



"GET A GRIP ON YOUR FAITH"



DOCTRINE #5: GOD'S GREAT SALVATION

Match the Following Theory with Its Definition

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| A. Repentance | <u> C </u> | Turning from sin to God. |
| B. Faith | <u> F </u> | The act of being brought into a family relationship with Christ through salvation. It opens to the believer all rights and privileges of sonship. |
| C. Conversion | <u> B </u> | Complete trust, belief, and confidence in God and His promises. |
| D. Justification | <u> E </u> | New life given by the saving power of Christ. Being made a new person through salvation. |
| E. Regeneration | <u> A </u> | Sincere sorrow for sin and a desire to turn from it. |
| F. Adoption | <u> D </u> | Pardon from sins committed. Act of being declared righteous before God. |

Statement of Faith #5



We believe man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God. Salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Luke 24:47; John 3:3; Rom. 10:13-15; Eph. 2:8; Titus 2:11; 3:5-7.)

Salvation – A Needed Plan

- Which Bible doctrine is the most important?
They are all important, of course. But without salvation, the Bible and Christianity would offer little hope for man.
- Why was God's plan of man's redemption necessary?
Because of man's fall. Sin separated man from God. A plan was needed that would bring man back into fellowship with God.
- According to Rev. 13:8, was God caught by surprise when Adam and Eve sinned?
No! God had a plan -- one He had designed even before the world was created.
- God's plan called for a blood sacrifice. Read the following Scriptures: Ex. 12:13; Lev. 17:11; Rom 3:25, 5:9; Eph. 1:7, 2:13; Heb. 9:22.
- According to Heb. 10:11-12, what is the difference between the Old Testament sacrifice and Jesus' sacrifice?
 1. Over and over vs. once and for all
 2. Powerless to save vs. powerful to save from sin
 3. Covering vs. cleansing



Salvation – How Does It Happen?

- How does Eph. 4:22-24 describe salvation?

When we are saved we put off the old man and put on the new man.

- Number the steps to salvation in order.

- 1 Lost
- 6 God justifies or clears our record
- 3 We repent ... ask for forgiveness
- 5 We confess Christ as Savior
- 2 Holy Spirit convicts us of sin
- 4 We believe the blood of Christ can cover our sin
- 7 Holy Spirit makes us a new person
- 8 Saved

- God and man both play important parts in salvation.

1. **God's part:** What does God do to get us thinking about coming home to Him? Read John 16:8-11.

The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin and our need for forgiveness.

2. **Man's part:** After we are awakened and convicted of our sins, we must do what? Read Luke 13:3; Acts 3:19; Acts 26:20.

We must repent of our sins. Repentance is the sinner's first step toward salvation. We must be willing to admit we have done wrong (I John 1:9).

Repentance has three elements:

- Intellectual – Change of perspective, seeing God's truth.
- Emotional – Sorrow for sin causing a movement toward God.
- Volitional – We must choose to accept God's grace.

3. **Man's part:** Not only do we need to repent, we also must what? Read Acts 16:31; Eph. 2:8,9; Acts 2:38.

We must believe ... have faith that Jesus can free us from our sins.

4. **Man's part:** According to Rom. 10:9, what must we believe about Jesus?

We must confess that Jesus is Lord and Savior!

5. **God's part:** In Romans 3:23-26, what does the Scriptures say God does for us? Note also Jer. 31:33,34 and Heb. 10:16,17.

God justifies us and clears our record. Justification has two great benefits:

- declares us not guilty ... pardon for sins committed.
- Declares us righteous before God.

6. **God's part:** In John 3:3, Jesus talked to Nicodemus about the new birth. What is made new by spiritual rebirth? Consider 2 Cor. 5:17; 1 John 3:9.

The Holy Spirit makes us a new person. This is the doctrine of regeneration ... "to be again" or "to become again".

Justification is what God does for us through Christ; regeneration is what God does in us through the Holy Spirit. Justification makes us righteous; regeneration makes us holy.

- Another important aspect of salvation is adoption. As adopted sons and daughters of the King, we have a rich inheritance. Not only are we promised the blessings of God, but eternal life as well. Read Romans 8:15-17.