



20 Beliefs Every Christian Should Know

Lesson 13 – The Doctrine of Salvation

Key Verse: Mark 1:14–15

“Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

Overview

In Acts 16:30, after Paul and Silas were miraculously let out of prison, the jailer asked them, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” If you were asked that question, what would you say? Paul and Silas proclaimed the gospel to him and all who were in his household. That night the jailer and his whole household were saved. In this lesson (and the next two lessons) we will learn about soteriology—the study of the doctrine of salvation. Let’s look at God’s Word and see what is involved in the salvation of a believer.

The General Call

1. Ephesians 2:1–3. What is the spiritual state of every unbeliever? _____

2. Romans 1:20. What has God revealed to all mankind? _____
3. Acts 1:8. What were the apostles commissioned to do? _____
4. Matthew 10:27. What are believers supposed to declare? _____
5. Romans 1:16. What does Paul say about the gospel? _____

The Effective Call

1. John 6:44. Who comes to Christ? _____
2. Romans 8:30. What does God do for those He has predestined? _____
3. 1 Corinthians 1:9. What are believers called into? _____
4. 1 Peter 2:9. What does God call believers out of? _____
5. 1 Peter 5:10. What are believers called to? _____
6. 1 Timothy 6:12. What are believers called to? _____

“This kind of calling is a summons from the king of the universe; it is a summons that can’t be denied, and it brings about the desired response in people’s hearts.”
—Wayne Grudem, *Christian Beliefs*, pg. 90.

The Elements of the Gospel Call

1. Isaiah 6:3. What does this reveal about God? _____
2. 1 Peter 1:16. What does God require of man? _____
3. Romans 3:23. What does this verse reveal about man? _____
4. Romans 6:23. What is the penalty for sin? _____
5. 1 Peter 3:18. What did Christ do for sinners? _____
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6. Romans 5:10. How are sinners saved? _____
7. Acts 17:30. What does God command all to do? _____
8. Romans 10:9. What must a sinner do? _____

“As the Father is the ultimate agent of regeneration and the Spirit is the efficient cause of regeneration, Scripture identifies the Word of God itself—specifically the gospel message—as the instrumental cause, or means, of regeneration.”
—Gen. ed. John MacArthur, *Essential Christian Doctrine*, pg. 305.

Receiving the Call: What Happens Next?

1. Ezekiel 36:26. What was God’s promise in the New Covenant? _____
2. John 3:3. Who can see the kingdom of God? _____
3. 2 Corinthians 5:17. What happens when a person gets saved? _____
4. Matthew 22:37–40. Who does a believer love? _____
5. John 14:15. What does a believer desire to do? _____
6. Galatians 5:22–24. What does a believer produce? _____

Responding to the Call

1. Acts 2:37–38. What did Peter command the people to do? _____
2. Acts 16:30–31. What did Paul and Silas command the jailer to do? _____
3. Hebrews 6:1. What are the two elements of foundational Christian teaching? _____

4. Acts 20:21. What did Paul preach to the Ephesians? _____

“Repentance and faith are really two sides of the same coin. For when I genuinely renounce and forsake my sin, I then turn in faith to Christ, trusting in Him alone for my salvation.”

—Wayne Grudem, *Christian Beliefs*, pg. 94.

Application

1. How does knowing about the general call versus the effectual call give you comfort and hope?
2. How can you be ready to preach the gospel message to the lost?
3. In what ways can you give evidence for your belief in Christ?