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A CLOSER LOOK AT
SALVATION

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Forward

Welcome to the study “A closer look at Salvation.” I pray that this study will not only be helpful in your understanding of these doctrines but that it will also help you in finding your way around your Bible.

The study is not meant to be a test, but rather a learning tool. The booklet “Eight steps now that I am saved” is also available. If you have not done it, I recommend that you do it prior to this study.

It is recommended that you use only the King James Version of the Bible because that is the Bible the study is derived from and will help to avoid complications or differences in the texts being studied.

The key to this study is to do the best that you can. Remember this is not a test; the study is to help you learn and grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

You may work at your own pace however, I recommend that you only do one lesson at a time so that you can get a proper understanding of the doctrine that you are studying.

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What a tremendous blessing it is to be saved. There is nothing more exciting than being born again into the family of God having eternal life, and knowing that you are on your way to heaven. By the love and grace of God you have been saved.

It is a great thing to know you saved and one does not have to fully understand everything about being saved to be saved. But what does Salvation really mean?

This first lesson is designed to give a closer look at what Salvation really is. Previous lessons have discussed how a person is saved so now we will deal with how Salvation applies.

I. WHERE SALVATION COMES FROM

Salvation means this: To save, To be delivered, deliverance.

Salvation is progressive, however in the instance of you being saved, as far as your standing with God it is a completed act.

It is true that you have not received every benefit of Salvation. For instance you are still living here upon this earth and not in heaven. Yet as far as God is concerned you are His child and you have a rightful place in the family of God and his heaven because of your faith and trust in His Son the Lord Jesus Christ.

When the Lord Jesus Christ died upon Calvary's cross he made the greatest statement ever. "It is finished" (John 19:30) He completed the work.

1. In Psalm 3:8 The Bible states that Salvation belongs to whom? _____

2. What does Acts 4:12 tell us? "Neither is there _____ in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be _____."

3. The Bible states in Jeremiah 3:23 “Truly in vain is _____ hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains: truly in the _____ our God is the salvation of Israel.”

4. Exodus 15:2 “The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my _____:...”

These passages clearly teach us that Salvation belongs to God and that the only way to possess it is to receive it from Him.

II. WHAT SALVATION DOES

Salvation not only delivers, it also keeps you from falling out of the family of God.

1. Romans 1:16 tells us the gospel is the _____ of God unto _____.

The gospel message of Christ, “The good news” is the teaching centered around the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is not merely enough to believe in Jesus, but that you must place your faith and trust in His finished work and blood atonement for your sin.

2. The Bible tells us that we are kept in our Salvation by something, what is that? 1 Peter 1:5 _____
_____.

3. Jude 1:24 “Now unto him that is able to keep you from _____, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,”

4. John 10:28 “And I give unto them _____; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of _____.”

The preceding passages give us ample evidence that you do not keep yourself saved, but that God himself not only saves you but also keeps you saved.

III. THE PHASES OF SALVATION.

Understanding this truth can relieve a lot of tension from the standpoint of security and enable the believer to relax in the Lord and His grace while simultaneously moving forward in spiritual growth.

1. The past tense deals with the penalty of your sin which has been covered by the shed blood of Christ.

2. The present tense deals with the power of sin in the believer's body.

3. The future tense deals with the presence of sin in the believer's body.

Each one of these phases will be dealt with in other studies to follow.

Please write out the key and memory verse Acts 4:12

REGENERATION

Key and memory verse Titus 3:5

As we continue our study we want to take a look into the teachings that make up the doctrine of Salvation, or what is called "Soteriology." There are many religions and beliefs in the world today and each one claims to be right. However, true Christianity is the only one that teaches this doctrine of regeneration.

Before one was saved they may not have understood this doctrine, but it would be beneficial to every believer to have an understanding of it now.

I. THE MEANING OF REGENERATION

First let's discuss what Biblical regeneration is. Regeneration is described as follows: Reproduction; the act of producing anew. We call regeneration a "Birth from above"

1. Ephesians 2:1 teaches that we who were dead in our trespasses and sins were _____.

This word quicken means to be made alive. A regenerated person has in so many words been brought back from the spiritually dead. When mankind fell into sin he spiritually died. When he is saved he is born-again and spiritually made alive.

