

Foundations Lesson #3

Salvation

Every human being falls into one of two categories: **having** a right relationship with God, or **not having** a right relationship with God. There is no gray area or middle ground when it comes to God's salvation. Below are some names and phrases that the Bible uses to describe these two positions before God.

Someone Who Has **Not** Received Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior

non-Christian
unsaved
not born again
child of the Devil
will be in hell
under God's wrath
sinner before God
not redeemed
not justified (declared guilty)
citizen of the kingdom of darkness
does not have eternal life
is of the world

Someone Who **Has** Received Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior

Christian
saved
born again
child of God
will be in heaven
forgiven by God
righteous before God
redeemed
justified (declared innocent)
citizen of the kingdom of light
has eternal life
is in Christ

Scripture References

Christian - Acts 26:28-29 / I Peter 4:16-17 / Acts 11:26

saved - I Corinthians 1:21 / Acts 16:31 / Romans 10:13

born again - I Peter 1:23 / John 3:3 / John 3:7

child of God - John 1:12-13 / Romans 8:16-17 / Hebrews 12:5-7 / Matthew 6:9

child of the Devil - John 8:44

will be in heaven - John 14:2-3 / II Corinthians 5:1-5 / Philippians 3:20 / Matthew 6:20

will be in hell - Matthew 23:33 / Matthew 13:49-50 / Luke 16:22-23 / Matthew 18:9

forgiven by God - Romans 4:4-8 / Ephesians 4:32 / Acts 2:38

under God's wrath - John 3:36 / Romans 2:8

righteous before God - Romans 10:4 / II Corinthians 5:21

redeemed - I Peter 1:18-19 / Titus 2:13-14 / Colossians 1:13-14

justified - Romans 4:5 / Galatians 2:16 / Acts 13:39 / I Corinthians 6:11

kingdom of light - Colossians 1:12-13 / Ephesians 5:8 / Acts 26:18

kingdom of darkness - II Corinthians 6:14 / John 12:46 / John 8:12

eternal life - John 3:16 / John 3:36 / John 5:24 / John 17:3

in Christ - II Corinthians 5:17 / I Corinthians 15:22 / Ephesians 1:13

of the world - John 15:19 / John 17:14 / I Corinthians 2:12

I. the message of salvation

- God's relationship to us as Creator
 - Revelation 4:11 / Colossians 1:16 / Romans 1:18-20 / Deuteronomy 32:6
- God's great love for us
 - John 3:16 / I John 4:16 / I John 3:16 / Romans 5:6-8
- God's great justice, holiness, and righteousness
 - II Thessalonians 1:6 / I Peter 1:15-16 / Psalm 7:11
- our identity as sinners, separated from God, unable to save ourselves
 - Romans 3:23 / Romans 3:10 / Psalm 5:4 / Isaiah 59:1-2
- sin's consequences
 - Romans 6:23 / Ezekiel 18:20
- Jesus Christ paying the penalty for our sin, making possible our reconciliation with God
 - Romans 5:8 / John 1:29
- our need to ask for God's forgiveness, believe in Jesus Christ, and live to please God
 - asking for God's forgiveness, repenting – I John 1:8-9 / Hosea 14:2 / Acts 17:30
 - believing in Jesus Christ – Romans 10:9 / Acts 10:43 / Ephesians 2:8-9
 - living to please God – II Corinthians 5:8-9 / I Thessalonians 2:4 / I John 3:22

II. the great security in and the great assurance of God's salvation

- No one can snatch us out of Jesus' hand or out of the Father's hand. – John 10:27-29
- Our free will has not been removed by God in this area. – II Timothy 2:12 / John 15:1-6 / Hebrews 10:26-31 / Revelation 3:5 / Mark 4:3-6, 14-17
- one denomination that put their position into writing
- We do not need to be plagued by fear. – Jude 24 / Romans 8:15 / Psalm 27:1
- We do not need to be plagued by doubt. – I John 5:13 / John 1:12 / II Corinthians 1:21

III. use of the word “salvation” in scripture

- salvation past (initial act) – have been saved from the penalty of sin
 - Ephesians 2:8-9 / Ephesians 1:13 / Mark 16:15-16 / Acts 2:47 / Acts 16:30-31
- salvation present (outworking) – are being saved from the power of sin
 - I Corinthians 1:18 / II Corinthians 2:15 / I Peter 1:9 / Philippians 2:12
- salvation future (glorious hope) – will be saved from the presence of sin
 - I Peter 1:5 / Romans 13:11 / Hebrews 9:28 / Romans 5:9