



# Salvation

## PART 1.5

### BUILD YOUR LIFE ON THE FOUNDATION OF 11 CORE BIBLICAL TRUTHS

#### *Seven descriptions of salvation*

1. \_\_\_\_\_: Jesus died in my place.

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.

—1 Peter 3:18

- He was made sin for me (2 Cor. 5:21).
- He bore my sin in his body on the cross (1 Peter 2:24).
- He suffered once to bear the sins of others (Heb. 9:28).
- He was tortured for others' sin (Isa. 53:4–6).
- He was made a curse for me (Gal. 3:13).

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

—Galatians 2:20

2. \_\_\_\_\_: Jesus made me right with God.

Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses.

—Acts 13:39

He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

—Romans 4:25

3. \_\_\_\_\_: Jesus made peace with God possible.

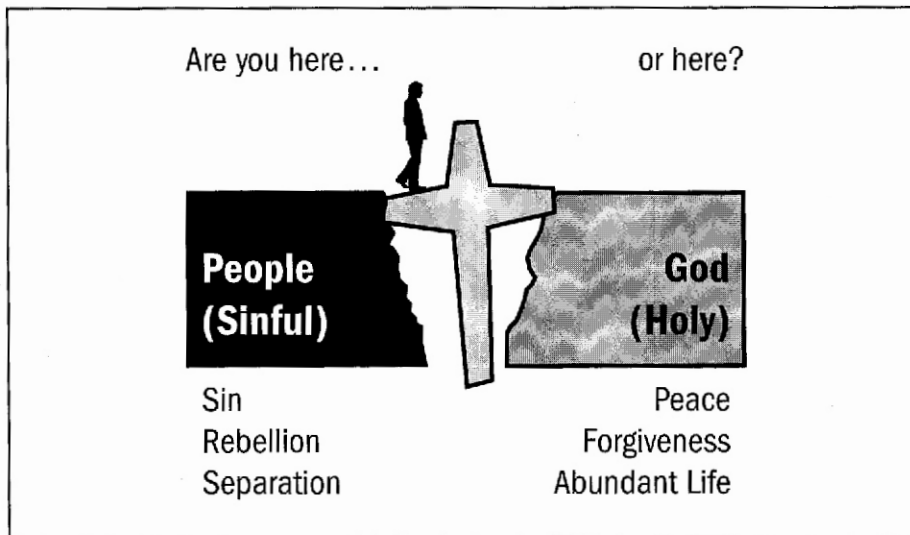
God was in Christ, making peace between the world and himself. . . . God did not hold the world guilty of its sins. And he gave us this message of peace.

—2 Corinthians 5:19 (NCV)

For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

—Romans 5:10

Jesus is the bridge between God and man.



4. \_\_\_\_\_: Jesus made me a part of God's family.

He predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.

—Ephesians 1:5

And since we are his children, we will share his treasures—for all God gives to his Son Jesus is now ours too.

—Romans 8:17 (LB)

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

—Romans 8:15

5. \_\_\_\_\_: Jesus purchased my salvation with his blood.



## A Fresh Word

### *Redemption*

The Greek word for redemption refers to slaves being purchased in the marketplace. In the spiritual sense, all of us were slaves to sin until Jesus purchased us out of the slave market and set us free from sin's bondage. Because he bought and paid for us with his blood, we now belong exclusively to him.

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

—Colossians 1:13–14

God paid a ransom to save you from the impossible road to heaven which your fathers tried to take, and the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver, as you very well know. But he paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.

—1 Peter 1:18–19 (LB)

6. \_\_\_\_\_: Jesus satisfied God's justice.



## A Fresh Word

### *Propitiation*

To propitiate is to bring satisfaction or to fulfill a demand or requirement. In heathen circles it was a word that meant “to appease the gods.” The biblical sense of the word speaks of that which satisfies the justice of God so that mercy is given.

The picture of propitiation in the Old Testament is the “mercy seat,” the cover of the ark of the covenant in first the tabernacle and later the temple. This is the place where blood was sprinkled as an offering for the sins of the people.

He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

—1 John 2:2

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

—1 John 4:10

7. \_\_\_\_\_: Jesus sent my sins away from me.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

—Ephesians 1:7

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins.

—Colossians 2:13

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

—Psalm 103:12

You will throw away all our sins into the deepest part of the sea.

—Micah 7:19 (NCV)

**Three aspects of salvation: past, present, and future**

1. In the \_\_\_\_\_, I was saved from the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin (justification).
2. In the \_\_\_\_\_, I am being saved from the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin (sanctification).
3. In the \_\_\_\_\_, I will be saved from the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin (glorification).

This means that while Jesus' death accomplished all that God intended it to—Jesus said, "It is finished"—we have not experienced all there is to experience of salvation. There is more to look forward to!

**Key Personal Perspective**

Does someone have to be able to understand all the truths we've discussed today to be saved? No.

To be saved you need to know only three truths:

1. I am a sinner.
2. Jesus died in my place.
3. If I ask God to forgive me for rebelling against him and I trust in Jesus as my Lord, he will save me.

No one can say these three truths are difficult to understand. The truth of our salvation is simple enough for a child to understand, yet deep enough to study the rest of your life and never fully comprehend.

The bottom line question: Have you accepted God's gift of forgiveness for your sin, paid for by Jesus' death on the cross?



## Discussion Questions

1. What simply amazes you about God's salvation?
2. Do you think any of us felt as lost as we truly were before we were saved? Have you seen any examples that show that the more lost someone knows they were the more appreciative they are of the gift of salvation?
3. The truth of justification is difficult for many to understand. What causes us to struggle to see ourselves as not guilty before God? What is it that has helped you to increase your faith in God's promise that we are justified?
4. In what ways do we take credit for or become prideful concerning the gift of salvation? What has encouraged you to keep before you daily the truth that salvation is completely by grace?
5. The seven pictures of salvation that we looked at in this study are among the greatest treasures in any of our lives.
  1. Substitution: Jesus died in my place.
  2. Justification: Jesus made me right with God.
  3. Reconciliation: Jesus made peace with God possible.
  4. Adoption: Jesus made me a part of God's family.
  5. Redemption: Jesus purchased my salvation with his blood.
  6. Propitiation: Jesus satisfied God's justice.
  7. Forgiveness: Jesus sent my sins away from me.

Which of these has the most immediate emotional impact on you?

Which of these would you like to understand better?

Which could you use to help someone you know to better understand how to become a believer?