

Salvation

Overview: For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believes in Him, should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

A. What is it?

- 1) Should not perish (John 3:16)
 - Webster: Destroy, deteriorate, spoil, weaken, cause to die.
 - *Apollumi*: Destroy, die, lose, mar.
 - *Apo*: Separation, departure, cessation, completion, reversal.
 - *Ollumi*: Destruction, ruin, death, punishment.
- 2) By grace are you saved (Ephesians 2:8).
 - You are saved as a free gift of God. Ephesians 2:8
 - Through Jesus, you might be saved. John 3:17
 - Believe God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved. Rom 10:9.
 - *Sozo* (*Sode-zo*): Deliver, protect, heal, preserve, be well, do well, make whole.

B. How to get saved?

- 1) Receiving Salvation (Romans 10:9-10).
 - There is salvation in no other name. Acts 4:12
 - Confession is made unto salvation. Rom 10:9-10
 - Today is the day of salvation. 2 Cor 6:2
 - *Soteria*: Rescue, safety, deliverance, health, saving.
- 2) Becoming a New Creation.
 - Instantly, one-time, born-again spirit. John 3:3-8
 - How to receive Salvation. Rom 10:8-9
 - Faith in 2 parts: Mouth & Heart. Rom 10:10
 - Whosoever shall call upon the Name. Rom 10:13,17
 - Believe on the Lord Jesus. Acts 16:31
 - New Creation in Christ. 2 Cor 5:17

C. Common misconceptions

- 1) Growing up in, or regular attendance at church, does not save you.
- 2) The fact that your parents are saved does not save you. You must receive it for yourself.
- 3) Good works do not save you. You cannot save yourself.
- 4) The belief in the reality of God or Jesus, by itself, does not save you. You must confess it.
- 5) Believing and confessing that Jesus died for the sins of the world does not save you. You must make a personal confession to receive Him as your own personal Savior.

D. Trichotomy

- 1) Monchotomy
- 2) Dichotomy
- 3) Trichotomy
 - There are three entities to man.
 - Man is a spirit with a soul and he lives in a body. 1 Thess 5:23
 - Man is made in the image of God. Gen 1:26
 - God is (or has) three parts. Matt 28:19; 1 John 5:7
 - Your soul is NOT your mind, will and emotions. Matt 22:37

Addenda

The Sinner's Prayer Summary Steps

1. Address Almighty God as Creator.
2. Repent of your sins.
3. Acknowledge that Jesus died to pay the price for all **your** sins.
4. Acknowledge that God raised Jesus from the dead.
5. Invite Jesus into your heart as your personal Savior.
6. Accept God as your Heavenly Father.
7. Declare your forgiveness and your eternal life in Heaven because of what Jesus did for you.

The Sinner's Prayer – Sample

Almighty God, I believe that You are the creator of Heaven and Earth and of everything and every person. I ask You to forgive me, the clay, for having sinned against You, the Potter. I believe that You loved me so much that You sent Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to live, suffer and die for me. I believe that You raised Jesus from the dead and He is in Heaven today. I ask Jesus into my heart as my Savior and Lord and I receive eternal life with You and forgiveness of all my sins because Jesus paid the price with His blood on the cross. Because I have received Jesus as Savior, I am now born again into the family of God and I can now call You "Father." I ask You, Father, to fill me with Your Holy Spirit and to help me each day to know You better. Thank You, Heavenly Father. Amen.