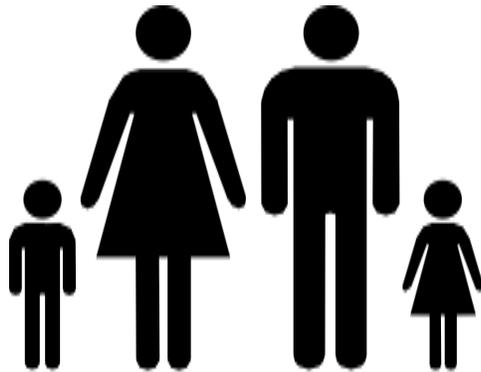


# New Disciple's Class

## Lesson 01 – The Meaning of Salvation



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## **THE MEANING OF SALVATION**

### **The Nature of Sin**

God has revealed His will to us in His law. The law spells out what God requires of us in the Ten Commandments. (*Exodus 20:3-17*). Sin is disobedience to the will of God. The word sin itself (martyreo in Greek) means, “Missing the mark”. Sin is both personal and social...Personal in that all of us as individuals have disobeyed the will of God. Sin is also social because it is deeply imbedded in the social institutions and structures of our society (*Romans 8:20, 22*). It is just as sinful for our government to ignore the needs of the poor and socially disadvantaged as it is for individuals to do so. Sin is universal; everybody has committed sin (*Romans 3:23, I John 1:8, Romans 3:10*).

### **God’s Judgement of Sin**

Because God is righteous and just, all men are under His judgement for their sins (*Romans 1:8*). God’s judgement for sin is death...Both physical and spiritual (*Romans 6:23, Ezekiel 18:4, Ezekiel 18:20, Romans 5:12*). Everybody who sins will eventually die a physical death. When people sin, they also die spiritually because sin breaks the bond of fellowship between man and God and destroys the relationship (*Genesis 3:8*).

### **Jesus Christ, Our Savior from the Judgement of God and the Power and Penalty of Sin**

Jesus’ death was not because of His own sin. He was the perfect man without fault or sin (*Hebrews 4:15, 7:26*). It was for our sins that Jesus died in order for God to forgive us of our sins and that we might be free from the power and penalty of sin (*Romans 5:8, II Corinthians 5:21, Galatians 1:3-4, John 1:29, Isaiah 53:6*). The resurrection of Christ from the dead is our assurance that Jesus has done everything necessary for our salvation.

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### **The Necessity of Repentance and Faith in Christ**

The word repentance (metanoia in the Greek) means to change one's mind, to have a change of heart, to turn from something to something else. Repentance is coming to one's senses about one's sin and turning away from them. While wallowing in the pigpen, the Prodigal Son came to his senses about his sins and turned away from them in the direction of home (*Luke 15:17-18*).

Other passages on repentance include *Matthew 9:13, Mark 1:14-15, Mark 6:7-12, Acts 3:19, Acts 22:30, Acts 26:19-21, Isaiah 55:7-9*.

To be delivered from the judgment of God for our sins, we must not only repent, but we must trust in Christ. We must put our faith in Him (*Acts 10:43, John 1:12, John 3:16, 18, Romans 10:9-13, Galatians 1:6-14, Galatians 3:22-26, Acts 16:27-31*.)

### **Salvation is by God's Grace and not by any Works of Our Own**

Grace is God's unmerited favor toward us. If it were true that we were saved by our good works, then Christ's suffering and death would not have been necessary. We are not saved by any good works of our own, but through repentance and faith in Christ (*Romans 3:23-28*). We do good works as Christians because we are saved and not in order to be saved (*Galatians 2:16-21, Ephesians 2:4-10*). Because we are saved by God's grace, our gratitude for what God has for us becomes our motive for serving Him. Someone has said "Salvation is all of God and none of us, therefore I owe God everything".

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After getting out of bed and taking care of your personal needs, you will want to discover a tranquil place and there with your bible be in solitude for 7 minutes with God.

<b>What to do</b>	<b>Biblical Promise</b>	<b>Time Allotment</b>
Prayer for Guidance	Psalms 143:8	½ Minute
Reading of the Bible	Psalms 119:18	4 Minutes
<b>Prayer</b>		2 ½ Minutes
<i>Adoration</i>	I Chronicles 29:11	
<i>Confession</i>	I John 1:9	
<i>Thanksgiving</i>	Ephesians 5:20	
<i>Supplication</i>	Matthew 7:7	

Take 4 minutes for reading of the Bible. Your greatest need is to hear from God's word. Start with the book of Mark. Read consecutively....Word after word, chapter after chapter. Don't race, but avoid stopping to do a bible study. This is a bible reading for the pure joy of reading and allowing God to speak. When you have finished that book, start John's Gospel. After you have read for 4 minutes, you have 2 ½ minutes to fellowship with Him in prayer. ACTS.

### **A-Adoration**

To adore God is to worship and praise Him, to honor and exalt Him in our heart and mind and with our lips. This is the purest kind of prayer because it's all for God.

### **C- Confession**

Having seen God, you need to confess every sin "If I regard iniquity in my heart, "The Lord will not hear me" -- Psalms 66:18. When our discipline of prayer begins with adoration, the Holy Spirit has the opportunity to reveal any sin in our life that needs to be confessed.

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## **T-Thanksgiving**

An attitude of thanksgiving to God, for who He is and for the benefits we enjoy because we belong to Him, enables us to recognize that He controls all things -- not just the blessings, but the problems and adversities as well. As we approach God with a thankful heart, He becomes strong on our behalf.

## **S- Supplication**

Supplication includes petitions for our own needs and intercession for others. Pray that your inner person may be renewed, always sensitive to and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Pray for others -- your spouse, your children, your parents, neighbors, and friends, our nation and those in authority over us. Pray for the salvation of souls, for a daily opportunity to introduce others to Christ and to the ministry of the Holy Spirit, and the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

## **Christian Growth**

Spiritual Growth results from trusting Jesus Christ “The righteous man shall live by faith (Gal 3:11). A life of faith will enable you to trust God increasingly with every detail of your life, and to practice the following:

<b>G</b>	Go to God daily in prayer	John 15:17
<b>R</b>	Read God’s Word Daily – begin with Mark	Acts 17:11
<b>O</b>	Obey God, moment by moment	John 14:2
<b>W</b>	Witness for Christ by your life	I Peter 5:7
<b>T</b>	Trust God for every detail of your life	Gal 5:16, 17
<b>H</b>	Holy Spirit - allow Him to control and empower your daily life and witness	Acts 1:9

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## **Review Questions**

1. What is Sin?
2. What is God's judgement for sin?
3. Why did Jesus die on the cross?
4. What is the meaning of repentance?
5. What else, aside from repent, must we do to be saved?
6. What is the meaning of Grace?
7. Why is salvation by grace and not by works?]