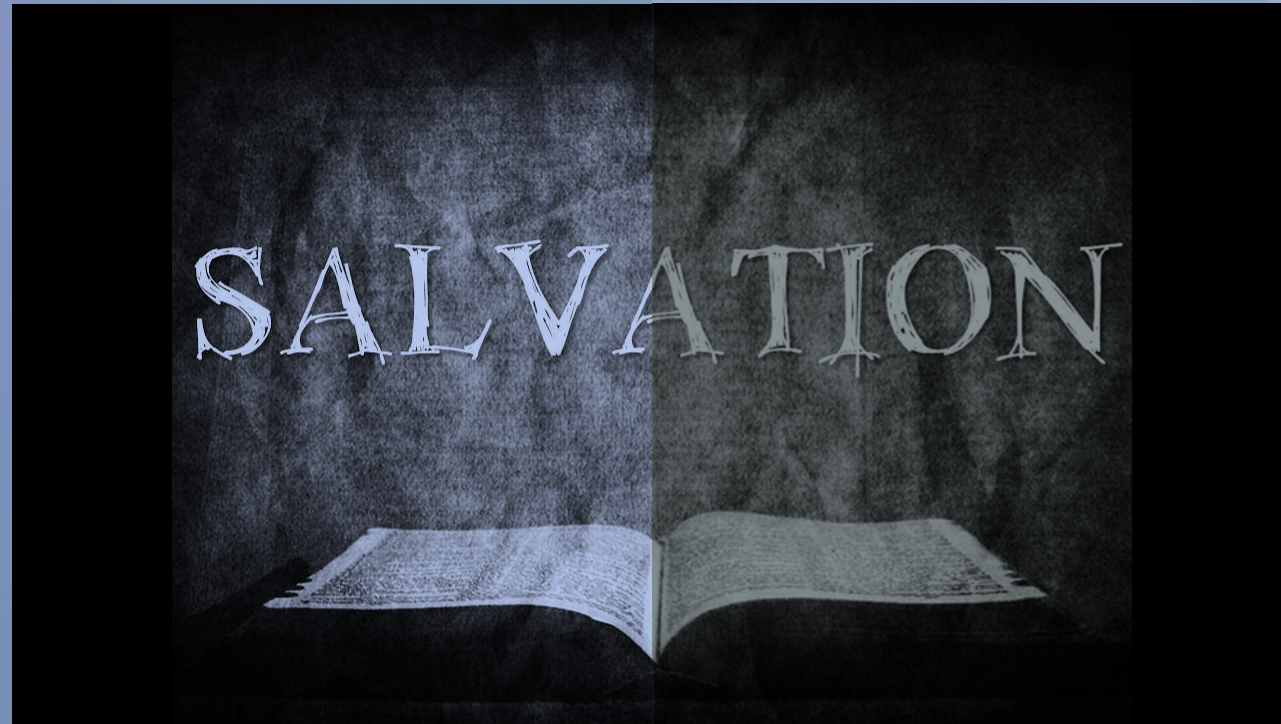


Questions of Salvation



What Is Salvation?



