

LESSON 1
THE NEED OF SALVATION AND HOW TO
GET IT

Introduction: Being a Christian or truly saved (going to heaven, having eternal life) is not a “*maybe*” situation or something you “*hope*” for, but rather is a real experience that you may have now. **II Corinthians 6:2**

NOTICE:

Salvation is a Bible Fact = “*Jesus*” saves. **Acts 8:35**

Salvation requires Faith = “*believe*” the facts. **Acts 8:37**

Salvation produces Feeling = result of believing is “*rejoicing*”. **Acts 8:39**

A.The Problem: “All have sinned” (Romans 3:23). Every person is a sinner and will be punished for his sins against God if he doesn’t seek a “*pardon*” from God.

1. We inherit a sinful nature (flesh) from Adam and therefore through our parents.

Romans 5:12; Psalm 51:5

2. When we willfully and knowingly sin against (disobey) God, we are then responsible for it and therefore under sentence of death (physical and spiritual). **Romans 7:7-10**

3. Our sin is much greater than we realized. **Romans 3:10-19; Isaiah 64:6; Psalm 39:5**

4. The sin and rebellion of our Adamic nature will bring us eternal punishment.

Revelation 21:8; Psalm 9:17; Luke 13:3

5. Man is unable to save anyone by:

- a. Himself; he has no spiritual strength. **Romans 5:6**
- b. His life; he is spiritually dead. **Romans 7:9; Ephesians 2:1.**
- c. His power; he has no ability to redeem (to pay for) sin. **Psalm 49:6-9.**
- d. His religion; only Jesus Christ can save. **John 14:6;**

Galatians 1:13-16; John 3:1-8

B.The Provision: God has provided the Saviour to solve our problem of sin and to save us from everlasting hell.

1. Jesus Christ is the Saviour. **Matthew 1:21; Luke 19:10; John 1:29**

2. Jesus Christ becomes your Savior after:

a. *Conviction:* The first step toward salvation is realizing you are a wicked sinner and are guilty enough to go to hell. **John 16:7-11**

b. *Repentance:* The second step toward salvation is to be truly sorry for your sins against God and be willing to turn away from the sins that have condemned you. **Acts 20:21; Luke 13:5; II Corinthians 7:9,10;**

I Thessalonians 1:9

c. *Faith:* The third and final step toward salvation is to believe with all your heart that Jesus died for your personal sins and paid the penalty for them by shedding His blood. Believing this, you pray and receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour. **John 1:12; Acts 16:30,31; Romans 10:9,10;**

I Corinthians 15:1-4; I Peter 1:18,19.

C.The Protection: When you have done all that God (not man) requires to be saved, then He saves you eternally and keeps you by His power and grace. God's salvation is a free gift that He paid for on the Cross and gave you when you believed. You did not merit this gift, nor does He require you to do anything (to earn it or pay for it) to keep it. Through faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus we:

1. Are eternally saved (You cannot lose your salvation).
**Romans 6:23; John 5:24; John 10:27,28; Ephesians 2:8,9; I Peter 1:4,5;
I John 5:10-13**
2. Are justified (made just) and reconciled forever to God. **Romans 5:8-11**
3. Are completely forgiven of all our sins. **Colossians 1:13,14;
I John 1:7-9**
4. Are spiritually born of God's supernatural power and are put into the spiritual body of Jesus Christ by the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
I Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:26-28; Ephesians 1:13; Ephesians 4:30

QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 1

1. True Salvation is:
 - a. When one feels good.
 - b. Comes after a good feeling.
 - c. Produces a good feeling.
2. The basic problem of man is that "all have _____" and we will be punished for them if we don't seek a pardon from God.
3. This terrible problem is ours because we are born with a sinful _____ and we _____ sin(break God's laws) against God.
4. We learned from the Bible that man is unable to save himself or anyone else because.
 - a. Man has no _____ strength.
 - b. Man is spiritually _____.
 - c. Man has nothing to _____ (to pay for) sin.
 - d. ONLY _____ can save according to God's Word.
5. God has provided the Saviour to solve our problem of sin and His name is _____.

**The three essential steps to salvation (being eternally forgiven of sin)
are:**

6. _____ = you realize you are a _____.
7. _____ = you are _____ for your sins and are willing to _____ from them.
8. _____ = you _____ with all your heart the gospel by asking Jesus Christ to be your _____ and _____.
9. God's salvation is _____, because God keeps us by His _____.
10. Through Salvation in Jesus Christ we"
 - a. Are eternally _____.
 - b. Are justified (made just) and reconciled (brought back into fellowship with God) _____.
 - c. Are completely forgiven of _____ our sins.
 - d. Are spiritually _____ of God.