

The Doctrine of Salvation

Various Scriptures

“There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved. -Acts 4:12

In your opinion what are some most common misconceptions regarding God’s plan of salvation?

*Salvation is by _____. Luke 3:8; Romans 9:6-7

*Salvation is by _____ . 1 Corinthians 14:40

*Salvation is by _____. Ephesians 2:8

Salvation: Greek word *soteria* meaning deliverance; it is often used to describe welfare, deliverance, preservation, salvation and safety.

According to the Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary, Salvation is one of the key concepts of God’s revelation to humanity. The Biblical idea of salvation involves 3 notions:

- ◆ **Rescue** from danger, harm, or even _____ of an individual, group, or nation.
- ◆ **Renewal** of the spirit. Ever since humanity fell from the original condition of moral purity into a state of sin, God’s plan of salvation has been available to renew a persons spirit into a life that is morally pleasing to Him.
- ◆ **Restoration** of a right relationship with God. Sin separates us from God, but His salvation restores that relationship.

Salvation in the Old Testament:

While most of the Old Testament deals with the salvation of the nation of Israel, the Psalms however focus more on the salvation of the _____ and the Prophets extend God’s plan of salvation to the _____. Keep in mind, God is **holy** and cannot tolerate sin, humanity is fallen, and God initiates and provides a way of salvation. In the end it is up to humanity how we respond.

In the beginning the Lord God made a covenant with Abraham promising to bless all the nations of the earth through him(Genesis 12:1-3). In addition to this, we see **God** is always the one who saves and redeems His people, and redemption usually comes with a blood sacrifice according to the Word (Law) of God.

Cross references: Genesis 15:6; Leviticus 17:11; Hebrews 9:22

How are we saved?

We are saved by _____ on _____ and following His _____.

* Exodus 3:7-10; the salvation of _____.

* Psalm 34:4; the salvation of an _____.

* Micah 4:1-2; the salvation of the _____.

Why do we need saving?

The primary reason we need God's salvation is to be _____ renewed.

* 2 Chronicles 34:29-32; The salvation of _____.

* Psalm 51:10; the salvation of an _____.

* Isaiah 41:1; the salvation of the _____.

What is the benefit of being saved?

It brings us _____ into a _____ relationship with God.

* Jeremiah 30:18-19; the salvation of _____.

* Job 42:10; the salvation of an _____.

* Isaiah 49:6; the salvation of the _____.

In looking at these questions, what is one challenge of encouraging someone about God's plan of salvation using only the Old Testament?

"Look, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. This one will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke even though I am their master, says the Lord." -Jeremiah 31:31-32

Salvation in the New Testament:

In the New Testament salvation is obtained by _____ alone through **faith** in the person and work of Jesus Christ. In the gospel according to John, he states in chapter 1:1-2 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.” At the conclusion of verse 14 we see, just like God initiated salvation in the Old Testament through obedience to His Word (Law), He now provides a fulfillment of salvation by way of His love (Grace). Instead of sacrificing animals over and over again, He establishes a new covenant and allows humanity the free will to accept the permanent sacrifice, shed blood, and atonement of our sin once and for all, in His Son Jesus Christ.

It’s all about Jesus!

How are we saved?

Through the revelation of the Holy Spirit, by _____ and _____ the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior.

Cross references: John 3:16; Romans 10:9; John 6:44

Is there anything we can do to earn our salvation? Why or why not?

Cross references: Romans 4:2; Ephesians 2:8-9

Can we lose our salvation? Why or Why not?

Those who are truly saved and chose to honor and obey God will not blatantly _____ in sin without any remorse. Romans 6:1-4; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Cross references: John 6:37-40; Romans 8:29-39; Ephesians 1:13-14

How can we lead someone to accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior?

- ✓ We are all sinners by nature and by choice: **Romans 3:23**
- ✓ We receive eternal life as a free gift: **Romans 6:23**
- ✓ God showed His love for us, His enemies: **Romans 5:8**

- ✓ In order to be saved from the penalty of our sin we must trust and surrender to Jesus Christ as our Lord: **Romans 10:9-10**

God's eternal purpose is to _____ sinners through Jesus' atoning death on the cross.

After reflecting on these questions, what is one blessing of encouraging someone about God's plan of salvation in the New Testament?

"God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him." -John 3:17