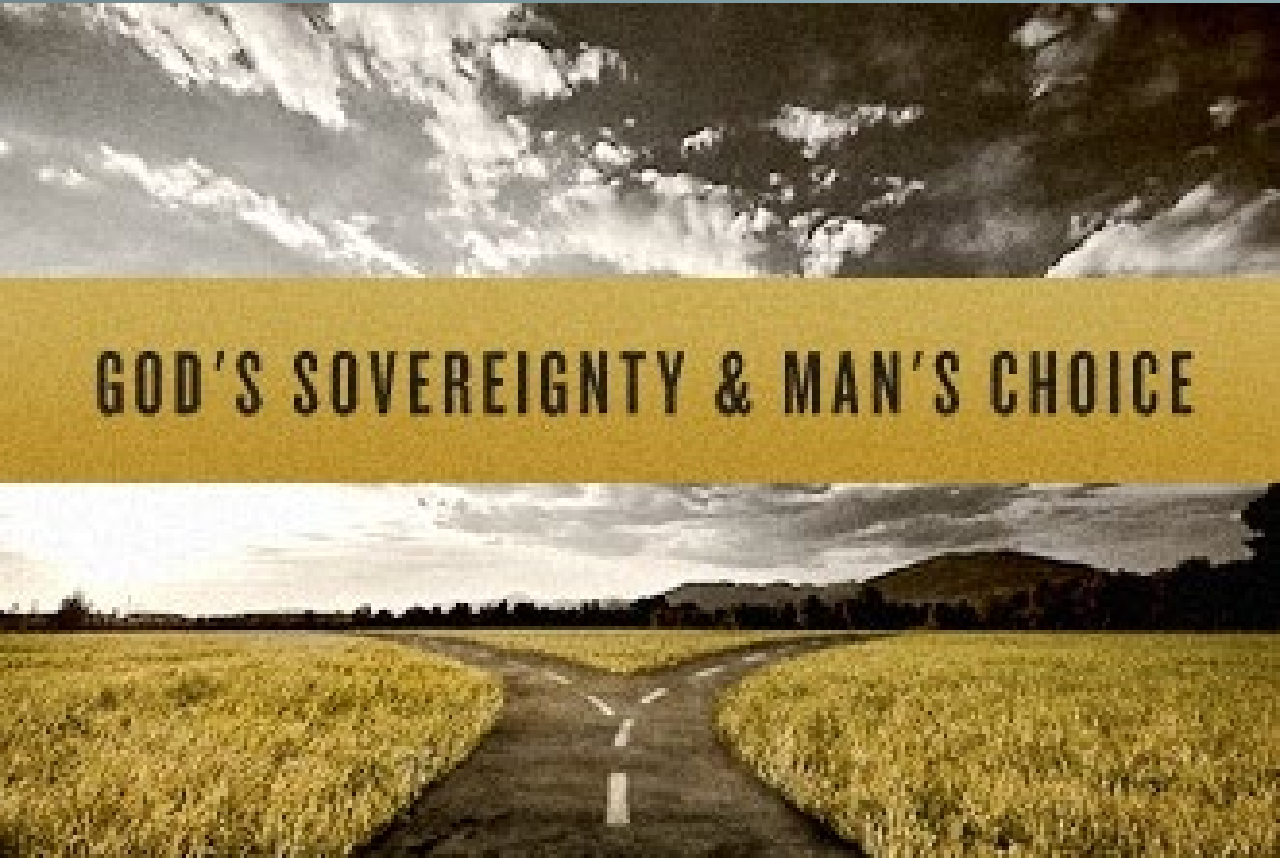
- What does it mean to be saved?
 - Deliverance from danger or suffering
 - Rescue
- Saved from what?
- Saved for what?

Salvation from What and For What?

- ▶ A salvation **from** sin and the wrath of God
- ▶ A salvation **for** eternal life
- ▶ A salvation **for** life in the kingdom and fellowship with God



Do We have a Choice in Salvation?



GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY & MAN'S CHOICE

- Do we make a choice to be saved?

Or

- Has the choice already been made by God?

God's Choice

The
CHOSEN

- ▶ God chose to give us the choice to go against his will.
- ▶ Our choice can affect God's choice.
- ▶ God's choice is to choose those who choose to have faith in him.
- ▶ Those God knew before he determined before to **choose**.
- ▶ If we are saved by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8), it is our **choice** to have faith?

Are We Saved by Grace through Faith?



- What does that mean?
- What is Grace ?
 - What is included?
 - What is excluded?
- What is Faith?
 - What is included?
 - What is excluded?

Are We Saved by Grace through Faith?

- Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For by **grace** you have been saved through **faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the **gift** of God,
⁹ **not** a result of **works**, so that no one may boast.



How would you define GRACE?

