

IMPORTANT SALVATION TRUTHS FROM GOD'S WORD

JESUS LOVES ME!

The word of God (bible) is the source of truth for understanding salvation doctrines (teachings)
(I Peter 1:23-25; James 1:18).

“But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name” John 20:31.

1) **God loves us and wants to have a close relationship with us ... and it brings him pleasure!**

Acts 17:24-27 (all scriptures NIV): “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth ... From one man He made every nation of men ... God did this so that men would **seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him**, though He is not far from each of us”.

Ephesians 1:3-5: “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For He **chose us** in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In **love**, He predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ in accordance with His **pleasure and will**”.

2) **Problem: God is perfect, righteous and holy, but we are sinners that fall short of God's perfect standards. Because we are sinners we cannot on our own merits have a personal relationship with God, and we need a Savior, otherwise we will pay the penalty for our own sins (eternal separation from God in Hell)** (Rom 3:9-23, 6:23; Jer 17:9; I John 1:8,10; Eccl 7:20; Isa 53:6, 59:2, 64:6; John 5:28-29; Mt 25:46; Rev 20:11-15; Lk 3:17). **The Holy Spirit helps convict us of our sins and need for a Savior** (Jn 16:7-12); **and God the Father draws people to the Savior** (John 6:37, 39, 44, 65; 17:2, 9).

Romans 3:23, 6:23: “for **all** have sinned and **fall short** of the glory of God ... for the wages of sin is **death ...**”

3) **Jesus Christ is the one and only Savior!** (Mat 1:21; Luke 1:76-77, 2:11, 19:10; John 3:36, 4:42, 12:47, 14:6; Acts 4:10,12, 5:30-31; Rom 5:1-2, 9-10; Eph 5:23; Phil 3:20-22; I Tim 1:15; II Tim 1:9-10; Titus 3:6; Heb 2:3, 9-10, 5:7-9, 7:24-25, 9:28; I John 4:14).

4) **Jesus Christ's death & resurrection covered the penalty for all our sins; his death provided "atonement" (i.e., payment) and satisfied the justified wrath of God** (Mat 1:21, 20:28; John 1:29, 3:16; Rom 4:25,5:6,8,18-19, 8:3; I Cor 15:2-8; II Cor 5:17-21; Gal 1:3-4, 4:4-5; Col 2:13-14; I Tim 2:5-6; Heb 1:3, 2:9, 9:26,28; I Pet 3:18; I John 2:1-2, 3:5, 4:10; Rev 1:5).

******* Read II Corinthians 5:14-21 *******

- 5) **Salvation is an act of God's grace, mercy & love** (grace: Acts 15:11, 20:24; Rom 3:22-24, 5:15-17, 11:5-6; I Cor 15:9-10; Eph 1:5-8, 2:8; II Tim 1:9; Titus 2:11, 3:4-7; Heb 2:9; I Pet 1:10; **mercy**: Luke 1:77-78; Rm 9:14-24, 11:30-32; Eph 2:4-5; I Tim 1:13-16; Titus 3:5; I Pet 1:3, 2:10; **love**: Jn 3:16, 15:13; Rm 5:8; Eph 2:4-6; I Jn 3:16, 4:10).
- 6) **Salvation must be received by us through individual belief/faith in Jesus' payment on our behalf** (Jn 1:12-13, 3:16, 5:24; Acts 13:39, 16:31; Rm 3:22, 10:4); **we are saved by faith alone, not by works such as keeping the sacraments or trying to follow a list of rules. Salvation is a gift from God.** (John 5:24; Acts 13:38-39; Rm 3:21-26,28,30, 5:1, 8:3, 10:3-4; Gal 2:14-21, 3:1-29, 5:4-6, Phil 3:8-9; Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-7; II Tim 1:8-9).
- 9). **When we believe in and receive Jesus gift of salvation, we are spiritually "born again", and are "baptized" (placed) into Christ's body (family)** (Jn 3:3-18; Gal 3:26-29; I Cor 12:13).

***** **Read Ephesians 2:8-9** *****

John 1:12: "Yet to all who **received** Him, to those who **believed** in His name, He gave the right to become children of God".

- 7) **Saving faith results in good works** (Mat 7:16-20, 12:33; Luke 3:8-9, 6:43-45; John 15:8; Rm 2:13; Eph 2:10; Titus 3:8; Jam 2:14-26).
- 8) **We can have confidence of our salvation, by the following evidences:**
- a) **By continuing to believe in Jesus for our salvation** (Acts 16:31; John 3:16, 5:24)
 - b) **By producing "good fruit" (good works)** {see #7 above}
 - c) **By sensing the presence of the Holy Spirit in our life** (Rom 8:16)
 - d) **By obeying the commands of Jesus** (I John 2:3-5)
 - e) **By having love for our Christian brothers and sisters** (I John 3:14)
- 9) **IF we are truly saved, we possess eternal security (i.e., we can never lose our salvation!)** (key scripture John 10:27-30; Rom 8:38-39; Eph 1:13-14; II Cor 1:21-22; Heb 9:12, 15; I Peter 3:18; Jude 24).)