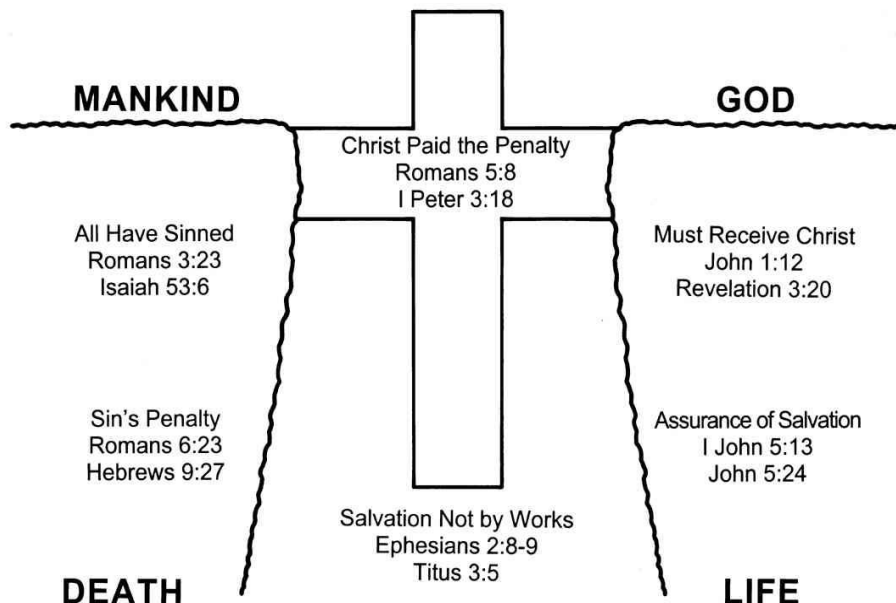


## Lesson 1 Salvation and Baptism



<i>Topics</i>	<i>Verse Review</i>	<i>Version</i>	<i>Bible Study Outline</i>
<b>All Have Sinned</b>	Romans 3:23	<a href="#">KJV</a> <a href="#">NKJ</a> <a href="#">NAS</a> <a href="#">NIV</a>	<a href="#">Listen!</a>
	Isaiah 53:6	<a href="#">KJV</a> <a href="#">NKJ</a> <a href="#">NAS</a> <a href="#">NIV</a>	<a href="#">Listen!</a>
<b>Sin's Penalty</b>	Romans 6:23	<a href="#">KJV</a> <a href="#">NKJ</a> <a href="#">NAS</a> <a href="#">NIV</a>	<a href="#">Listen!</a>
	Hebrews 9:27	<a href="#">KJV</a> <a href="#">NKJ</a> <a href="#">NAS</a> <a href="#">NIV</a>	<a href="#">Listen!</a>
<b>Christ Paid the Penalty</b>	Romans 5:8	<a href="#">KJV</a> <a href="#">NKJ</a> <a href="#">NAS</a> <a href="#">NIV</a>	<a href="#">Listen!</a>
	I Peter 3:18	<a href="#">KJV</a> <a href="#">NKJ</a> <a href="#">NAS</a> <a href="#">NIV</a>	<a href="#">Listen!</a>
<b>Salvation Not by Works</b>	Ephesians 2:8-9	<a href="#">KJV</a> <a href="#">NKJ</a> <a href="#">NAS</a> <a href="#">NIV</a>	<a href="#">Listen!</a>
	Titus 3:5	<a href="#">KJV</a> <a href="#">NKJ</a> <a href="#">NAS</a> <a href="#">NIV</a>	<a href="#">Listen!</a>
<b>Must Receive Christ</b>	John 1:12	<a href="#">KJV</a> <a href="#">NKJ</a> <a href="#">NAS</a> <a href="#">NIV</a>	<a href="#">Listen!</a>
	Revelation 3:20	<a href="#">KJV</a> <a href="#">NKJ</a> <a href="#">NAS</a> <a href="#">NIV</a>	<a href="#">Listen!</a>
<b>Assurance of Salvation</b>	I John 5:13	<a href="#">KJV</a> <a href="#">NKJ</a> <a href="#">NAS</a> <a href="#">NIV</a>	<a href="#">Listen!</a>
	John 5:24	<a href="#">KJV</a> <a href="#">NKJ</a> <a href="#">NAS</a> <a href="#">NIV</a>	<a href="#">Listen!</a>

You have probably heard the story of God's love referred to as the "Gospel." The word Gospel simply means "Good News." The Gospel is the Good News that, because of what Christ has done, we can be forgiven and can live forever.

But this gift of forgiveness and eternal life cannot be yours unless you willingly accept it. God requires an individual response from you. The following verses from the Bible show God's part and yours in this process:

**God's love is revealed in the Bible**

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." --John 3:16*

God loves you. He wants to bless your life and make it full and complete. And He wants to give you a life which will last forever, even after you experience physical death.

**We are all sinful**

*"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." --Romans 3:23*

You may have heard someone say, "I'm only human--nobody's perfect." This Bible verse says the same thing: We are all sinners. We all do things that we know are wrong. And that's why we feel estranged from God -- because God is holy and good, and we are not.

**Sin has a penalty**

*"For the wages of sin is death." --Romans 6:23*

Just as criminals must pay the penalty for their crimes, sinners must pay the penalty for their sins. If you continue to sin, you will pay the penalty of spiritual death: You will not only die physically; you will also be separated from our holy God for all eternity. The Bible teaches that those who choose to remain separated from God will spend eternity in a place called hell.

**Christ has paid our penalty!**

*"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." --Romans 5:8*

The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, has paid the penalty for all your sins. You may think you have to lead a good life and do good deeds before God will love you. But the Bible says that Christ loved you enough to die for you, even when you were rebelling against Him.

**Salvation is a free gift**

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -- not by works, so that no one can boast." --Ephesians 2:8-9*

*When were you saved and baptized?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Are you ready to make a decision?* \_\_\_\_\_

## *Part 2*

*What is baptism? We are saved only by faith in Jesus, that His sacrifice for our sins was enough. Baptism is an expression of our faith in Jesus, representative of the spiritual death and burial of our old sinful self, and our resurrection to new life in Christ. Baptism without faith in Jesus has no spiritual significance.*

### **Romans 6:3-4 NIV**

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

### **John 11:25-26 NIV**

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

### **Acts 2:38 NIV**

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

### **Communion: The Lord's supper**

1 Cor 11:23-28<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup> So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.