

SIN AND SALVATION

“ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus ...”

Romans 3:21-26

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The Bible teaches that God is holy (see Psalm 99:5), and that all mankind has sinned (see Rom 3:23). We sin when we fall short of the perfect righteousness required of us in God's law (see Exodus & Leviticus). The punishment for our sin is death and separation from God (see Leviticus). When we fall short of God's law, we are no longer able to live with God because God is holy and sin cannot dwell with Him (see Gen 3).

The good news (the gospel) is that God loves us, and because God loves us He sent His only Son to pay the penalty for our sin so that we can be with Him forever (see John 3:16). God has provided for us the only means by which we can be saved (see Matt 26). Throughout God's Word He has promised to send us His Son to take our punishment, allowing us to be with Him forever (see Jer 33: 14-15, Isa 53, Matt 5:17, Rom 1:1-4). There on the cross Jesus made it possible for us to be forgiven our sins by suffering the penalty of death on our behalf. This salvation from God is a gift which He gives to us according to His grace, kindness, mercy and love.

In order for us to receive this gift we must believe the truth of this gospel message and accept the forgiveness God offers to us (see Rom 10:9-10). God calls us to repent of our sins and receive His Son Jesus as our Savior from sin and Lord of our lives.

Although we are invited to come to God and freely receive this gift by faith we are also warned that those who reject God's love and authority, and who fail to respond in repentance and faith will be punished for their sin. This punishment is separation from God forever in a place called hell (see Rom 5:15-21). God has given us a choice: we can either choose Him and His gift of salvation from the penalty of our sins, or we can deny Him and suffer the consequences for our sins. God loves us and all mankind and that is why He sent His Son to die for us. It is God's desire that all would come to Him and receive His gift of salvation (see Isa 45:22-24 and 2 Pet 3:9).

Romans 10:9-10

“if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

Sin and Salvation Bible Study

SIN

What is sin? (See Romans 3:23, Isaiah 53:6, & 1 John 3:4)

How does sin affect our life? (See Romans 6:23,)

Who sins? (See Romans 3:23, 1 John 1:8 & 1 Kings 8:46)

Where did sin come from? (See Romans 5:12 & Isaiah 14:12-15)

REPENTANCE

What are the characteristics of true repentance? (See 2 Corinthians 7:9-10, Luke 18:9-14 & 1 Thessalonians 1:9)

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SALVATION

How are you saved? (See Ephesians 2:8-9, John 3:16)

Who do we put our faith in for salvation? (See Romans 10:9-10 & 13)

FORGIVENESS

What does God want to do with your sin? (See 1 John 1:9)

What must we be willing to do? (See Matthew 6:14-15)

How does God now see my sin? (See Jeremiah 31:34)

ASSURANCE

Read 1 John 5:11-13.