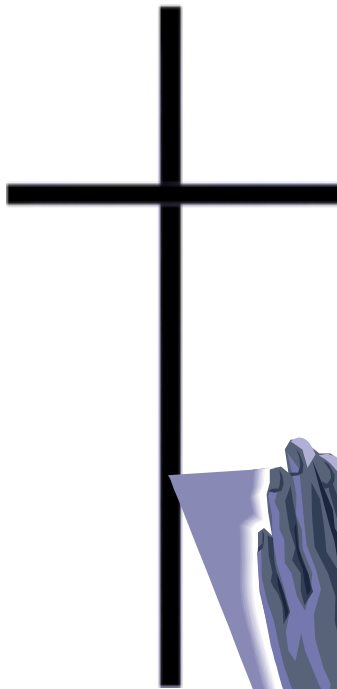


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Salvation from sin and condemnation is the most important event that will ever happen in your life. Therefore it is the most important topic you can learn about. This booklet lists and explains verses to help you understand salvation.

Salvation is a gracious, free gift from God.

- Romans 3:24, Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.
- Romans 3:26, To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.
- Ephesians 2:5, Even when we were dead in sins, [God] hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
- Acts 15:11, But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved....
- Ephesians 2:8-9, For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Salvation is not by works

The Bible teaches that salvation is by grace without works. We are saved because of the gracious work of Jesus Christ and not because of any good works that we do.

- Ephesians 2:8-9, For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.
- Romans 11:6, And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.
- Second Timothy 1:9, Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began....
- Titus 3:5, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.
- Romans 3:27, Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

- Romans 3:28, Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.
- Galatians 2:16, Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.
- Galatians 3:10, For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.
- Galatians 2:21, I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.
- Galatians 3:11, But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.
- Romans 6:14, For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

The word *works* in the Bible refers to anything a person does to please God. Besides sinning, a lost man can pray, read his Bible, tithe, be helpful to others, be baptized, and do many other wonderful and good works for God. The only thing that a lost man does not do is believe, otherwise, he would be saved.

How can you be saved?

The Bible says: (1) Believe in Jesus Christ (John 3:15-16), (2) Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3), (3) Call upon Jesus Christ to save you (Romans 10:13).

- John 3:18, He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
- John 3:15, That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
- John 3:16, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
- John 3:17, For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
- Luke 8:12, Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they

should believe and be saved.

- Acts 16:31, And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.
- Romans 10:9, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
- Acts 10:43 Peter describes how to receive remission of sins saying, “that through his [Jesus Christ's] name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.”
- Acts 16:30-31, “...Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved....”
When you believe in Jesus Christ, you recognize the importance of repenting and calling on Him to save you.

Believing is not a work

The Bible says in Galatians 2:16, “...even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.” Because the Bible says salvation is not by works, Its exhortation to believe, repent, and call cannot be considered works. (2) Believing, repenting, and calling are acknowledgments to God that you are helpless and in need of His help. Thus, these things are a surrender of yourself to God’s mercy rather than an attempt to impress Him for a reward.

Likewise, Romans 4:5 also states the same thing saying, “But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.” Instead of works, believing is the way to be saved. Thus, the Bible is saying that believing is not a work. To say that believing is a work is to contradict the Bible.

What must you believe to be saved?

Many people believe in God, but that can be said of the devil too. All devils believe in God. They know God and have been judged by God, but they are condemned. Why? They are condemned because they do not believe in the Lordship of Jesus Christ to save them. They believe in God but refuse to accept Him as their Lord and Master.

You must believe that your works will not save you.

Did you know that people can believe in God and still be condemned? They say they believe in Jesus, but then they say that they must live a good life so Christ will save them. They are relying on their works to be saved. They may believe in a God and refer to the name of Jesus Christ, but as the Lord points out in Matthew 7:21-23, “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” It is obvious from this passage that people are not doing God’s will by doing “many wonderful works in His name.”

Doing the will of the Father is to believe in His Son Jesus Christ for salvation. Jesus says in John 6:40, “This is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.” The will of God is that you do not rely on doing good works, but that you believe in Jesus Christ and rely on His work to save you.

Relying on the good things you do while saying you believe in Jesus Christ will prevent you from being saved. Matthew 7:23 shows that people can believe in God and even call on the name of Jesus, but because they are relying on their “wonderful works,” they are condemned. Believing that God exists and trying to live a wonderful works, such as baptism, won’t save you.

Salvation by grace does not involve works.

- The Bible says in Romans 11:6, “And if by grace, then *is* no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.” According to this verse, salvation must be all grace. It cannot be combined with works.
- Ephesians 2:8-9 says, “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” Any effort on your part to get to heaven is a work. You must depend completely on the work of Jesus.