▶ Hebrew:

- ▶ כֶּן – *chen (khen)* = grace/favor = loving kindness, merciful kindness

▶ Greek:

- ▶ ΧΑΡΙΣ – *charis (kharis)* = grace/favor = loving kindness, given freely and generously
- ▶ The Gift of God – δῶρον – *doron* = that which is given or granted

If we are Saved by Grace...



- What is included?
 - Eternal Life
 - All Spiritual blessings
 - Spiritual gifts
- What is excluded?
 - Works
 - The Law

Are we Saved
through Faith...

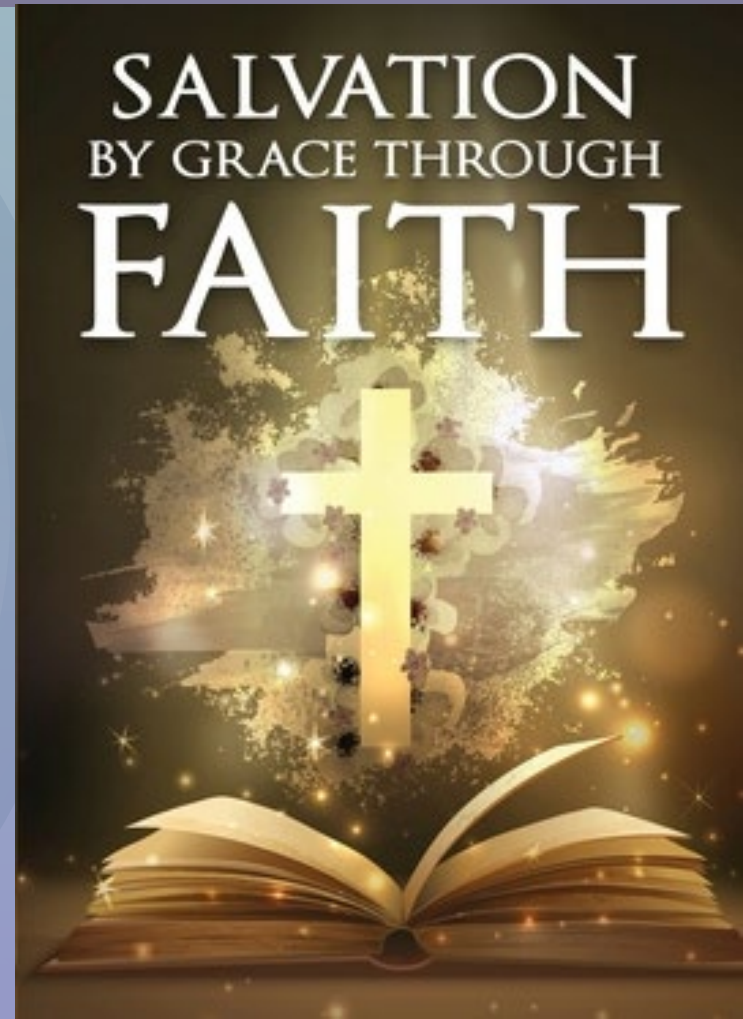


Is Faith Necessary for Salvation?

Romans 3:23-26

²³ for **all have sinned** and **fall short** of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his **grace** as a **gift**, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be **received by faith**. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be **just and the justifier** of the one who has **faith in Jesus**.

► What does it mean to have **faith in Jesus**?

