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Lesson 3 - Salvation

Salvation means to be delivered from our sins and the effects of our sins. When we receive salvation, our sins are forgiven. Salvation makes us a child of God. We are no longer going to hell. We are going to heaven to be with God. Salvation changes our lives here on earth and gives us a reason for living.

The Need for Salvation

When Adam sinned in the Garden of Eden, he plunged the whole human race into sin. **Sin** is not doing what God wants us to do. Simply stated, sin is disobedience to God. It seems that just like a dog is born with a nature to bark, humans are born with a nature to disobey God. This sin on man's part has offended God and caused man to be separated from God. In order for man to be reunited with God a payment had to be made for man's sins. All of the sacrifices in the Old Testament were a picture of the One who would actually make a sacrifice for sin. That was Jesus, the Lamb of God, when He was sacrificed for our sins on the cross.

We are all sinners.

Romans 3:10-12:

As it is _____, There is _____ righteous, no, not _____: There is _____ that _____, there is _____ that _____ after _____. They are _____ gone out of the _____, they are _____ become _____; there is _____ that doeth _____, no, not _____.

All men everywhere need to be saved.

John 3:3:

Jesus _____ and said unto him, _____, _____, I say unto thee, _____ a man be _____, he cannot _____ the _____ of _____.

Without salvation we will go to Hell.

Revelation 20:15:

And _____ was not found _____ in the _____ of _____ was _____ into the _____ of _____.

Assignment: Read Luke 16:19-31 and answer these questions.

1. What two men died in this story? _____
2. What was wrong with Lazarus? _____
3. Who carried Lazarus away? _____
4. Where was he carried? _____
5. Where did the rich man go at death? _____
6. What people did the rich man think about in Hell? _____

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Jesus, The Payment for our Sins

If we were to be brought back to God, a payment had to be made for our sins. It could not be a payment of silver and gold, because God already owns all of that. It could not be a payment of animals, because God also owns them. It could not be a payment made by our good works, because we have already seen that in God's eyes none of us are righteous. If a payment was to be made, then God would have to furnish it. And that is what He did when He sent Jesus to die on the cross. On the cross Jesus, once and for all, made a full and complete payment for all of our sins.

We are not redeemed by silver and gold.

1 Peter 1:18-19:

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not _____ with _____ things, as _____ and _____, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the _____ of _____, as of a _____ without _____ and without _____:

Christ was offered to bear our sins.

Hebrews 9:28:

So _____ was once _____ to _____ the _____ of _____; and unto them that look for him shall he _____ the second time without sin unto _____.

Christ suffered once.

1 Peter 3:18:

For _____ also hath _____ suffered for _____, the _____ for the _____, that he might bring us to _____, being put to _____ in the _____, but _____ by the _____:

Assignment: Read Hebrews chapter 1 and answer these questions.

1. How did God speak unto the fathers? v. 1 _____
2. Who did God appoint to be heir of all things? v.2 _____
3. What did Jesus do after he had purged our sins? v. 3 _____
4. Who was told to worship Jesus? v. 6 _____

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How Salvation is Received

Since Jesus paid for all our sins on the cross, and since we are sinners and cannot save ourselves, salvation is offered to us as a free gift. How does a person get a gift? Simply by receiving it. You do not work for a gift and you do not earn a gift. We receive the gift of eternal life simply by accepting it. Since we cannot see eternal life or hold it in our hands, we must accept it by faith, trusting God to do what He said He would do in the Bible. The reason many people are not saved is that they do not really believe in their hearts that they are sinners and need to be saved. They are not willing to humble themselves before God, repent of their sins and trust Jesus Christ to be their Savior.

Eternal life is the gift of God.

Romans 6:23:

For the _____ of _____ is _____; but the _____ of _____ is _____ through _____ our _____.

We are saved through faith.

Ephesians 2:8-9:

For by _____ are ye _____ through _____; and that not of _____; it is the _____ of _____; Not of _____, lest any man should _____.

We receive everlasting life by believing.

John 6:47:

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that _____ on me hath _____.

Salvation comes by believing from the heart.

Romans 10:9:

That if thou shalt _____ with thy _____ the _____, and shalt _____ in thine _____ that _____ hath _____ him from the _____, thou shalt be _____.

Assignment: Read Acts 8:26-40 and answer these questions.

1. Who sent Philip? v.26 _____
2. What was the man doing as he sat in his chariot? v.28 _____
3. What did Philip preach unto him? v.35 _____
4. What did the man ask of Philip? v.36 _____
5. What did Philip say he must do before he was baptized? v.37 _____

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Why We Cannot Work for Salvation

There are several reasons why we cannot work for our salvation. First, salvation is so great, there is nothing that we could ever do that would make us deserve it. Second, Jesus has already paid for our salvation, so there is no need for us to try to pay for it. Third, as sinful creatures there is nothing that we can do to earn salvation. Fourth, if we could work for salvation, it would take the glory away from Jesus and give it to us. And, fifth, salvation is a gift and you do not work for a gift. So, our good works are not for the purpose of gaining or keeping salvation.

We are not saved by works of righteousness.

Titus 3:5:

Not by _____ of _____ which we have _____, but according to his _____ he _____ us, by the washing of _____, and _____ of the _____:

We are not justified by the works of the law.

Galatians 2:16:

Knowing that a man is not _____ by the _____ of the _____, but by the _____ of _____, even we have _____ in _____, that we might be _____ by the _____ of _____, and not by the _____ of the _____: for by the _____ of the _____ shall no _____ be _____.

Works do not make us righteous.

Romans 4:5:

But to him that _____ not, but _____ on him that _____ the _____, his _____ is _____ for _____.

Assignment: Read Romans chapter 5 and answer these questions.

1. What are we justified by? v. 1 _____
2. For whom did Christ die? v.6 _____
3. When did Christ die for us? v.8 _____
4. What are we justified by? v.9 _____
5. Why has death passed upon all men? v. 12 _____
6. What one man is the gift by? v. 15 _____

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What Salvation Does

Salvation means that God has freed us from the effects of our sins. Our sins have been forgiven. We are no longer going to hell. We have become children of God. We have a new nature. We are on our way to Heaven. We will live forever. Our whole future has been changed.

We are no longer condemned.

John 5:24:

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that _____ my _____, and _____ on him that sent me, hath _____, and shall not come into _____; but is _____ from _____ unto _____.

We have everlasting life.

John 3:36:

He that _____ on the Son hath _____; and he that _____ the Son shall not see _____; but the _____ of God _____ on him.

We are the children of God.

1 John 3:2:

Beloved, _____ are we the _____ of _____, and it doth not yet _____ what we _____; but we _____ that, when he shall _____, we shall be _____ him; for we shall _____ him as he is.

We are going to Heaven.

John 14:2-3:

In my _____ are many _____: if it were not so, I would have _____ you. I go to _____ a _____ for you. And if I go and _____ a _____ for you, I will _____, and _____ you unto myself; that _____ I am, _____ ye may be _____.

Assignment: Read Revelation 21:1-4 and answer these questions.

1. What will be missing from the new earth? v. 1 _____
2. Who is going to live with us? v.3 _____
3. Name five things that will pass away. v.4
 - (1) _____
 - (2) _____
 - (3) _____
 - (4) _____
 - (5) _____

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