

IMPORTANT SALVATION TRUTHS FROM GOD'S WORD

The word of God (Bible) is the source of truth for understanding salvation doctrines (teachings) (I Pet 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) **Each of us is a sinner and needs 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 (Jn 6:37,39,44,65; 17:2,9).**
- 2) **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).
- 3) **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).
- 4) **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).
- 5) **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.** (Jn 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). **When we believe in and receive Jesus gift of salvation, we are spiritually “born again”, and are “baptized” (placed) into Christ’s body (family)** (John 3:3-18; Gal 3:26-29; I Cor 12:13).
- 6) **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)
- 7) **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 #6 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)
- 8) **IF we are truly saved, we possess eternal security (i.e., we can never lose our salvation!)** (see "Eternal Security" handout)

ETERNAL SECURITY

Eternal Life - this phrase is repeatedly (not temporary life) {Jn 3:15-16, 4:14, 5:24, 6:27, 6:40, 6:47, 6:54, 6:58; Mk 10:30; Acts 13:48; Rm 6:23; I Tim 6:12; Titus 1:2; I Jn 1:2, 2:25, 5:11, 5:13, 5:20}

Born again - No phrase "unborn again" (John chapter 3)

Saved - No mention of unsaved after being saved (Rom 10:9,13; Acts 16:31)

Book of Life - (Rev 20) No picture of God having an erasure and of constant erasing and adding back of names

Jn 4:14, 6:35, 6:51 Whoever "drinks" of Jesus's water or eats of His "bread" will never thirst or go hungry

Jn 6:39-40 Jesus will lose none of His own

Jn 10:27-30 No one can snatch the believer from the hand of Jesus or the Father

Rm 8:1 No condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus

Rm 8:38-39 Nothing can separate us from the love of God

Rm 11:29 God's gifts and His call are irrevocable

I Cor 1:8 Jesus will keep us blameless until the end

II Cor 1:21-22 God set His seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit guaranteeing what is to come

II Cor 5:17 we are new creatures, the old is gone

Gal 3:26 we are spiritual children of God; God does not abandon His children

Eph 1:13-14, 4:30 Sealed by the Holy Spirit for the day of redemption

Phil 1:6 Jesus will complete the good work He started in us

I Thes 5:23-24 God is faithful and will keep us blameless

II Tim 1:12 God is able to guard what we have entrusted to Him

II Tim 4:18 the Lord will bring us safely into His heavenly kingdom

Heb 7:25 Jesus saves forever

Heb 9:12 Jesus entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption

Heb 9:15 Jesus has given us eternal inheritance

Heb 10:10-14 Jesus made a one-time sacrifice for sins & has perfected for all time those who are saved

I Pet 1:3-5 our inheritance can never perish, spoil or fade

I Pet 1:8 redeemed by blood of Christ; no greater price can unredeem us

I Pet 1:23 we have been born again of imperishable seed (word of God)

I Pet 3:18 Christ died for our sins once for all

Jude 24 God is able to keep us