

“5 Things Most Believers Don’t Understand about Salvation”

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1. Salvation saves us from God.

Luke 12:4,5

4 "I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do.

5 "But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!

Rom 5:9

9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

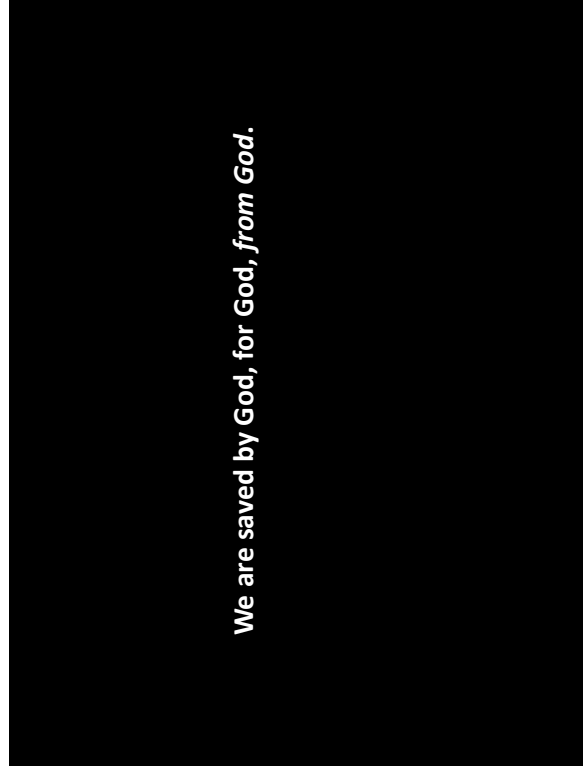
1 Thess 1:9-10

9 For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God,

10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

What does this mean:

1. Sin and Hell by themselves have no power and no authority. They are simply the results of separation from God.
2. If God alone has the authority to condemn us, then He alone has the power to save us.
3. If God alone has the power to save us, then God alone has the power to keep us. There lies our security.
4. Therefore if you understand the source of authority issue, you will have confidence in the source of salvation.
5. Evangelism then is designed to bring the unbeliever to Christ and give him the security of his salvation.



2. Salvation is exclusive in radically dealing with the heart of man.

Ezek 36:26

26 "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Mark 7:21-23

21 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries,

22 deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness.

23 "All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man."

Matt 5:8

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Deut 30:6

6 "Moreover the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.

What does not change the heart?

1. Good morals.

Matt 23:27

27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

2. Good works.

2 Tim 1:8,9

8 . . . God, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,

3. Good intentions.

Luke 18:18

18 A ruler questioned Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

4. Good people.

1 John 2:19

19 They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.

3. Salvation is a monergistic work.

monergistic – caused by one.

synergistic – caused by one +.

Jonah 2:9

9 . . . salvation is from the Lord."

Jer 24:7

7 "I will give them a heart to know Me, for I am the Lord; and they will be My people, and I will be their God,

John 6:44

44 "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him;

John 6:65

65 And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father."

1 Peter 1:3

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4. Salvation's goal is not to just fill a "spiritual nursery."

Eph 4:11-15

11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ,

So what does this mean?

1. God is the only one who can change a heart. Salvation is both exclusive and inclusive.
2. When the heart is dealt with, it will first change its view of God.
3. External behavior modification is not a change of heart.
4. Counterfeit remedies will leave us unchanged.
5. Therefore we are calling on people to have a heart transplant not a heart bypass.

So what does this mean?

1. Salvation is a work of God alone.
2. The only part man plays in his salvation is to respond with his will to the message of the gospel.
3. Because it is solely a work of God, man can take no credit for his salvation.
4. The Holy Spirit regenerates the unbeliever which puts the unbeliever in a place where he now understands the truth and believes the truth.
5. The monergistic work of God in the unbeliever gives all of the glory for salvation to God.

Heb 5:12-6:1

12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant.

14 But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

6:1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity,

1 Cor 3:1-3

1 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ.

2 I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, 3 for you are still fleshly.

1 John 2:12-14

12 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake.

13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you, children, because you know the Father.

14 I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

Infants at 6 months



10 years old



25 years old



50 years old



80 years old



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4. Satan does not bring his attack on you down to your level. He comes with sophisticated tactics. He is clever. He has complex schemes. As children, we need to be warned.
5. Lambs don't beget sheep. Sheep beget sheep.

5. Salvation supersedes all other worldly agendas.

Col 1:13-14

- 13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,
- 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

1 John 2:15-17

- 15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
- 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.
- 17 The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

So what does this mean?

1. All worldly agendas are temporal and not eternal.
2. Worldly agendas will not save 1 person from eternal damnation.
3. When we are saved, we are exhorted to abandon any and all worldly agendas and causes except the cause of Christ. That's what it means to be “transferred from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light.” You live in 2 worlds.
4. Solomon, in Ecclesiastes, warned us that all such pursuits of the kingdom of darkness are vanity, they are worthless.
5. The message of salvation is the only cause worth fighting for, giving all of our resources for, and risking our lives for.