

What is Salvation?

Jesus Came to Rescue Humanity

Hebrews 2:9-18 (New International Version)

⁹But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. ¹²He says,

"I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises."¹³And again,

"I will put my trust in him."And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me."

¹⁴Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. ¹⁷For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

¹⁸Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

a. Relationship Restored

Because you have accepted the free gift of righteousness through the Lord Jesus, you have now been born into the family of God. You are a child of God. You are a citizen of the Kingdom of God. You have been given a new identity; a new name. Your past has forever been removed!

You have been restored back into a right relationship with God your father.

When you accepted Jesus, the Spirit of God actually came inside you to reside in your heart. He wants to teach you about God and give you the power to live a godly life.

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**b. Amazing
Grace**

Romans 3:22

²²This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

Peter 3:18 (Message)

That's what Christ did definitively: suffered because of others' sins, the Righteous One for the unrighteous ones. He went through it all—was put to death and then made alive—to bring us to God.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (New International Version)

⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast.

_____ speaks of God's very _____, His power at work.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (New International Version)

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

(Message) Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life burgeons! Look at it! All this comes from the God who settled the relationship between us and him

The rest of your life will be an adventure. It will be a time of discovering the greatest love one could ever imagine. It will be a time when you actually become the person you have always wanted to be. You can fulfill your dreams. You can find healing and wholeness. You can actually live a life that's full and fulfilling, one that brings peace to your heart and mind. You can have some real fun.

This is not to say that our circumstances are always wonder; but it does mean that in the midst of our circumstances we can experience god's peace in turmoil, His comfort in sorrow, and His strength in our weakness.

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Romans 8:15-17 (The Message)

¹⁵⁻¹⁷This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what's coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we're certainly going to go through the good times with him!

Knowing I'm Saved

Romans 10:9 (New International Version)

⁹That 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.

a. According to the Word

First, assurance comes from the truth of the Word of God. Simply put, we take God at His word. Trust (faith) is the starting place. Choose to take God's word as absolute. From that trust you have the basis of building a meaningful relationship.

b. Relationship with God

As you come to know Him personally, through personal involvement, you will experience His love for you. Through your relationship with God, you find yourself growing and discovering the life God has intended for you.

1. _____ and _____ in the Truth of God's word.

2. _____ In our _____ with God.

1 John 4:13

¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.