

Lesson Notes:

## Salvation

The act of receiving salvation and recognizing Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior is the most important decision we can make during our time here on earth. As servants of God we need to be prepared to assist others to come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Following are the steps to Salvation and what we receive through obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ:

## Scriptural Principles

- 1) **Salvation through Christ is the Only Way to Heaven.** – In **Acts 4:10-12** Peter declares to the high priests that Jesus, who they rejected, is the only way to Salvation. Jesus tells Nicodemus in **John 3:16-17** that he came into the world not to condemn the world but to save the world. In **John 14:6** Jesus tells his disciples that he is “the way the truth and the life” and no one comes to his father except through him.
- 2) **We are saved through God’s Grace.** – Paul tells the Ephesians in **Ephesians 2:8-9** that we are saved not of ourselves but through God’s grace.
- 3) **Steps for Salvation include:**
  - a) **Step 1 – Recognize that you are a sinner** – In **Romans 3:23** Paul tells us that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of the Lord.
  - b) **Step 2 – Abandon self effort and recognize that it is only through Grace that we are saved** – In **Romans 3:24** Paul tells us that it is through grace that we are saved. Paul tells Titus in **Titus 3:5** that we are saved not by our works but through the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. He repeats this advice to the Ephesians in **Ephesians 2:8-9**.
  - c) **Step 3 - Believe in your heart that Christ has died for you, ask him to forgive your sins and come into your life** – Paul tells us that Christ has died for our sins in **Romans 5:8** and **Romans 10:9**. John tells us the same in **1 John 1:7**.
  - d) **Step 4 – Accept him as your savior-** Paul tells the jailor in **Acts 16:31** to believe in Christ and he will be saved. Peter tells the church elders in **Acts 4:12** that if they believe in Christ Jesus they shall be saved. **Romans 10:10**
- 4) **Jesus Wonderful Promise – He turns no one away** – Jesus promises us in **John 6:37** and **John 1:12** that he will turn no one away.
- 5) **What happens when we recognize Christ as our Lord and Savior – The Holy Spirit actually comes and dwells within us** – Jesus promises this to his disciples just prior to his arrest, crucifixion and resurrection in **John 14:16-17**

6) **By having the Holy Spirit within us we have the promise of eternal life.** – Paul promises this to us in **Romans 8:11.**