

Sin & Salvation

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What must I do to be saved?

Acts 2:37

SECTION 1

The Original Sin

Before we can understand salvation and appreciate the fact that Jesus is our Savior, we must first understand why man needs a savior and what he needs to be saved from. In short, we must understand the seriousness of sin and its eternal consequences.

1. What was God's command? Genesis 2:16,17

Read Genesis 3:1-13

2. How did Adam and Eve respond to God's command?

3. Who tempted Eve?

4. Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit. They disobeyed God. They sinned. How did they react after their eyes were opened and they realized they were naked?

v.7 _____

v.8 _____

v.10 _____

5. How did God respond to Adam and Eve's sin?

v.8,9 _____

Notice the different responses to man's sin:

- Man covered up and hid from God.
- God sought man.

Things have not changed much since the beginning. After thousands of years and countless sins, man still hides and God still seeks. This is the starting point of understanding salvation.

Personal Application

What did you learn from this lesson and how will you apply it to your life?

The Origin of Sin

The Bible teaches us that sin entered the world as a result of the transgression of Adam and Eve in paradise. The first sin was occasioned by the temptation of Satan in the form of a serpent, who sowed in man's heart the seeds of distrust and unbelief. Scripture clearly indicates that the serpent, who appears as the tempter in the story of the fall, was an instrument of Satan. The first sin consisted in man's eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. This eating was sinful simply because God had forbidden it. It clearly showed that man was not willing to subject his will unconditionally to the will of God, and comprised several elements. In the intellect it revealed itself as unbelief and pride; in the will as the desire to be like God; and in the affections as unholy satisfaction in eating of the forbidden fruit. As a result of it, man lost the image of God in the restricted sense, became guilty and utterly corrupt, and fell under the sway of death.

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SECTION 2

The Results of Sin

1. What does iniquity do to man's relationship with God? Isaiah 59:1,2

2. Describe sinful man's condition: Romans 3:9-20,23

v.9 _____

v.10 _____

v.11 _____

v.11 _____

v.12 _____

v.12 _____

v.12 _____

v.13,14 _____

v.16 _____

v.17 _____

v.18 _____

v.23 _____

3. What are the wages of sin? Romans 6:23

4. What follows immediately after death? Hebrews 9:27

5. How does the Bible describe eternal judgment?

Matthew 25:41 _____

Revelation 20:11-15 _____

Revelation 21:8 _____

All sin is rebellion against the holy nature of God. Because of sin, man is separated from God and doomed to an eternity away from his presence.

Personal Application

What did you learn from this lesson and how will you apply it to your life?

SECTION 3

God's Solution for Sin

1. What does Paul call eternal life? Romans 6:23

2. Why did Jesus come into the world? John 3:16,17

3. What is necessary for the forgiveness of sins? Hebrews 9:22

4. What does the blood of Jesus do for us?

Romans 5:9 _____

Ephesian 1:7 _____

Ephesians 2:13 _____

1 John 1:7 _____

Revelation 1:5 _____

5. What did Jesus do for us on the cross?

1 Peter 2:24 _____

2 Corinthians 5:21 _____

Galatians 3:13,14 _____

6. What was God's solution for man's sin? Isaiah 53:6

7. What happens when we receive Jesus as Lord and Savior? John 1:12,13

8. What did Jesus say must happen before we see and enter the Kingdom of God?
John 3:3-7

9. What do the following verses teach about being born of God?

John 1:13 _____

1 Peter 1:23 _____

1 John 3:9 _____

1 John 4:7 _____

1 John 5:4 _____

10. What does Paul say about those who are in Christ?
2 Corinthians 5:17

Because God is holy and just, he cannot let sin go unpunished. Because he is love, he desires to redeem his creation. In order to be just and justifier, God sent his son to earth to pay the penalty for man's sin.

Personal Application

What did you learn from this lesson and how will you apply it to your life?

Have you come to the place in your spiritual life where you know for sure that if you were to die today you would spend eternity in Heaven?

Yes No Not Sure

Suppose you died and God asked, "Why should I let you into my Heaven?", what would you say?

SECTION 4

By Grace Through Faith

1. Is it possible to be saved by our own good works? How are we saved? Ephesians 2:8,9

2. Is it possible to be saved by keeping the law? What does the law do? Romans 3:20

3. What does God's grace teach the believer? Titus 2:11,12

4. Why did God save us? Titus 3:4,5

5. What did Paul tell the Romans they must do to be saved? Romans 10:9,10

6. What should all who confess Jesus as Lord do?

Luke 6:46 _____

2 Timothy 2:19 _____

7. What is the significance of the resurrection? What if there is no resurrection?
1 Corinthians 15:14-19

v.14 _____

v.15 _____

v.16 _____

v.17 _____

v.18 _____

v.19 _____

We are dead in sin. We cannot save ourselves. Regardless of who we are, we need a Savior. Jesus Christ is the only true Savior. By receiving Jesus as Lord and Savior, we can be saved from sin and its consequences. Our salvation is based on what Jesus did for us, not what we do for him. It is by grace through faith.

In order to receive salvation, we must:

Realize that we are sinners without excuse (Romans 1:20). Only through the cross of Christ can we be saved. This should be our conclusion after chapter one.

Recognize that Jesus Christ is the only Savior and Lord. This will be covered in another lesson.

Respond as the original disciples did, by turning from sin and putting faith in Christ alone for salvation. This will be covered fully in another lesson.

Personal Application

What did you learn from this lesson and how will you apply it to your life?

Write your personal testimony using the following outline.

Before you met Christ. (The Problem)

How you met Christ. (The Solution)

Since you met Christ. (The Change)

Notes