2. 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if _____ be in Christ, he is a new _____: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become _____."

3. 1 Peter 1:23 "Being _____, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the _____, _____, which liveth and abideth for ever."

4. Ephesians 4:24 “And that ye put on the _____, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”

Here we see that we are created new after the image of God. The nature of God is imparted to you so that you actually possess the seed of God, which is the Holy Spirit.

It is not age, race, religion or creed that gives a person new life but Jesus Christ alone.

II. THE NECESSITY OF REGENERATION

1. In John chapter three, there was a man named Nicodemus a ruler of the Jews. Jesus Christ told him that the only way he could see the kingdom of God was to be what?

John 3:3 _____.

2. Jesus Christ stated that that which is born of the flesh is _____ and that which is born of the spirit is _____.
John 3:6

3. In the same passage John 3:7 Christ told him not to do what? Because he had told Him this?
_____.

As surprising as it may seem the only way that a person could be saved is by being “Born-Again” According to the words of Christ himself this is the only way. It is absolutely necessary for a person to be born again.

III. THE MEANS OF REGENERATION

A. THE WORK OF GOD

The work of regeneration is the creative act of God and not the reformation of man. Regeneration is not turning over a new leaf. It is God creating a new man.

1. James 1:18 “Of his own will _____ he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.”

2. Speaking of those that have been saved the Bible tells us this. John 1:13 “Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, _____.”

Here we can clearly see the work or the means of regeneration is by the will of God not of man and it is God’s desire that all men be saved.

B. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAN

The work of salvation undoubtedly must be done by God; no man can save himself. (Ephesians 2:8-9) However there is a side to regeneration that makes man responsible.

1. John 1:12 tells us; “But as many as _____ him, to them gave he power to become the _____ of God, even to them that believe on his name:”

God reveals the work of Salvation to man through the word of God, and it is his will that man would be saved; yet man himself must decide whether he will receive the Lord Jesus Christ or not. God will not force a man to decide to accept His Salvation.

Write out the key and memory verse Titus 3:5

REDEMPTION

Key and memory verse Colossians 1:14

Another word that we need to study in the aspect of our Salvation is the word “Redemption” This is a very key part of Salvation and it will profit us to have an understanding of it.

I. THE MEANING OF REDEMPTION.

The word Redemption simply put means “To buy back”

To buy or purchase something a price is set and an amount given or paid.

Salvation is a gift and was presented to you without cost, however there was a price that had to be paid to make it of no cost to you.

1. 1 Corinthians 7:23 “Ye are _____ with a price; be not ye the servants of men.”

2. 1 Corinthians 6:20 “For ye are _____ with a _____: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.”

Both passages clearly teach us that are saved that we have been bought. With the meaning of redemption being to buy back we understand that we were lost in sin and away from God, but He bought us back from the wages of sin which is death.

II. THE PERSON OF REDEMPTION

We see that a price was paid. Lets look at the one who paid that price.

1. Galatians 3:13 “_____ hath _____ us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.”

2. Matthew 20:28 “Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to _____ for many.”

3. Job clearly stated in Job 19:25 “For I know that my _____, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.”

The person of redemption and the one who willingly paid the price was the Lord Jesus Christ.

II. THE PRICE OF REDEMPTION.

Since we understand that Salvation was not free, that Jesus Christ paid for it we need to look at the cost of redemption.

1. The Bible tells us in 1 Peter 1:18-19 “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not _____ with corruptible things, as _____ and _____, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

(19) But with the precious _____, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:”

2. Ephesians 1:7 “In whom we have _____ through his _____, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;”

4. Hebrews 9:12 “Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his _____ he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained _____ redemption for us.”

5. The Bible tells us in Psalms 103:4 the Lord “ _____ thy life from _____”

These verses along with others such as Acts 20:28, tell us clearly that the price of our Salvation was the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Nothing else could pay the price to give you the Salvation that you have.

Christ's blood that was shed purchased eternal redemption for you and it cannot be taken away.

