

LBC Discipleship 1 Course

Know Christ & Make Him Known Lesson 1: "Salvation" (TC)

2011 Church Goal: 250 discipleship courses completed. For you to gain credit you must complete the homework and know one of the following memory verses or three scripture references.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: ⁹Not of works, lest any man should boast."

What is Salvation? - Salvation is having your sins forgiven by God through the sacrifice that His Son Jesus Christ made for you. John 3:16 Salvation is the substitution of the righteousness of Jesus Christ to your account as He exchanges you His righteousness for your sinfulness. II Cor. 5:21 "For he (God) hath made him (Jesus Christ) sin for us, who knew no sin, that we (sinners) might be made the righteousness of God in him." Salvation is being saved from the penalty of sin.

I. Why Do I Need To Be Saved? The Problem is Sin!

A. What is sin? Sin is missing God's mark. I John 5:17 "All unrighteousness is sin:"

- Breaking God's law is called sin. I John 3:4

B. Sin can be categorized two ways:

1. Sins of commission. I John 3:4
2. Sins of omission. James 4:17

C. "But I am not so bad compared to others I know."

- God doesn't compare you to others, but to His Son Jesus Christ & He was without sin. Hebrews 4:15; I Peter 2:22; I John 3:5 "...in him is no sin."

D. Who has sinned? Everyone. Romans 3:12; Galatians 3:22

- We are guilty from the beginning. Romans 5:12
- We are guilty from birth. Psalms 51:5; Psalms 58:3
- We are guilty by choice. Romans 3:23; Romans 6:12

E. Definition: God has given to us His clear definition of right and wrong in His Word, and sin is disobeying the commands of God. Sin is missing God's mark.

II. What Is The Penalty For Sin And What Am I Being Saved From?

A. Your sin has separated you from God. Isaiah 59:2

B. You're sin brings you under the judgment of God and sentences you to an eternity in Hell. Ezekiel 18:20; Romans 6:23; Revelations 21:8

C. Who needs to be saved? Everyone needs to be saved! John 3:3

D. Why do I need to be saved? To find peace with God! Ephesians 2:12-18
To find purpose in life! Romans 11:36 & Revelations 4:11
To forsake the pits of Hell! John 3:36

III. The Payment For Sin.

- A. The Biblical principal of sacrifice to cover sins is seen throughout the Bible. We learn that the way our sin is covered is by an innocent party dying sacrificially for the guilty.
- Examples: Genesis 3:22-24 The blood of an animal covered the sin of Adam & Eve.
 - Genesis 22 – A ram took Isaac's place on the altar.
 - Exodus 12 – The Passover lamb allowed the Death Angel to “pass over” the believing Israelites.
 - The shedding of blood makes atonement for the soul. Leviticus 16 & 17:11
 - Isaiah 53:5-7 foretells the suffering servant who would come and be “wounded for our transgressions.”
 - Hebrews 9:22 summarizes it: “without shedding of blood there is no remission.”
- B. Who was this “Savior” that took our place? Jesus Christ is the Savior!
- John 1:29 tells us about John the Baptist seeing Jesus Christ coming unto him and he said “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”
 - John 19:30 When Jesus was on the cross he said, “It is finished”, these same words in the original language meant: “Paid in full.” The cancelling of a debt, our sin debt.
 - Hebrews 10:10-18 tells us Jesus (12) “offered one sacrifice for sins for ever.”
 - Over 300 prophecies were foretold about Jesus’ first coming and He fulfilled every one of them! Matthew 5:17-18

IV. The Promise of Salvation.

- A. How does a person get saved? By believing the Gospel message of Jesus Christ from the heart! What is the “Gospel”? It is the “good news” of Jesus’ death, burial, & resurrection! I Corinthians 15:3b-4 “...Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; (4) And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according the scriptures:”
- B. Romans 10:9-10, 13 shows us we must believe with our heart & confess with our mouth. Acts 16:30-31 Philippian jailer.
- C. What does salvation bring? To list a few:
- Begins a new relationship with God, one of a Father / child! John 1:12; I John 3:1
 - Our sins are paid for! I John 2:2
 - Our salvation is guaranteed! I John 5:13
 - God’s promises are sure! II Cor. 1:20
 - Heaven is promised! John 6:47 “...He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.”
 - Everlasting life begins at the moment of Salvation! John 6:47
- D. Are there many ways to be saved? NO! There is only one way! Jesus Christ is the ONLY WAY of Salvation! John 14:6; I John 5:11-12; Galatians 2:16, 20-21
- E. Salvation is not in, of or from ANYTHING else! John 14:6
- Not in good works, baptism, church membership, “a special understanding”, not in “I’ve always been a Christian”, death doesn’t end everything, everyone doesn’t go to Heaven! Romans 3:12, John 3:16, Galatians 2:20, John 3:3, Hebrews 9:27, John 3:36
- F. All other world religions and cults are based upon what “you” have to do to find favor and eternal life! Based on works. Christianity is based solely on what “HE” did for you! Based on grace. God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense. Ephesians 2:8-9 “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God (9) Not of works, lest any man should boast.”