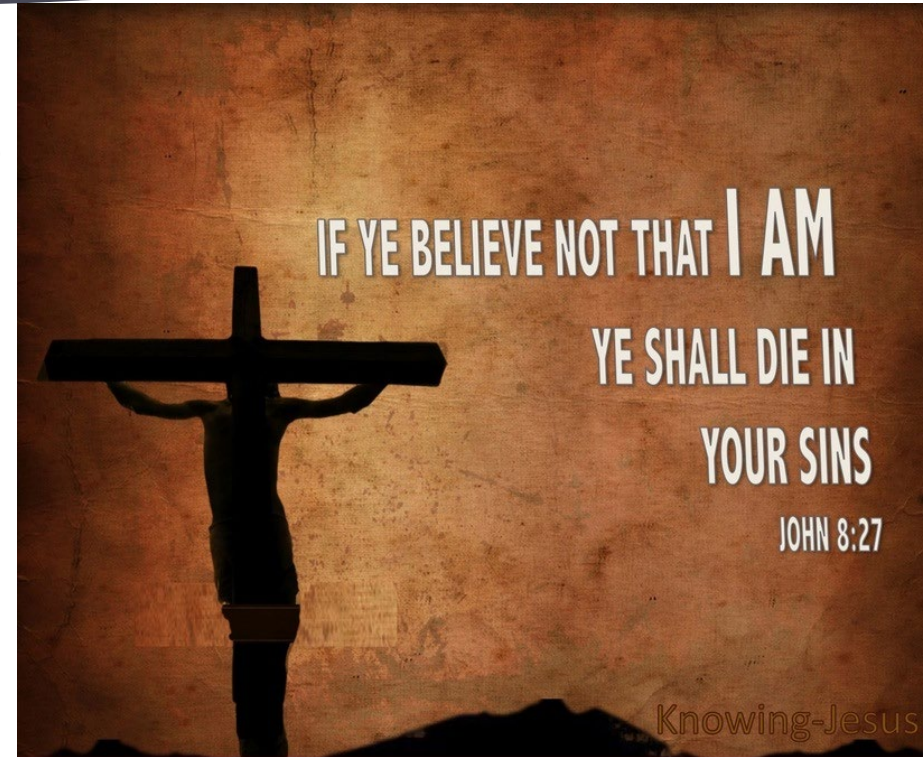


Is Faith Necessary for Salvation?

John 8:24

²⁴ I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you **believe** that I am he you will die in your sins.”

- ▶ What does Jesus say we must have to get eternal life?
- ▶ What happens to someone who rejects Jesus and does not believe?
- ▶ What do we need to believe about him?



Is Faith Necessary for Salvation?

Romans 10:6,8-10

⁶ But the **righteousness based on faith**

... ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the **word of faith** that we proclaim); ⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and **believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

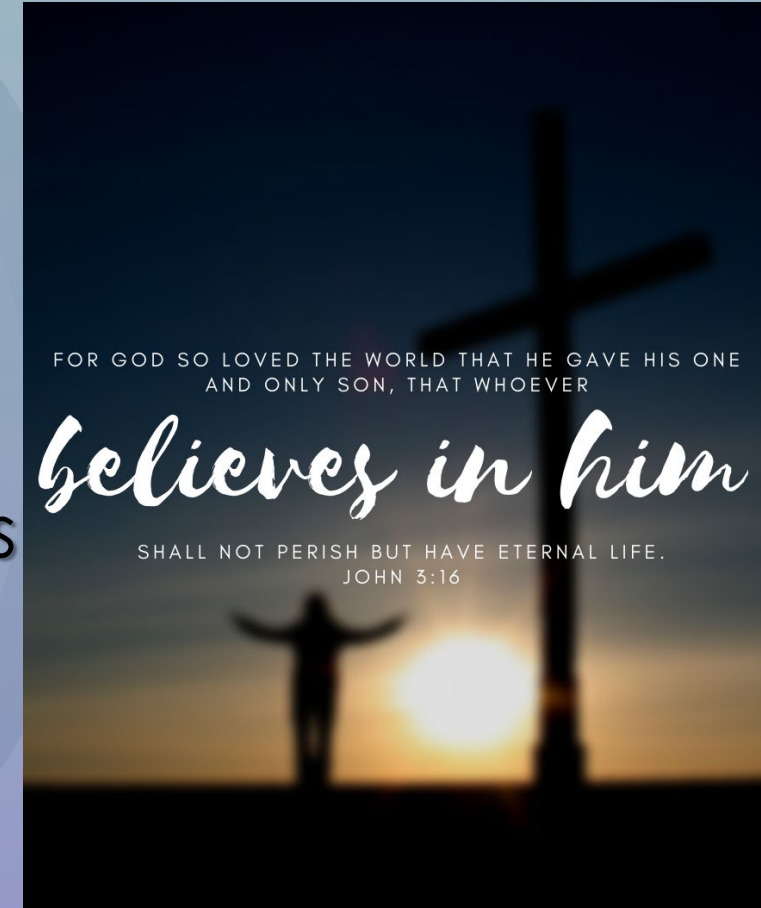
¹⁰ For with the **heart one believes** and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is **saved.**

Is Faith Necessary for Salvation?

