

Salvation

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1. What should a Christian's belief in God look like in daily life?
 2. Do most people you know take sin seriously? Why or why not? (pg. 149)
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Salvation is a Miraculous Gift from God

What is it?

Ephesians 2:8-9

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

By grace:

χάριτι (chariti)

Noun - Dative Feminine Singular

[Strong's 5485](#): From chairo; graciousness, of manner or act.

Who's it given to?

1 Timothy 2:3-4

³This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Why He offers it...

Colossians 1:22

²²But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation...

Romans 8:2

because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

What's our response?

John 14:15

"If you love me, keep my commands".

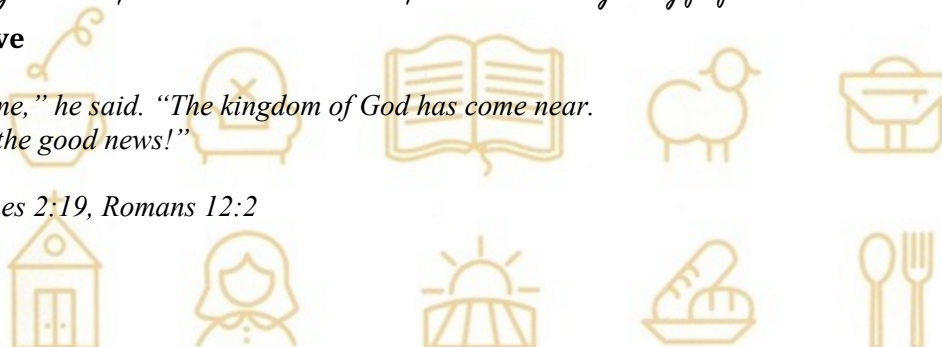
"We lovingly obey God in response to the lavish love He expressed to us through the gift of Jesus Christ our Savior." - Mary Wiley

Repent and Believe

Mark 1:15

¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Psalms 51:7-12, James 2:19, Romans 12:2



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We are Justified Through Jesus

"His perfect holiness requires that we be sinless if we want to be right with Him and stand in His presence." - Mary Wiley

Justification- a legal term in bible times declaring that justice has been served and right standing has been restored.

Genesis 3:21, Luke 22:42

John 14:6

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".

Adoption is God's Design

"And I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord God Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:18

"God has adopted you into his family. He may not have changed your name, but He has certainly changed your future, your identity, and your status. He loves you with the love of a perfect father. He disciplines you and provides for you as a parent provides for a child. He is a good father." Mary Wiley

"Even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure." Ephesians 1:4-6

"All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance- an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you pure and undefiled beyond the reach of change and decay." 1 Peter 1:4.

Becoming More Like Jesus is a Process

Three Aspects of Sanctification

1. Positional: An immediate setting apart from sin and for God's purposes upon salvation.
2. Progressive: Ongoing process of becoming more like Jesus that will continue until death.
3. Perfected: Upon death, Christians become like Christ, complete in salvation, including their glorified bodies.

"However, God is rich in mercy. He brought us to life with Christ while we were dead as a result of those things that we did wrong. He did this because of the great love that he has for us. You are saved by God's grace!" Ephesians 2:5

"Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you wholeheartedly obey this teaching we have given you. Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living." Romans 6:17-18

"Only God can transform our hearts, but he will use the spiritual disciplines of reading of his word, prayer, fasting, meditating on, and memorizing scripture, worship and service to do it. He is with us every step of the way." Mary Wiley

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7.

