

Title: What Are Sin and Salvation?

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The Standard

Be holy, because I, the Lord your God, am holy. – Leviticus 19:2; 1 Peter 1:15

What is Sin?

. . . sin is the breaking of the law. – 1 John 3:4

What sin does?

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins . . . – Ephesians 2:1

Romans 5:6-10 – helpless, ungodly, sinners, enemies of God.

What is the result of sin?

For the wages of sin is death . . . – Romans 6:23

Do you trust what God has said about you, or do you trust yourself?

- Salvation is God's work for the individual, not the individual's work for God. (Bring this sentence and the following two verses up as one slide.)
- For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift – not from works, so that no one can boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9
- He saved us – not by works of righteousness that we had done, but according to His mercy . . . – Titus 3:5

Salvation Words

- *Atonement* - To make atonement is to make things right. Jesus is our atonement. His work atones, or covers, our wrong. His work made things right for us.
- *Grace* - Undeserved blessing freely bestowed on man by God – this is the essence of Christianity. No other religion presents this concept of God. What we have in salvation is not the result of our goodness, but God's goodness. It is this that says salvation is the GIFT of God.
- *Propitiation* - The turning away of wrath by an offering – it averts wrath. Jesus is our propitiation. Salvation is our being rescued from the wrath of God. Sin will always bring the wrath of God. Not always immediately, but always.
- *Forgiveness* - In general it means God does not hold us accountable any longer for our sins. He puts them away. He remembers them no more. He does not treat us as our sins deserve.
- *Justification* - It is this word that makes Christianity a religion of faith and grace. It displays God's justice in condemning and punishing sin by Christ's work on the cross; His mercy in pardoning and accepting sinners; and His wisdom in doing both harmoniously. In justification He treats us as, declares us to be, just. It is a

legal standing and it keeps us from any condemnation. We stand before God in right standing with Him and His law. This directly accomplished by the blood of Jesus.

- *Regeneration* - Giving spiritual life to a spiritually dead person. Born-again. It is a gracious and sovereign act of the Holy Spirit. This is where real life begins, where our lives can begin to be rewarded for good works. Jesus said a person has to born again to go to heaven.
- *Adoption* - A work of God whereby we become His children and heirs.
- *Redemption* - Is how salvation is accomplished – the payment of a ransom. We have a Redeemer who purchased our salvation at a great and personal cost. We sold ourselves into slavery to sin. Jesus redeemed us from that slavery.

Salvation is a rescue.

- It rescues us from being a child of Satan to a child of God.
- It rescues us from hell to heaven.
- It rescues us from living a meaningless life that brings God's condemnation to life that has purpose and can be eternally rewarded in heaven.
- It is God's work for man that displays His grace and kindness and enables us to bring Him glory which restores us to the purpose for which we were created.
- This is all accomplished by the death and resurrection of Jesus.

. . . "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved . . . – Acts 16:30-31

. . . if you confess 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

For this is what love for God is: to keep His commands. – 1 John 5:3