

Why does one need to be “Saved”?

➤ In the first lessons, we will answer three questions from scripture?

- Why does one need to be saved?
- How does one get saved?
- What does it mean to be saved?

I. **Why does one need to be saved?** (Jesus said “ye must be born-again” *Jn 3:7*; in fact, He said you cannot “see” nor “enter” the kingdom of God unless you are born-again *Jn 3:3-5*)

A. **The simple answer** is: Because of **sin**

B. **What is sin?**

1. Sin is described as “Living life our way rather than God’s way”.

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; **we have turned every one to his own way;**

2. Sin also is described as breaking God’s law.

I *Jn 3:4* Whosoever commits sin transgresses also the law: **for sin is the transgression of the law.**

C. **Where did sin come from?** (I.e. how did sin enter the human race?) Through the sin of Adam and Eve

1. God created man: Adam Read *Gen 2:7*

2. God placed Adam in Eden Read *Gen 2:15-16*

3. God gave one commandment Read *Gen 2:17*

a. If the command was broken man would “die”

b. The oft asked question: “If God knows all things, why did he create the tree of the knowledge of good & evil”.

4. God created Woman (Eve) Read *Gen 2:18 & 21-25*

5. Adam and Eve sinned Read *Gen 3:1-6*

D. **How did sin affect Adam and Eve?** Read *Gen 3:7-24*

1. **They died:** This death was twofold.

a. They died spiritually immediately (*they lost their fellowship and relationship with God*).

b. They died physically: The aging process toward death began at that moment.

2. Five major losses, as a result of their sin.

a. They lost their **relationship** and **harmony** with God (*they died spiritually*).

Gen 3:10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

b. They lost their **innocence**.

(1) *Gen 3:7* And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

(2) *Gen 3:10*

- c. They lost **Eden**. Gen 3:23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.
- d. They lost an **easy life** (*life became difficult*) (*Gen 3:16-19*)
- e. They lost **eternal life**. Gen 5:5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

E. How did Adam's sin affect humanity?

1. We all inherited a sin nature from Adam
 - a. Rom 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, ...
 - b. Rom 5:25 By one man sin entered world...
 - c. Eph 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and **were by nature the children of wrath**, even as others.
 - (1) Nature = who we are; what we are like inside.
 - (a) We were not "good people that did bad things"; we were sinners by our very nature.
 - (b) Psychology teaches that man is basically good. Therefore Psychology, at its core, is diametrically opposed to the gospel.
 - (c) What are some other names for the sin nature? Adamic nature; carnal nature, the flesh.
 - d. Rom 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing...
 - e. Ps 51:5 Behold, I was shapen (*brought forth*) in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.
 - f. Jer 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?
 - (1) Desperately wicked = (lit: weak, or sick) could be translated "incurably sick".
 - (a) So, the heart of man is not only sick (spiritually) but incurable (for man)
 - i. That is: we cannot cure our sin sick heart; only Christ can.
2. We also ALL have chosen to sin.
 - a. Eph 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation (*lifestyle*) in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind;
 - b. Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
 - c. Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.
 - d. Ps 14:2-3 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. 3 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.
 - So we are all sinners by our inherited nature (*We are **born** with this*); and we are all sinners by our chosen deeds: (*We have made sinful choices*)

F. What are the results of our sin? The result of sin is death.

1. Scriptures to show this death:
 - a. Gen 1:17 ...in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.
 - b. Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death... but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 - c. Ezek 18:20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die.

2. What is meant by this “death”?
 - a. Dead = lost; irreparably separated from, and at enmity with, God.
 - b. There are two aspects of this “death”.
 - (1) Present separation from God.
 - (a) Ephesians 4:18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated (separated) from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart.
 - (b) Col 1:21 And you (*who are now saved*), that were sometime (*once*) alienated (separated) and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled.
 - (2) Future damnation in the Lake of Fire (the “second death”)

Rev 20:14-15 And death & hell were cast into the lake of fire. **This is the second death.** 15
And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire

G. What is the remedy for sin?

1. The (only) remedy for sin is Christ Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death
 - a. Who is Christ?
 - (1) The eternal Son of God
 - (a) Mark 1:1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
 - (b) John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, & the Word was with God, & the Word was God.
 - i. We know the term “The Word” refers to Christ

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,)
 - (2) He came in the flesh
 - (a) John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us
 - (b) 1 John 4:2-3 Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: ³ And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God...
 - b. How did Christ come into the world?
 - (1) He was born of a virgin
 - (a) Matthew 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.
 - (b) Matthew 1:20-23 that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. ²¹ And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. ²² Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, ²³ Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.
 - (2) He was born without a sin nature. 1 Jn 3:5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.
 - c. How did Christ live?
 - (1) He lived a perfect, sinless life

1 Pet 2:22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth.

d. What did Christ do for us?

