrection body).