

SALVATION

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

TEACHING NOTES

What does it mean to be saved?

- Reconciled and rescued!
 - Taking broken things and redeeming them to their original place and position.

What are we being saved from?

- From the beginning, mankind was created very good:
 - Designed to live forever.
 - Created to live in the presence of God and in relationship with God.
- We have been born into a world of sin through Adam and Eve.
 - Because of human rebellion toward God's design, mankind fell into a sin that originated in the human heart.

Why do we need salvation?

- We are born sinful and self-serving. The wages of sin are death and leave us destined for hell.

The love of God didn't leave us there: God's love rescues us!

- "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 (NKJV)
 - Jesus came without sin, went to the cross, bore on his body the penalty for our sins and the sins of the world all because of God's love.
 - Jesus did it to save us from ourselves, our sin, hell, and the judgment we deserve.
 - "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." John 3:17 (NKJV)
 - When Jesus died, He said: "It is finished," meaning the bill has been paid.

Can everyone be saved?

- No matter how sinful we are, we can all be rescued and brought back to our original standing with God through Jesus.

What can we do to be saved?

- It's not by our best efforts, but by the grace and through receiving the free gift of God offered through Jesus Christ.

What happens when we are saved?

- When we receive this gift of salvation, our sins are completely forgiven, the Holy Spirit takes residence in our heart and gives us a new heart.
- We are reconciled with God: no longer slaves destined for hell, our names are now written in the Lamb's book of life. Heaven is our home, and we will no longer die spiritually, although we die physically.

In all of this, we see the grace and goodness of God not to leave us in a state of shattered sin, but to reconcile us back to His original intentions—for us to live in His presence forever and be in perfect relationship with Him. That's what it means for you and me to be saved!

MAKE IT YOUR OWN

Definition of Salvation: The saving of your soul from sin and its consequences.

Am I sinful? Read: Romans 3:23.

What are the consequences of my sin? Read: Romans 6:23.

Who, out of God's great love for me, was sent to save me from my sin? Read: John 3:16, Acts 4:12, and John 14:6.

What can I do to be saved? Read: Ephesians 2: 8-9, Romans 10: 9-10, and Acts 2:21.

How can I be sure I am saved?

- 1.** God doesn't force this free gift of salvation or eternal destination of heaven on you, but gives you an option to receive it. Simply choose it.
- 2.** You have to acknowledge your sinful nature, repent (express regret and turn away from) your sin, place your belief in the Lord Jesus and His finished work on the cross, and surrender to Him as your Lord and Savior.
- 3.** Salvation happens the moment someone receives Jesus into their life! The promise of eternal life with God and a heaven-bound future is found in your salvation—no matter how bad your past was, Jesus has wiped your slate clean!

Have you prayed a prayer to receive Jesus in your heart? If not, there's no better time than now. The Bible tells us in 2 Corinthians 6:2, "...Today is the day of salvation." Pray the prayer below, believing it in your heart.

Prayer:

Lord, I recognize that I am a sinner and I cannot save myself. My sin has separated me from You. But, today, I put my trust and faith in Jesus. I believe that He died on the cross, and rose again in victory. In doing so, He bore my sins & shame and bought my salvation back to You. Thank you for loving me and for saving me! I turn my back on sin and turn my gaze onto You. Help me to grow in my understanding and know You more. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Congratulations! You are a child of God and heaven is your new home!

What's Next?

- 1.** We encourage you to connect with a local church to be cared for and equipped! Attend weekly services and join in ways they can help you grow.
- 2.** Learn more about Baptism in Foundations of Faith, Part 3 and consider Baptism as your next step!
- 3.** Connect with others who can help in your journey! To learn how to get connected, visit: www.radiant.church/groups
- 4.** Let God reveal Himself to you more by reading your Bible. You may want to start with our Bible Reading Plan on the Foundations of Faith main page.
- 5.** Pray: Simply talk to God. Share your thoughts, feelings, troubles, concerns and needs. Know that He loves you, and is a relational God who loves when you spend time with Him. Learn more about prayer in Foundations of Faith, Part 6.