(1) He died on the cross Matthew 27:35 And they crucified him...

(a) He bore our sins on the cross

1 Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,

(b) He experienced separation from the Father for us on the cross

Matthew 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

(c) He took our punishment on the cross

Isaiah 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities
1 Corinthians 15:3 Christ died for our sins according

(d) He accomplished all we need in order to be saved on the cross.

i. John 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **It is finished:**
and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

a. It is finished = completed; to a pay and therefore discharge a debt in full.

(i). The debt of sin is paid in full. PRAISE GOD!

e. What happened after He died? He rose again

(1) Luke 24:5-6 Why seek ye the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but is risen

(2) 1 Corinthians 15:4 And that he (Christ) was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures

2. More specifically the remedy for sin is the Gospel of Christ

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth;

II. How does one get saved?

A. By believing the Gospel

1. Acts 16:30-31 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? ³¹ And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved,
 - a. Believe on = place all your trust in
 - b. Story of missionary
2. Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth...
3. John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

B. Can you think of some things people attempt to do or trust in for salvation other than Christ?

works, keeping the Ten Commandments, church attendance, giving, a disciplined life, being good to others, saying the rosary, receiving communion, baptism etc – *some of these things will be a part of genuine saving faith, but do not save us.*

C. One must believe “from the heart” to be saved

Romans 10:9-10 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

D. If one truly believes...

1. ...they will repent of sin

- a. Mark 1:14-15 Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, ¹⁵ And saying, The time is fulfilled, & the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, & believe the gospel.
(1) Repentance = a complete turn-around; to turn from sin and unto God

2. ...they will follow the Lord into water baptism

- a. Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...
- b. Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

E. By what means does God save the believing / repentant sinner? By Grace

1. Rom 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:
2. Eph 2:8-10 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: ⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.
3. Titus 3:4-7 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, ⁵ Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; ⁶ Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; ⁷ That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
 - a. Grace = Unmerited favor with God
 - b. Grace = **G**od's **R**iches **A**t **C**hrist's **E**xpense

III. What does it mean to be saved?

- A. Synonyms for “getting saved” Born-again redeemed forgiven justified
- B. Salvation is something God does, by His grace, for the believing / repentant sinner: To define salvation I’ll list **seven things God does for you when He saves you**:
1. You are granted forgiveness.
 - a. Col 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:
 - b. Heb 10:17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.
 - c. Rev 1:5 Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,
 - d. Acts 10:43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.
 - e. Ps 103:10-12 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. 11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.
 2. You are declared righteous.
 - a. Rom 3:22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:
 - b. Rom 4:3-5 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. ...5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.
 3. You are transferred into the kingdom.

Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:
 4. You are given eternal life.
 - a. Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened (*given life to*) us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
 - b. Eph 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;
 - c. John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, & believeth on him that sent me, hath (has) everlasting life, & shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.
 - d. I Jn 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.
 5. You become a child of God (*you are born into the family of God*).
 - a. John 1:12-13 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:
 - b. I Jn 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God...
 6. You are given a new nature (*by a creative act of God*).
 - a. Eph 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.
 - b. 2 Cor 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (*creation*): old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
 - c. Heb 10:16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

7. You are indwelt by Christ, in the person of the Holy Spirit.
 - a. Col 1:27 Christ in you, the hope of glory
 - b. Rom 8:9 Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.
 - c. Gal 4:5-6 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. 6 and because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.
 - d. 1 Cor 6:19-20 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price...

C. Eternal life is a present possession for the true believer.

1. John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath (*has*) everlasting life, & shall not come into condemnation (*judgement*); but is passed from death unto life.
2. 1 Jn 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.
3. 1 Jn 3:2 Beloved now are we the sons of God...
4. 1 Jn 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. (*"Have passed" is past tense; i.e. life is a present possession*).