Write out the key and memory verse Colossians 1:14

PROPITIATION

Key and memory verse; 1 John 2:2

We will now take time to look into a word that makes up part of this great doctrine of Salvation. It is this word "Propitiation." It is not mentioned much in the Scriptures yet it is important and we should gain an understanding of it.

I. THE MEANING OF PROPITIATION

The word Propitiation means "The act of appeasing wrath and conciliating the favor of an offended person;" Scripturally the word atonement is used in conjunction with Propitiation.

1. Leviticus 17:11 "For the life of the flesh is in the _____: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an _____ for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."

The Old testament is full of places where sacrifices were made appeasing God because of the sin of man.. Sin is an offence to God. They might use a lamb or another animal as this sacrifice. The animal's blood was to be shed as a covering for them as a result of their sin.

2. Speaking of the Lord Jesus Christ in 1 John 2:2 it says that he, meaning Jesus Christ is the _____ for our _____.

II. THE METHOD OF PROPITIATION

1. The Bible in Romans 3:24-25 tells us that we are justified freely by the grace of God through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

The next verse Romans 3:25 says God hath set forth (Jesus

Christ) to be a _____ through faith in his _____, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Propitiation is something that was planned and made possible by God himself. It was "Set forth by God." Through it God can declare righteousness to a sinner, the one who has offended God.

2. 1 John 4:10 tells us that God loves us and that he sent his son to be the _____ for our sins.

Propitiation is the part of the action that God took in His great love for mankind. The covering and atonement for your sin was the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Please write out the key and memory verse. 1 John 2:2

IMPUTATION

Key and memory verse; Psalm 32:2

I. THE MEANING OF IMPUTATION

The word Imputation is not a word used much in common conversation. It means to "Place or charge to someone else, or to lay to another's account"

1 The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 5:21 "For he (God) hath made him (Jesus Christ) to be _____, who knew no sin; that we might be made the _____ of God in him."

Imputation carries a two fold idea. From this verse we can see this teaching. God (the Father) made Christ (The Son) to be sin for us. He imputes, places your sin on Him. Secondly he places on our account the righteousness of Jesus Christ the one who never did sin.

In plainer terms when you received Jesus Christ as your Saviour, you received forgiveness and Christ received your sinfulness.

Your sin was placed on Christ and Christ's righteousness (sinlessness) was placed upon you . This is how God looks upon a person who trusts His Son for their Salvation. He sees Jesus Christ's perfection and not their sin.

2. James 2:23 tells us that Abraham believed God and it was _____ unto him for _____.

3. The Bible says that God imputes righteousness without _____ . Romans 4:6

We cannot obtain forgiveness by works, only by God's grace.

4. Galatians 3:6 "Even as Abraham believed God, and it was _____ to him for righteousness."

The word accounted is the same word for imputed. Righteousness was imputed or laid to his account.

II. THE MESSAGE OF IMPUTATION

1. Psalm 32:2 states "Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord _____ not _____."

2. 2 Corinthians 5:19 tells us that God was in Christ not _____ the world their trespasses to them.

What a wonderful blessing to know that we have been forgiven of our sin, and that we are looked upon as righteous by God. By not having our sins imputed to us we have peace with God.

God laid all our sins upon His Son Jesus Christ, and we are forgiven!

What a message. We deserve to take our own penalty but God was willing to take it upon Himself.

Please write out the key and memory verse Psalm 32:2

JUSTIFICATION

Key and memory verse Romans 3:24

Now we come to the word Justification. The two preceding lessons, Propitiation and Imputation are a result of this great doctrine of Justification. Lets look into this word Justification.

I. THE MEANING OF JUSTIFICATION

The word Justification comes from the word “Just” as in righteous. The word justified is also used in connection with justification. It is a legal term used in practice of law.

Biblically the term means this: “The legal act of God declaring the sinner Just”

*Someone once used the word “Justified” like this. “**Just-if-I’d**” never sinned. Truly when God does look at us a his children that is the way he sees us. However Justification carries a far greater meaning for the child of God.*

The following passage names several things. Read through the list and then answer the question below.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God”

1. 1 Corinthians 6:11 “And such _____ some of you: but ye are _____, but ye are sanctified, but ye are _____ in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.”

