
SALVATION

LESSON ONE

These lessons begin with the trustworthiness of the Bible, for if the Bible is not trustworthy and dependable, the whole of the Christian faith is thrown into question. But the Bible is dependable and trustworthy **because** it is God's Word. Men chosen by God wrote the very words God directed them to write. If we are to build a strong Christian life, we must build it upon the sure foundation of the Word of God.

For example, how do we **know** there is such a thing as salvation, or what the process of salvation involves? It is very important for you to realize the true significance of what has happened in your life. The word "salvation" or "saved" in the Bible comes from a Greek word meaning "rescued or delivered from danger or death." We know the Scriptures teach that all men are sinners (Rom. 3:23), and that the "wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). It is the Bible that explains that "it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this (death) the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). It is the Word of God that tells us what both Heaven and Hell are like. Both places are referred to frequently in the Scriptures.

What does the Bible teach about **salvation**? In the words of the Apostle Paul, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31a). And again, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thy heart that God hath raised him (Jesus) from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Rom. 10:9). John the apostle put it this way: "He that hath the Son (Jesus) hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (1 John 5:12).

Salvation is in a person; and that person is Jesus Christ who said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Salvation is **NOT** in a church, a denomination, a ritual, or anything else. "Neither is there salvation in any other (person or thing): for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12) -- in reference to the name of Jesus. Only as we believe in Jesus Christ and receive Him as Savior do we have eternal life.

TRUTH IN REVIEW: (Look up verses)

*The Bible tells us how to be saved! (1 John 5:10-12; John 3:16-18)
Salvation is not the result of man's good works but Christ's work on the cross (Rom. 6:23).*

*Eternal life is in a person, and that person is Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12).
Salvation is a gift from God, not of works lest any man should boast (Eph. 2:8,9).*

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

1. What book tells us how to be saved? _____.
2. Salvation is not by works but by faith in _____
(Eph. 2:8,9).
3. The Bible says, "He that hath the _____ hath life"
(1 John 5:12).
4. Jesus said, "I am the _____, the _____, and
the _____" (John 14:6).
5. Salvation is a g_____ from God (Rom. 6:23).

"God's Word tells me why I am so different since I asked Jesus Christ into my life and accepted Him as personal Savior."

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6. For I _____ upon the name of the Lord, and He _____ me (Rom. 10:13).
 7. The _____ of Jesus Christ has cleansed me from _____ sin (1 John 1:7).
 8. In Christ I have _____ through His _____ and forgiveness of _____ by His grace (Eph. 1:7).

OTHER PASSAGES:

John 3; 5:24; 10:28-31; Romans 3:19-28; 5:1-21

ANSWERS:

Lesson 1: 1. The Bible 2. Jesus Christ 3. Son 4. Way, Truth, Life 5. Gift
6. Called, Saved 7. Blood 8. All 9. Redemption, Blood, Sins

MEMORY VERSE: 1 JOHN 5:13!