I. Some facts about water baptism

- A. Water Baptism is one of only two sacraments (rites) Jesus gave us; the other is **communion**.
- B. The Greek word translated baptism means:
1. **Immersion**; to submerge, to make overwhelmed (i.e. fully wet). To cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water, to bathe; a washing.
- C. The forerunner of Jesus (John the Baptist) baptized people as they repented.
John 3:23 And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.
- D. Jesus was baptized (Read Matt 3:13-15).
- E. Jesus baptized converts.
1. John 3:22 After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized.
 2. John 4:1-2 When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,).
- F. Jesus commanded us to baptize converts.
1. Matt 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
 2. Mark 16:16 He that believeth & is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned
- G. The early church taught water baptism.
Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
- H. The early church practiced the sacrament of water baptism.
1. Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: & the same day there were...
 2. Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.
 3. Acts 8:38 ...they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.
 4. Acts 9:18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.
 5. Acts 16:33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.
 6. Acts 18:8 And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

II. What is the meaning and purpose of water baptism

- A. Water baptism symbolizes our baptism into Christ: *We were baptized by Christ and into Christ when we believed on Him (we were cleansed & united with Him).*
- *Or we could say "Water baptism symbolises the transformation that has taken place in our lives by our baptism into Christ. (i.e. death to the old life, burial of the old body of sin, and the resurrection of the new man to walk in the newness of life. Rom 6)*
1. **Baptism into Christ:** This happens at the moment of conversion.
 - a. 1 Cor 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all (*all believers*) baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.
 - (1) We are told here that the Holy Spirit baptized us (cleansed and immersed us... or united us) into the body of Christ.

b. Gal 3:26-27 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on *(been clothed with)* Christ.

(1) Those who are the children of God by faith are said here to have been thereby baptized into Christ.

c. Some extra verses for those who want to study deeper.

(1) Rom 6:3-5 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we *(i.e. our old man)* are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For *(because, indeed)* if we have been planted together *(united)* in the likeness of his death, we shall be *(will be)* also in the likeness of his resurrection: *(vs 5 is saying: Indeed if we have been united with him in his death, we will be united with him in his resurrection as well [i.e. we will live in the newness of life by resurrection power]).*

(2) Col 2:12-13 Buried with him in baptism, wherein *(in which)* also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation *(in the working)* of God, who hath raised him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened *(given life to)* together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; *(this passage tells us that ones baptism into Christ and being raised with Him is accomplished by ones faith in the working of God [not by being baptized in water] and is synonymous with ones new birth [being given life and receiving forgiveness]. We are clearly taught elsewhere that justification is accomplished strictly by faith apart from works; [See Rom 4:5-6 & Tit 3:5] water baptism is a work).*

2. Water baptism has no saving power

a. Scripture teaches that we are saved by grace through faith; apart from works.

(1) Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration *(the washing of rebirth)* & renewing of the Holy Ghost.

(2) Rom 4:5-7 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. 6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without (apart from) works, 7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

b. When by faith you were born-again you were washed by & immersed into Christ *(baptized into Christ)*.

(1) You simply symbolize that baptism into Christ when you are water baptized.

B. Water baptism also symbolizes:

1. The death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

2. The death of our old life to live a new life in Christ.

a. Remember water baptism does not cause the death of our old life, nor create a new life in Christ; it symbolizes that which was done by God's power upon conversion.

(1) Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

(2) Col 2:12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

C. Water baptism is a demonstration of ones saving faith because...

1. It is an act of obedience to God.

2. It publicly identifies one with the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

a. One **must** demonstrate their faith; and if it is genuine they will.

(1) James 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

- (2) Rom 10:9-11 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.
- (3) John 12:42-43 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: 43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.
- (4) Mark 8:38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

III. Other notes on Water baptism

- A. Water baptism is a necessary part of laying a solid foundation in our Christian walk.
 1. Heb 6:1-2 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, 2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead...
 2. Therefore I encourage a backslider who returns to God to lay a solid foundation, and publically display their repentance, by following Christ into water baptism again.
- B. In scripture water baptism always takes took place after conversion.
 1. Water baptism is entirely **separate from**, and must take place **subsequent to**, regeneration.
 - a. Acts 16:33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.
 - b. Acts 8:26-38

IV. Summary on water baptism:

- A. **Why** should one be water baptized?
 1. Because Jesus commanded it:

Matt 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
- B. **When** should one be water baptized?
 1. Only after they have become a true believer.
 - a. Acts 8:36-38 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? 37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. 38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.
 - b. Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.
- C. **How** should you be water baptized?
 1. Full immersion (*with at least one person there to perform the baptism & witness it*).
 - a. The word “baptism” means immersion.
 - b. All people in scripture were immersed.
 - (1) Acts 8:38 ...they went down both into the water, both Philip & the eunuch; & he baptized him.
 - (2) John 3:23 And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.
 - c. You cannot symbolize burial by sprinkling.