John 3:16-18

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever **believes** in him should **not perish** but have **eternal life**. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be **saved** through him. ¹⁸ Whoever **believes** in him is not condemned, but whoever does not **believe** is condemned already, because he has not **believed** in the name of the only Son of God.

- ▶ What is the difference between faith and belief?



If we are Saved
through Faith...



- What is included?
 - Trust?

How would you define FAITH?

▶ Hebrew:

- ▶ אֱמוּנָה – *he'emin* or אמונה *emunah* = faith/trust = to consider to be reliable, trustworthy, steadfast

▶ Greek:

- ▶ πίστις/πίστευω – *pistis/pisteuo* = faith/trust/belief = to have confidence, have trust, rely on.

- ▶ We have **faith** in God because we consider him faithful and trustworthy.

**Is God
trustworthy?**



What does it mean to have a Trusting Faith?



What is included in a Trusting Faith?

1 Timothy 4:7-12

⁷ Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather **train** yourself for **godliness**; ⁸ for while bodily training is of some value, **godliness** is of value in every way, as it holds **promise** for the **present life** and also for the **life to come**. ⁹ The saying is **trustworthy** and deserving of full acceptance. ¹⁰ For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our **hope** set on the living **God**, who is the **Savior** of all people, especially of those who **believe**.

► What is it we need to trust God with?



If we are Saved
through Faith...



- What else is included?
 - Trust
 - Repentance?

How would you define repent?

▶ Hebrew

- ▶ נחם - *naham/nacham* = to be sorry, to lament, to wail, to be penitent – to grieve and to desire to change
- ▶ שׁוּב - *shub* = to turn, to turn back, reverse direction

▶ Greek

- ▶ μετανοέω – *metanoëo* = to perceive after (a change of mind or purpose)
- ▶ μεταμέλομαι – *metamelomai* = to care after (regret)

How would you define repentance?

Psalm 119:59-60

⁵⁹ When I think on my ways,
I **turn my feet** to your
testimonies;

⁶⁰ I hasten and do not delay
to keep your
commandments.

► How does repentance relate
to our definition of faith?



