

# Salvation

All people need salvation from sin and condemnation. The gospel is the good news that Jesus Christ died and rose to earn that salvation for us. The bible helps us understand some truths about how that salvation is applied to us. We can see that God has an eternal plan for salvation, and He graciously works to complete our salvation to the glory of His name.

**Read Ephesians 2:8-10.** How and why are people saved?

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**Effective Calling** - An act of God, speaking through the human proclamation of the gospel, in which He summons people to himself in such a way that they respond in saving faith. Grudem (1 Peter 2:9)(1 Corinthians 1:9)(John 6:44)

Read 2 Corinthians 4:6, who is the one who gives the light of the knowledge of the gospel? \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*\*The gospel is proclaimed to everyone, but only those that God draws to Himself will believe in Jesus. Effective calling is God's work in the heart of a sinner to open their eyes to the truth of the gospel. We do not know who God has chosen, so we are compelled to share the gospel with everyone, trusting that anyone who believes will be saved.

Regeneration- Is an act of God to give spiritual life to those previously dead in sin.

John 3:3-8) How Does Jesus speak of our need for regeneration? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Means of Salvation

**Conversion** (repentance and faith)-our willing response to the gospel call, where we repent of sins and place our trust in Christ for salvation.

**Repentance** is turning from sin. A heart felt sorrow, renouncing, commitment to forsake sin and obey Jesus. (2 Corinthians 7:9-10)

**Faith** is turning to Christ, depending completely on Him for salvation. (Romans 3:28)(Galatians 3:26)

\*\*\*True saving faith is more than belief in facts. It is a personal trust in Jesus Christ to save us.

**Read Acts 20:21.** Repentance and faith go together why can someone not have true saving faith without repentance? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Justification** - a legal act of God to declare us to be righteous in His sight. (Romans 5:1) (Romans 8:30)

**Read Romans 8:1.** What is true about those in Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

God counts us right in His sight, because of the imputed righteousness of Jesus into our account through faith. (Rom. 4:6)

\*\*\*Justification means that God thinks of our sins as completely forgiven and that Christ's perfect righteousness belongs to us.

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**Adoption**- An act of God to make us a part of His family. (John 1:12, Eph. 1:5)

**Sanctification** - A progressive work of both God and the Christian that makes us more free from sin and like Christ in our lives. (Romans 6:11-14)

**Read** 2 Corinthians 3:18. Into who are Christians being transformed? \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Sanctification is a life-long process of applying grace to become holy. It takes work on our part, but is impossible apart from Christ.

## **Evidence of salvation**

Genuine saving faith is shown in a few ways

**Faith that works** (James 2:18) (Ephesians 2:10) (Titus 3:8)

True saving faith, obeys Jesus Christ and produces good works.

**Read** John 15:8. How does Jesus say that we prove to be His disciples? \_\_\_\_\_

**Love that labors** (1 John 2:9) (1 John 3:14)

**Read** 1 John 4:7-8. What is true of a person who is born of God? \_\_\_\_\_

**Hope that endures** (John 8:31-32) (Matthew 10:22)

**Read** Colossians 1:22-23. How do we ultimately know we will be saved? \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus alone. True saving faith is seen in the fruit of a person's life. Saving faith obeys Christ, loves others, and endures in trusting Christ for a lifetime. Simply having knowledge about Jesus, religious involvement, or outward morality is not enough.

**Personal application:** How does the doctrine of election grow thanks and praise to God? \_\_\_\_\_

How does your life show continual growth in these evidences of salvation?

**Further Reading:**      Biblical Doctrines by Wayne Grudem

[https://www.amazon.com/Bible-Doctrine-Essential-Teachings-Christian/dp/0310222338/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1479932372&sr=8-1&keywords=biblical+doctrines+grudem](https://www.amazon.com/Bible-Doctrine-Essential-Teachings-Christian/dp/0310222338/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1479932372&sr=8-1&keywords=biblical+doctrines+grudem)