



## **SOTERIOLOGY-The doctrine of Salvation**

**Ephesians 2:1-10 (ESV)** <sup>1</sup> And **you were dead** in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup> among whom we **all** once **lived** in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup> **But God**, being **rich in mercy**, because of the **great love** with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> **even when we were dead** in our trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—** <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For **by grace you have been saved through faith**. And this is not your own doing; **it is the gift of God**, <sup>9</sup> not **a result of works**, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

1. The doctrine of salvation is the most comprehensive and important doctrine taught in the Bible.
2. The doctrine of salvation is very broad and deep yet simple enough for a child to understand.
3. The word soteriology comes from two Greek words, **“soteria”** meaning to experience deliverance, to be freed, rescued, or liberated and **“logos”** meaning discourse or study.
4. Salvation is the foundation of a person’s relationship with God.
5. Sin brought removal and separation from God. But God in His grace has made provision for reunion and restoration.
6. You can be saved from sin and its consequences.

### **1. Salvation means I am redeemed. God provided for me.**

1. Redeemed means the price paid to free or bring deliverance to someone.
2. Redemption was provided by Jesus. He died for my sins.

3. I received **blessing** and **benefit** of redemption—deliverance from sin.
4. I am free from the **penalty** of sin, the **power** of sin and one day the **presence** of sin.
5. The death of Jesus is effective for **all** who receive it.

## **2. Salvation means I am justified. God declared me righteous**

1. Justification is the judicial act of **God declaring** the sinner as **righteous** and treating him as such. Romans 3:20-21
2. Justification is **not by works**.
3. We are justified by our **union with Christ**. Spiritual, not physical, not pantheistic
  - Righteousness comes “in” Christ.
  - Righteousness comes “through” Christ
4. The **source of justification** is the **Grace of Christ**. Titus 3:7, Rom 3:24
5. The **appropriation of our justification** is **faith in Christ**. Rom 5:1, Eph 2:8,9
6. The **evidence of our justification** is **good works**.

## **3. Salvation means I am regenerated. God give me new life.**

1. The new birth is **supernatural**.
2. The new birth is **instantaneous**.
3. The new birth is **spiritual** not physical.
4. The new birth brings **radical transformation**.

## **4. Salvation means I am sanctified. God changes me.**

1. Sanctification is a **complete** and **progressive** journey.
2. Sanctification is **wrought** by the Holy Spirit.  
Wrought: a simple past tense and past participle of [work](#).
3. **Sanctification is not legalism**. Legalism reverses God’s order.
4. The **root of sanctification** is a **holy heart**. The **fruit of sanctification** is a **holy life of obedience**.

God wants you to be **secure** in your salvation  
by joyfully embracing a holy lifestyle in Jesus.

1. I have assurance of salvation because I believe in Jesus! John 3:16
2. I have assurance of salvation because of the shed blood of Jesus! Heb 9:22-28
3. I have assurance of salvation because the Bible tells me so! 1 John 5:13 2 Tim 3:15,16