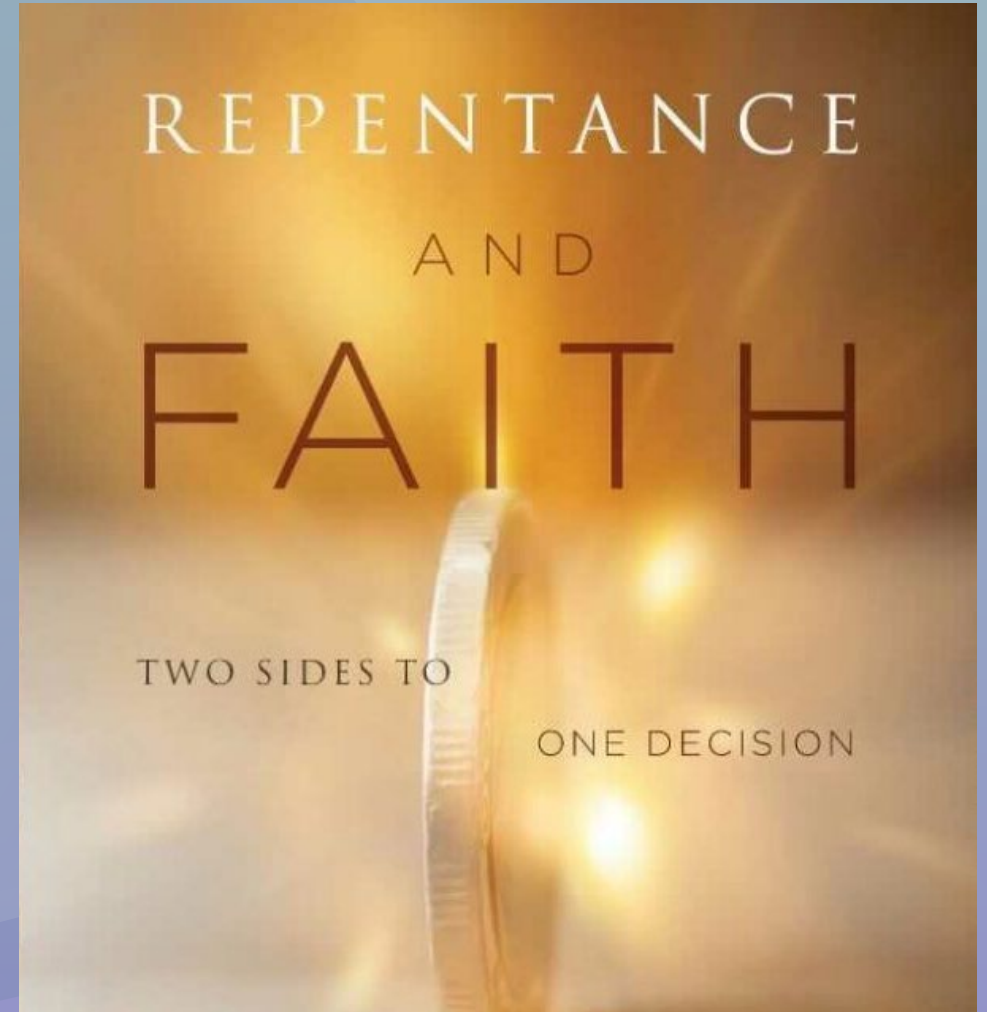
WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

the 99 essential doctrines:
REPENTANCE

Is Repentance Part of a Saving Faith?

2 Peter 3:9

⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should **perish**, but that all should reach **repentance**.



Is Repentance Part of a Saving Faith?

Acts 2:37-38

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, **what shall we do?**” ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “**Repent** and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the **forgiveness of your sins**, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Is Repentance Part of a Saving Faith?

Acts 17:30-31

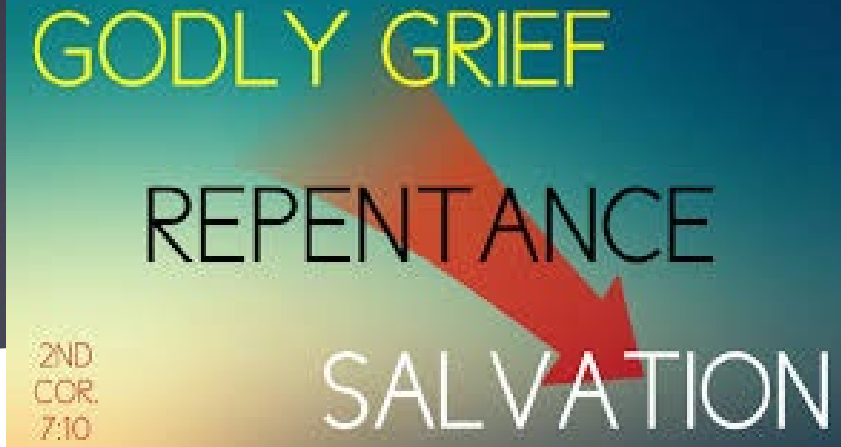
³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to **repent**, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”



Are there different kinds of grief?

2 Corinthians 7:8-11

⁸ For even if I made you **grieve** with my letter, I do not regret it—though I did regret it, for I see that that letter **grieved** you, though only for a while. ⁹ As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into **repenting**. For you felt a **godly grief**, so that you suffered no loss through us. ¹⁰ For **godly grief** produces a **repentance** that leads to **salvation** without regret, whereas **worldly grief** produces **death**.





Thank you

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