

Questions About Salvation



Part 2: Censes of Salvation



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Why Talk About Salvation?

Can we really know how to gain salvation?

If I didn't understand all this "stuff" when I accepted Christ when I was 4, does that make me less saved?

How much of the conditions of salvation are man- or church-made rules?

Why is it so complicated? Can't we just following the teachings of Jesus and the commandments and allow that to impact our lives?



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Can you lose your salvation (x 7)?

Can you fracture your salvation?

What about the warning passages in Hebrews? Can we lose our salvation?

Is there any legitimate end to the debate between the assurance [security] of salvation vs. losing salvation, or is it one of the mysteries of God?

Are those who believed, but then fell away, ever saved to begin with?

Are you still saved during periods of doubt?



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How can I be sure I am saved (x 5)?

If few people make it to heaven (Luke 13:23-24), how do we know if we are saved?

Is there a way you can know / confirm that you are saved? One can do all that is said to do, with the eventual miss, and think they believe, but how can you be sure that you are saved?

Is there something you should always feel if you are saved to confirm salvation?



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Why does salvation have to be complicated?

How can I know if I am saved?

Can I lose my salvation?



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What's the most basic "formula" for salvation, and then what is the biblical mandate for doing/being/believing anything further? (i.e., sheep and the goats, did that person simply not "believe," and that's why God "never knew them"?)

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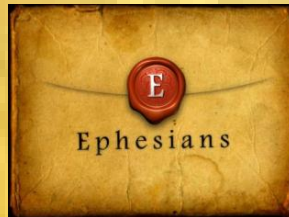
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Spiritual Warfare



Examining Evangelism



Letter to the Ephesians



Why Does God Allow Suffering And Evil



Christian Views on Hell



The Mystery of God's Will



Troubling Images of God in the Old Testament



Rediscovering Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew



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How does Jesus' death actually take care of sin? Why does God require sacrifice for reconciliation?

How do you help a new believer know or experience assurance of Christ's presence in their life?

In scripture, there seems to be descriptions of salvation that have eternal implications, while other times it refers to deliverance from a specific situation. Is there a way to differentiate?

Can those who have never heard the name "Jesus" still be saved?

Is salvation more about a posture of the heart rather than holding certain ideas or doing certain things?

Is effort required on my part for salvation, or is it a matter of surrender?



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If salvation is through faith / relationship with Jesus, what about all the people before Jesus' time on earth?

Are there levels of salvation? Are there steps that need to be taken to better understand the fullness of salvation?

Is salvation an event or a process?

What is the proper understanding of "belief."

What does Paul mean about the "right" gospel in 1 Cor. 15:2?

What about the fact that we are not on a "level playing field" when it comes to our understanding of salvation, especially with regard to our personal and environmental differences?



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Did something literally happen (physically or metaphysically) when Christ died, or was it symbolic?

How does salvation pertain to knowing Jesus relationally?

What is salvation? I think of it as going to heaven vs. hell.

Faith or works? In what proportion? What's the simplest way to explain this?

Is there legitimate scriptural precedent for a doctrine of "mortal sin?"

What levels or distinctions exist between the types of being "saved," "inheriting life," etc.



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Present Tense:

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” (1 Corinthians 1:18)

“For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.” (2 Corinthians 2:15)



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Future Tense:

“If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9)

“This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved — and that by God.” (Philippians 1:28b)



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Ordering Salvation

Justification

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Sanctification

Becoming more like Christ / more holy

Glorification

Receiving a resurrection body / becoming like Christ, eternity with God



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Election	God's choice of who to save
Calling	Proclamation of the Gospel message
Regeneration	Being born again (becoming spiritually alive)
Conversion	Putting faith in Christ and repenting from sin
Justification	Right legal standing before God
Adoption	Becoming a son or daughter and heir of God
Sanctification	Becoming more like Christ / more holy
Perseverance	Remaining a Christian
Death	Going to be with the Lord
Glorification	Receiving a resurrection body / becoming like Christ, eternity with God



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For he **chose** us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he **predestined** us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will — to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. . . . In him we were also **chosen**, having been **predestined** according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

- Ephesians 1:4-6, 11-12

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been **called** according to his purpose. For those God **foreknew** he also **predestined** to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he **predestined**, he also **called**; those he **called**, he also **justified**; those he **justified**, he also **glorified**.

- Romans 8:28-30

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