

[NEW BELIEVER'S]

Bible Study #3

SALVATION

One of the most important habits that will help you grow as a new Christian is memorizing Bible verses. In the book of Psalms, it says, "Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You" (Psalm 119:11). Memorizing Bible verses and applying them to your life will help you learn what God wants you to know. We encourage you to memorize the verse below to give you a better understanding of the topic of salvation.

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE (JOHN 3:16).

Jesus makes it clear that we need to be born again, or saved. In fact, He tells us, "Most assuredly I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). In this lesson, you will learn:

- Why we need to be saved.
- How God has provided for our salvation.
- How we can have that salvation personally.

Before you start, it's a good idea to pray. Ask God to help you understand what He wants to teach you and to show you how to apply it in your life.

As you complete this study, do not simply copy what the Bible verse says, but use your own words when answering the questions.

Let's start by learning about sin. Simply put, sin is the failure to obey any of God's commandments or laws. It can be something as simple as lying, or something as extreme as murdering someone, but it is all sin.

1. How does the Bible describe sin? (1 John 3:4) _____

2. What is the result of sin? _____

(Romans 6:23) _____

(James 1:15) _____

To better understand the effects of sin, think of death as separation. As sinners, we are spiritually dead, because we are separated from God. If we do not repent and change our ways, that separation becomes permanent and we are doomed to an eternal death (separation from God from all eternity).

Conversely, to be *righteous* means “to do right; to be totally innocent before God in regards to obeying His commandments.”

3. How many of us are righteous? (Romans 3:10) _____

4. How many of us have sinned? (Romans 3:23) _____

The good news is that God sent his Son, Jesus, to pay the price for our sins. Jesus paid the penalty for our sin, taking the punishment we deserve upon Himself.

5. What did Jesus do to take the penalty of sin for us? (1 Corinthians 15:3) _____

6. What word explains why God would send His only Son to die for us? (John 3:16) _____

7. Did God love us before we became Christians? (Romans 5:8) _____

8. What must we do in order to be saved from our sin? _____

(Romans 10:9) _____

(Acts 16:30–31) _____

To believe means “to cling to, trust in, and rely on.” To confess means “to admit guilt or acknowledge one’s sin.”

It’s important to remember that it is only through Jesus’ death on the cross that we can be saved. Aside from repenting from our sin and believing in Christ, there is nothing we can do to earn or deserve salvation.

9. The Bible uses several words to show the contrast between “works” and “faith.” Next to each of the following verses, write the words that best describe how we are saved.

(Ephesians 2:8) _____

(Titus 3:5) _____

(James 2:14-17) _____

10. Why does the Bible say we are not saved by our works? (Ephesians 2:9) _____

Justice is getting what we deserve. If God was only a just God, we would all perish because we all deserve death.

Mercy is not getting what we deserve. It is by His mercy that He can forgive us.

Grace is getting something we don't deserve at all. By God's grace (not our own merit), He sent us His Son who paid the price for our sin.

Faith is accepting as truth things that cannot be proven by the senses. Faith is trusting God.

11. What should be the result of God's goodness and kindness to us? (Romans 2:4)

Repentance means “a change of mind.” It is a change in our hearts, away from sin and toward God. It should include:

- A genuine sorrow for the sins we have committed.
- A change in our behavior, turning away from our sinful behavior.

- A desire to submit to God's will.

12. When we repent, what happens in heaven? (Luke 15:10) _____

There are people who say that there are many ways to get to heaven. Let's see what the Bible has to say about that.

13. According to the following verses, how many ways are there to receive salvation?

(1 Timothy 2:5) _____

(Acts 4:12) _____

(John 14:6) _____

Do you have that salvation? If you haven't done so already, all you have to do is pray this simple prayer and mean it in your heart. "Jesus, I know I am a sinner. Forgive my sins and take control of my life. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen."

From memory, write out your memory verse from page 1.

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