

SALVATION

Question: What does salvation mean?

SALVATION - Salvation is deliverance from the power and effects of sin.

Greek word is Sozo: wholeness in spirit • wholeness in the soul (mind, will, and emotions)

• wholeness in body. This word is used 110 times in Scripture.

- **Sovereignty:** His absolute right to do all things according to his own good pleasure.
- **Grace:** unmerited favor (getting something you didn't deserve)
- **Mercy:** the act of withholding deserved punishment (not getting what you do deserve)
- **Faith:** means putting your trust in God and having confidence that he will fulfill his promises. The Bible states "*Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see*"(Hebrews 11:1).
- **Justification:** the gracious act of God by which He declares a sinner righteous only through faith in Jesus.

*This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And **there is salvation in no one else**, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:11-12*

Question: Who is salvation for?

*For the **grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people**, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, Titus 2:11-12*

*And it shall come to pass that **everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.** Acts 2:21*

*if you **confess** with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and **believe** in your heart that God raised him from the dead, **you will be saved.** For with the heart one believes and is **justified**, and with the mouth one confesses and is **saved.** Romans 10:9-10*

*For by **grace**, you have been **saved through faith**. And this is **not your own doing**; it is the **gift of God**, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9*

REPENTANCE

Question: What do you think repentance means?

Question: Why is Repentance important?

*I **confess** my iniquity; I am **sorry** for my sin. Ps 38:18*

Repentance is an **inner** change of mind resulting in an **outward** turning back, or turning around; to face and to move in a completely different direction.

Question: Can you give an example of someone in the New Testament who repented?

Luke 15:11-32 - Prodigal Son - First an **inward decision** (I will arise and go to my father) and then an **outward act** of that decision (And he arose and went to his father)

True repentance must always go before true faith. (**Repent and believe** in the Gospel Mark 1: 14-15)

*Repent, therefore, and **turn again**, that your sins may be blotted out, Acts 3:19*

*The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that **all should reach repentance**. 2 Peter 3:9*

*The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he **commands** all people everywhere to **repent**, Acts 17:30*

*Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that **God's kindness** is meant to **lead you to repentance**? Romans 2:4*

Question: What happens if we don't repent?

There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this

way? No, I tell you; but **unless you repent**, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but **unless you repent**, you will all likewise perish." Luke 13:1-5

"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. **Repent and turn** from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! **Why will you die**, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; **so turn**, and live." Eze 18:30-32

BORN AGAIN

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born again** he cannot **see** the kingdom of God." John 3:3

Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born of water and the Spirit**, he cannot **enter** the kingdom of God. John 3:5

Since you have been **born again**, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, **through the living and abiding word of God**; 1 Peter 1:23

Therefore, if anyone is **in Christ**, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, **the new has come**. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Salvation is a gift, not due to anything we did.

For the **wages of sin is death**, but the **free gift** of God is **eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord**. Romans 6:23

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is **not your own doing**; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Eph 2:8-9

He saved us, **not because of works** done by us in righteousness, but according to his own **mercy**, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, Titus 3:5

*But God shows his love for us in that while **we were still sinners**, Christ **died** for us.
Romans 5:8*

*But to **all who did receive him**, who believed in his name, **he gave the right** to become
children of God, John 1:12*

Speaking to others about Salvation:

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Romans 3:23

*For with the **heart one believes** and is justified, and with the mouth one **confesses** and is
saved. Romans 10:10*

*Whoever believes in the Son has **eternal life**; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see
life, but the wrath of God remains on him. John 3:36*

*Because, if you **confess with your mouth** that Jesus is Lord and **believe in your heart** that
God raised him from the dead, **you will be saved**. For with the heart one believes and is
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