*Notice the verse tells us “**Such were some of you**” this is written past tense. It was what you were, not are. By faith in*

Christ, God declared you the sinner “Justified.”

2. Romans 4:25 “Who (meaning Jesus Christ) was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our _____.”

Justification is only possible because of Jesus Christ.

II. THE METHOD OF JUSTIFICATION

Let’s look now into the matter of obtaining this great justification.

1. Acts 13:39 “And by him (Jesus Christ) all that believe are _____ from all things, from which ye could not be _____ by the law of Moses.

2. Romans 3:20 “Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be _____: for by the law is the knowledge of sin”.

We can clearly see from the passages above that it is not by good deeds or the law that a man is justified or declared righteous.

3. 1 Corinthians 4:4 “For I know _____ by myself; yet am I not hereby _____: but he that judgeth me is the Lord.”

Many people try to justify themselves but that is not the answer.

4. Titus 3:7 “That being _____ by his _____, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

5. Romans 5:9 “Much more then, being now _____ by his _____, we shall be saved from wrath through him.”

6. Romans 3:24 “Being _____ by his _____ through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:”

Justification is a completed work through the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, by the grace of God. His sacrifice was enough to please the Father, to forgive you and declare you righteous from his wrath.

III. THE PROMISE OF JUSTIFICATION

1. Romans 5:1 “Therefore being _____ by faith, we have _____ with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

What a wonderful promise we have in justification. When God by your faith in Jesus Christ declares you not guilty of your sin, you have peace in your heart with God.

Peace means that the war is over, and there is no more strife between you and God.

A. THE PAST TENSE

*As we mentioned earlier in the book Salvation has three phases or tenses: past, present, and future. “Justification” deals primarily with the “Past” tense of your Salvation. You have been declared righteous by God, therefore you are now free from the **penalty** (The judgment for sin in your life is past tense) of sin and can live for Jesus Christ. You have been justified!*

You need to put this great truth into practice in your life, the past is truly that in your life, the past. If God has forgiven the past than you also can put it behind you and go forward for Christ.

The question is asked what if I sin again? We will deal with that in another lesson. Our next lesson will deal with your position in Christ.

Write out the key and memory verse; Romans 3:24

ADOPTION

Key and memory verse 1 John 3:1

This particular aspect of the doctrine of Salvation deals directly with the believer's relationship in the "Family of God."

Since you have been saved you have become a child of God. You are a part of God's family.

This lesson will show us the place, reason, and benefits of being in the family of God.

I. THE BASIS OF ADOPTION

The word adoption means "The taking and treating of a stranger as one's own child."

The place that the person who receives Christ is brought into is the family of God. All people are not born into the family of God. This is why Jesus Christ emphatically stated that a person "Must be born again." (John 3:7)

However, when a person is born again, his status changes in his relationship with Christ. This happened at the point of "Justification."

1. John 1:12 "But as many as _____ him, to them gave he _____ to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:"

The word power in the verse means the right, or the authority. You become one of the children of God based on the authority of receiving the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. Romans 8:15 "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the _____, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."

3. Galatians 4:7 "Wherefore thou art no more a _____, but a _____; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."

God now deals with you as His child. All those who possess Christ as their Saviour are your brothers and sisters in the family of God.

II. THE BENEFIT OF ADOPTION

There are many great benefits to being a part of the family of God. Of course our sin forgiven and eternal life, which we have studied thus far, are also part of that.

1. The Scripture tells us to come which way to the throne of grace? Hebrews 4:16 _____.

2. Galatians 4:6 “And because ye are _____, God hath sent forth the _____ of his _____ into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.”

3. Romans 8:17 “And if _____, then heirs; heirs of God, and _____ - _____ with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”

Since we belong in the family of God, we have great benefits such as the access to God, the Spirit of Christ in us, and the joint-heir ship with the Lord Jesus Christ. All this great is benefit because God made you, a stranger, His own Child.

III. THE BLESSING OF ADOPTION

Now that we have seen the basis and the benefit let's look briefly at the great blessing of this great part of Salvation.

1. Romans 8:16 “The _____ itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the _____ of God:”

2. Romans 8:14 “For as many as are led by the _____ of God, they are the _____ of God.”

These verses give us assurance of our Salvation. Once one is made a child of God he cannot stop being a child of God. He places you into the family and then gives you assurance of the fact that you are in His family through the Sprit of God dwelling in and leading you.

