

Lesson #4 | Salvation

Lesson Summary

A long time ago a man asked the question, "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30) Many Christians today are unsure of their salvation - why? Do we not believe what God has said in the Bible? Salvation is the beginning of the Christian walk with God. We must be assured of our salvation before we can make any progress as a Christian in our life.

Lesson Goal

What kind of people does God save? Salvation is a gift and can never be earned - it is only accepted. Salvation cannot be lost by works, just as it cannot be gained by works.

Study Point #1: Who does God save?

- Read Romans 3:10-19.

God shows us how sinful humanity is, ending with the statement that all are guilty before God. "All" includes everyone. God does not save good people, or people trying to earn their way to heaven. God saves the following kinds of people:

- "sinners" (Romans 3:23)
- "ungodly" (Romans 4:5)
- Those "without strength" (Romans 5:6)
- And even His "enemies" (Romans 5:10).

Are you one of these?

Study Point #2: What are we saved from?

The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). Because we all have sinned (and we all have a sinful nature from Adam - Romans 5:12), we will all die. If you die without Christ, you will die in your sins and perish. You will be without hope, and without God - forever.

- Read John 8:24

Study Point #3: How does God save us?

- By faith in Christ.

The Lord Jesus Christ came into the world to die for sin. (John 10). All you have to do is accept the free gift of God, by believing that Jesus Christ died in your place! Accept it freely. It costs the sinner nothing. You can't earn it by being good. God does not require any works from a sinner. God justifies the sinner freely. Justification is God saying a person is righteous when that person isn't - because He gives you HIS righteousness instead.

- By His Grace.

Salvation comes from the heart of God. There was nothing good in us that caused God to save us. Grace means God is free to do all this for the sinner because Christ paid for our sins by His death on the Cross. If it could be earned, Christ would not have needed to die.

Lesson #6 | Sin vs. Sins

- The Redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Free to the sinner, but it cost God everything! Free is not cheap! God had to become a man and die in the sinner's place. Sin against an infinite God requires an infinite payment. No man, church, or works of any kind can pay this debt. The debt had to be fully paid by the Lord Jesus Christ - you see God paid your debt for you.

- Read John 3:16

Study Point #4: Salvation cannot be lost

What you could not earn through good works, you cannot lose through bad works. John said "He that hath the Son hath life" and "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life" (1 John 5).

- Read Romans 8:38-39.

Study Questions

1. What kind of people does God save? Give some examples:

 2. What do we need saving from?

 3. What does it cost a sinner to get saved?

 4. What did it cost God to save sinners?

 5. Are you saved? _____ How do you know you are saved?

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Teacher's Notes

Lesson Preparation

It would be best to be familiar with the Gospel of John and the letters of Paul, particularly Romans. A review of both books would be good if you have the time. Otherwise make sure you cover the referenced materials listed in this lesson, and make sure you have a complete understanding of salvation, that it is by faith and not of works.

Make sure you pray!

Teaching the Lesson

This lesson is very simple. You want the students to understand that all have sinned, and that all are sinners in need of a savior. Furthermore, there is only one who has the answer to the question of sin and death - and that is the Lord Jesus Christ! Christ proved this by his resurrection from the dead - he conquered death.

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Romans 10:17). Faith means believing what God has said about sin (the wages - what you have 'earned' by sinning - is death) and about salvation. It is a gift, we cannot earn it. If we could have paid it, Christ would never have needed to die. Ephesians states "For **by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that **not of yourselves**: it is the **gift of God**" (Ephesians 2:8).

God is a giver, and he gave his son to die a death on the cross so that we might have life. While you have this opportunity to teach this lesson, make sure you ask each student if they are saved, and if not - if they would like to accept the Lord Jesus as their savior by simply believing the message of the gospel of the grace of God - that Christ died for sinners so that all might have life. Never let such an opportunity pass, even if you think the hearers are saved! They will also be asked that in the questions.

Question Answers:

1. There are 4 listed in study point 1.
2. Sin
3. Nothing
4. Everything - his own son dying the horrible death of the cross.
5. They can know they are saved because God has stated that all who believe on the name of the Lord Jesus HAVE eternal life (it is a present possession!)