Faith justifies you before God without works

- Romans 4:2-6 refers to Abraham as an example of how to be saved saying, “For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works.”
- This passage states that Abraham was not justified with works in God’s eyes. It also says that he was counted righteous because of his belief in God not because of works.
- Romans 4:4 says that works result in debt not grace.
- Romans 4:5 says that believing, not working, is the means whereby one is counted righteous.
- Romans 4:6 quotes David saying that a man is blessed when God imputes to him righteousness without works.
- Romans 4:24 concludes that everyone who follows Abraham’s example of believing, without works, will be imputed with righteousness as well.

Faith gives understanding of what to believe in

Hebrews 11:1 explains that, “faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Further, Hebrews 11:3 declares that, “Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.” Thus, *faith* enables us to understand and provides us with spiritual evidence of truths that require spiritual discernment. Believing is our response to the understanding gained by faith. Because the words are closely associated, they are often used interchangeably as synonyms.

Salvation is from Jesus only.

- Acts 4:12 says, “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

- Also, John 3:18 says, “He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” For this reason, we believe that salvation comes only through Jesus Christ.
- The definition of salvation is that you are saved from condemnation. Salvation is only for those who accept God’s gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ to forgive them of sin. Sincerity in any other person will not save you (Acts 4:12), and sincerity in works will not save you (Matthew 7:22-23).

You must believe in the true Jesus.

Only the true Jesus can save you. False Christ's cannot forgive your sins and save your soul. Second Corinthians 11:4 warns, For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him*. Second Corinthians 11:13 says, For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. So, who is the real and true Jesus Christ? He is God. Look at the following verses.

- Matthew 1:23 proclaims, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.
- His birth was no ordinary birth. Matthew 1:20 says that He was conceived of the Holy Ghost.
- Isaiah 9:6 says of Him, “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”
- John 1:1 proclaims, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” John 1:14 clarifies who this word is saying, “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”
- First Timothy 3:15 says, “And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh....”
- In John 20:28, Thomas says to Jesus, “My Lord and my God.” Jesus did not rebuke Thomas for this comment. Thomas made no mistake. Jesus is, indeed, God.”
- In Hebrews 1:8, God the Father addresses Jesus as God, saying,

“But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.”

- Only God can forgive sins, and that is exactly what Jesus did. Mark 2:5 says, “When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?” They are right. only God can forgive sins, and Jesus is His name. To be saved, you must believe in the true Jesus - the God of heaven. Only He can forgive you of your sins.

Salvation occurs the moment you believe

- According to First John 3:14, “We know that we have passed from death unto life....” Knowing that we have passed from death unto life indicates that we know right now that we are saved. We are not waiting to pass from death into life. A person is saved the moment he believes. There is no waiting period.
- In John 3:18, Jesus says, “He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already.” This statement shows that as soon as one believes, he is no longer condemned.
- Also, in John 5:24, Jesus says, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.” Believers have eternal life now, will never be condemned later, and are immediately passed into life from death.
- First John 3:14 also confirms this by saying, “We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren.” Knowing that we have passed from death unto life indicates that we know we are saved now.

Once saved always saved

- Once you are saved, you are always saved. This is called eternal security.
- First Corinthians 3:15 shows that a carnal Christian will suffer loss but, none the less, is still saved.: "If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." Verse eleven indicates that this passage is referring to

saved people because they have a foundation built by Jesus Christ.

- Verses 12-15 describe how the works of these Christians will be judged. Verse fifteen says that a Christian will suffer loss for his carnal works, none the less, he will still be saved. The reason he is still saved, regardless of his carnal works, is because his life as a Christian rests on the foundation that Jesus Christ built which cannot be burned up.
- Psalm 37:28 says, “For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever.”
- Jude 1:1 says that those sanctified by God are “preserved in Jesus Christ.”
- In John 10:28, Jesus says, “I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.” This is why spiritual life in Christ is called eternal life. It is a relationship with Jesus Christ (life) that will never end (eternal).

God wants to save everyone

- Second Peter 3:9 states, “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”
- First Timothy 2:4 states that it is God’s desire for, “all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.”
- First Timothy 2:6 states that Jesus, “gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.”
- Hebrews 2:9 declares that Jesus, “by the grace of God should taste death for every man.”

You must be saved before you die.

- Jesus says in John 8:24, “I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.”
- Hebrews 9:27 says, “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.” These passages show that you must believe before you die because after death, you will be judged.

Accept God's gift of eternal life now

- Second Corinthians 6:2 declares, "... behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation."
- Romans 10:9-13 explains, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.... For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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