3. Hebrews 2:11 “For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are _____ : for which cause he is not ashamed to call them _____,”

Jesus Christ is your brother and even though he is the one who saved you he is willing to be an heir with you.

Write in the key and memory verse; 1 John 3:1

SANCTIFICATION

Key and memory verse. 1 Thessalonians 4:3

As we continue in our study we want to look at another aspect of Salvation and that is sanctification.

I. THE MEANING OF SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification has at least a twofold meaning and carries three positions with it. It is our desire to deal with one area of these three.

Sanctification in the most general sense means this. "Separation from evil to God" Sanctification as we mentioned is two-fold. It is first instant and second progressive.

1. Hebrews 10:10 "By the which will we are _____ through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ _____ for all."

2. Hebrews 10:14 "For by one offering he hath _____ for ever them that are sanctified."

3. 1 Corinthians 6:11 "And such _____ some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are _____, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

This aspect of sanctification is instant and deals with your position in Christ and the fact that He set you apart from evil. This is the completed act of sanctification.

II. THE DEDICATION OF SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification deals not only with being set apart from evil it also deals with being set apart for a special use or purpose. For instance the Bible tells you that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. It has been set aside for the dwelling place of the Spirit of God.

1. John 10:36 “Say ye of him, whom the Father hath _____, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?”

This passage gives us evidence of the dedication of sanctification. Jesus Christ himself was set apart for a specific purpose; he was sanctified for the work of God.

2. 1 Corinthians 6:19 “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and _____?”

You have been purchased by God and dedicated to Him for His use.

Sanctification does have another part which we will look at briefly in this lesson.

III. THE PROGRESSION OF SANCTIFICATION

1. 2 Corinthians 7:1 “Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us _____ ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting _____ in the fear of God.”

Our association is what we need to cleanse ourselves from, not from our own sin. That act was done once you were saved that is the first part of sanctification.

2. 2 Peter 3:18 “But _____ in grace, and in the _____ of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen”

3. Romans 6:1 “What shall we say then? Shall we _____ in sin, that _____ may abound?”

Romans 6:2 “_____ . How shall we, that are _____ to sin, live any longer therein?”

As the child of God you do not have to continue in sin, nor should you. You have been delivered!

4. Romans 6:14 “For _____ shall not have _____ over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.”

A. THE PRESENT TENSE.

*This aspect of our Salvation deals with the “Present tense.” We are growing to be more like him having been delivered not only from the “Penalty” of sin (our past) but the more we grow in God’s grace the more we yield to the Spirit, and the more we are delivered from the **power** of sin. (in our present situation)*

Write out the key and memory verse. 1 Thessalonians 4:3

GLORIFICATION

Key and memory verse 1 John 3:2

This is the last area that we will study and the final stage of our Salvation. We might even call glorification, entire Sanctification.

I. UNDERSTANDING GLORIFICATION

1. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 “And the very God of peace sanctify you _____; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Notice the phrases “Sanctify you wholly” and the “Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” these are terms that deal with the return of the Lord Jesus in the air to receive all those that make up church, those who have been born again into the family of God.

2. 1 Thessalonians 3:13 “To the end he may stablish your hearts _____ in _____ before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.”

3. 1 John 3:2 “Beloved, now are we the _____ of God, and it doth not yet appear what we _____ be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be _____; for we shall see him as he is.”

4. Philippians 3:12 “Not as though I had _____ attained, either were already _____: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus”

A. THE FUTURE TENSE.

*This area then deals with a part of your salvation when you will be in the literal and physical presence of God and the Lord Jesus Christ. It represents a time when you will have a “Glorified” body. This will be a time when the **presence** of sin will no longer exist in you.*

You will have been changed into a completely immortal person. You will no longer have to go to the throne in prayer, you can go physically. You now can speak to the Father of the family face to face.

What a wonderful blessing it is to be saved and to possess Salvation.

Write out the key and memory verse 1 John 3:2

Thank you for taking the time to take a “Closer look at Salvation”

PERSONAL NOTES