



# LESSON 1: MY SALVATION

The God who created us wants to have a personal relationship with each and every one of us. In His Word, we clearly find what we need to do in order to be near Him and to know Him. The problem is that our sins separate us from God. The result is one of spending eternity in hell, separated from God. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ fills our hearts with genuine hope. His love towards us is truly amazing.

We will now learn what God did to give us eternal life.

## My Sin Separates Me from God

**Romans 3:23** <sup>(ESV)</sup> - *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

- Write this verse in your own words.
- Do you believe that this statement includes you too? Why?

*"Fall short," means that in our own humanity we can't have a relationship with God. He is perfect and holy. The end result of our sins is death, not only physical death but also spiritual: an eternal separation from God in hell.*

## God Loves Me

**John 3:16** <sup>(ESV)</sup> - *For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

- Whom did God love? \_\_\_\_\_.
- How did He demonstrate that love? \_\_\_\_\_.
- What is the result of believing in Jesus Christ?  
I will not go to \_\_\_\_\_, but I will have \_\_\_\_\_.

We cannot gain God's love or be worthy of it. He gives us His love by His grace, an unmerited favor that will always benefit us.

## Jesus Christ Paid for my Sins

**Colossians 2:13**<sup>(NIV)</sup> - *When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins...*

- How many of your sins were forgiven by Jesus?

There is nothing left to do, Jesus did all that was needed. His work on the cross was complete, giving us total forgiveness. He forgave ALL our sins: past, present and future. The only thing left for us to do is to receive the gift of eternal life by faith.

## My Salvation Is by Faith Alone

**Ephesians 2:8-9**<sup>(ESV)</sup> *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

- What CANNOT save you? \_\_\_\_\_
- What CAN save you? \_\_\_\_\_

**Galatians 2:16**<sup>(ESV)</sup> *Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.*

- What CANNOT justify you? \_\_\_\_\_
- What CAN justify you? \_\_\_\_\_

*Justification is when God declares righteous the person who believes what Christ did on the cross.*

None of our good works save us. Faith in Christ as our Savior is enough to save us by His grace. That same grace allows us to live a life pleasing to God.

## Receive Jesus Christ as Your Savior

**John 1:12** <sup>(ESV)</sup> - *But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God...*

- What is the result of believing in Jesus Christ and receiving Him as Savior?

**John 6:47** <sup>(ESV)</sup> - *Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.*

- What do you have if you believe in Jesus?

The Bible is clear that for us to have eternal life, all we have to do is BELIEVE in Jesus Christ and RECEIVE Him as Savior.

## What Does Jesus Promise when He Refers to “Eternal Life”?

Throughout this lesson we have seen that Jesus offers Eternal Life to whoever believes in Him. It is important to understand the scope of our salvation.

- Explain in your own words the meaning of “eternal”: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*The word “eternal” means: endless; ever lasting; a limitless duration of time.*

**1 John 5:11-13** <sup>(ESV)</sup> *And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.*

- What has God given us?
- What does He want us to know?
- The salvation that He gives us lasts for how long?
- Do you have complete assurance that you will spend eternity with God?  
Yes  No

**John 10:28-29** <sup>(ESV)</sup> *I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.*

- What does God promise?
- Those who believe in Jesus are in God's hand for how long?

God wants us to understand that we cannot lose our Salvation

- Can I be sure that when I believe in Jesus Christ, nothing or no one can snatch me from my Father's hand?  
Yes  No

### What Must I do?

- Do you believe that Jesus Christ saved you by paying for all your sins on the cross?

If you have understood and believe what the Bible says on how to be saved, and if you have not done so, this is the moment to receive Jesus Christ in your life. In your own words tell God that you receive Him as your personal Savior.

With joy, fill out your "new birth" certificate.

On this date \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_  
received Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.

I believe that He forgave all my sins on the cross and was raised from the dead. Now I know that I am His child, a new creation, that I am His forever and will spend an eternity with Him. I am sure that I have eternal life. I know that under no circumstances will I ever lose it.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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