

Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!

Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the first 2 chapters of Acts.

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# "HOW TO PRESENT THE GOSPEL"

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# **Topics**

- 1. Witnessing and the Holy Spirit.
- 2. What do Paul, Lydia, the 600,000 in Nineveh, and every converted unbeliever have in common?
- 3. Witnessing and the Word of God.
- 4. Why the negative first and not the positive?
- 5. Weak/shallow gospel.
- Justification vs. sanctification.
- 7. Lordship salvation.
- 8. Religious people.
- 9. Witnessing to people at different relationship levels.
- 10. Terminology.
- 11. How to handle objections.
- 12. Witnessing to Jews.
- 13. Transitions.
- 14. The importance of pre-witnessing training.
- 15. Observer/Presenter.
- 16. Memorization

# Salvation

Phase 1

Phase 2

Phase 3

Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
I have been saved.	I am being saved.	I shall be saved.

Saved from the *penalty* of sin.

Saved from the *power* of sin.

Saved from the *presence* of sin.

# Justification vs. Sanctification

Justification is a legal declaration. It is not a process. Sanctification is a process.

Biblical Christianity stands alone among all religions where justification comes before sanctification.

When the ground of justification moves from Christ outside of us to the work of Christ inside of us, then the gospel shifts:

- 1. From external to internal.
- 2. From objective to subjective.
- "You know you are saved if your life shows evidence of salvation."

Then the next logical question is, "How good must I be, and for how long before I know I am

saved?" Therefore Faith + Works = Salvation

- 3. From Christ's righteousness to my righteousness.
- 4. From assurance in what <u>Christ</u> has done to no assurance in what <u>I</u> have done.
- 5. From a legal transaction to a personal possession.
- 6. From instant declaration to process transformation.
- 7. From a Christ-centered gospel to a man centered gospel.

  It is a backward gospel.

**Justification** 

Believe

Faith

Repentance

Righteousness

# A Biblical Look at the Terms Used in Salvation

# **Justification**

### Rom 3:20

20 because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight;

### Rom 3:24

24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

### Rom 3:28

28 For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

### Rom 4:3-6

- 3 For what does the Scripture say? "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS."
- 4 Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due.
- 5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness,

# Rom 5:15

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

### **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.

# Gal 2:16

16 nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.

# Gal 3:24

24 Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

# **Titus 3:7**

7 so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

# **Believe**

### John 1:12

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

# John 3:18

18 "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

# John 6:29

Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

# John 8:24

24 "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

# John 3:16

16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

# John 3:36

36 "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

# Acts 16:31-32

31 They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

# John 11:25-26

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,

# John 3:15

15 so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.

### John 5:24

24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

### Rom 4:5-6

5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness,

### Rom 10:10

10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

### 1 John 5:1

5 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God,

### 1 John 5:5-6

5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

### Rom 4:3-4

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# **Faith**

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# Rom 10:17

17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

# Gal 2:16

so that we may be justified by faith in Christ

# Gal 3:24

24 Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

# Eph 2:8

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

# Heb 11:1

11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

# Heb 11:6

6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him

### Because of their faith . . .

Abel presented his sacrifice to God on God's terms, different from that of his brother Cain. (v. 4)

Enoch was translated into heaven because he walked with God. (v. 5, see also Genesis 5:24)

Noah built an ark. (v.7)

Abraham left his home for a country he had never seen. (v. 8) He had a son in his old age and offered him in sacrifice to God. (v. 11, 17)

Isaac blessed his sons. (v. 20)

Jacob blessed his sons. (v. 21)

Joseph gave instructions about his bones. (v. 22)

Moses' parents hid him. (v. 23)

Moses chose to be mistreated with the people of God rather than enjoy the wealth of Egypt. (v. 24-25)

\*In every case, and even for the unnamed ones who faced persecution and poverty, faith was shown by what it did.

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# 1 Peter 1:9

9 obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

# **Repentance**

#### Matt 3:1-2

- 1 Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying,
- 2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

#### **Matt 3:8**

8 "Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance

#### Matt 4:17

17 From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

#### Mark 1:15

15 The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

#### Luke 5:32

32 "I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." heaven is at hand."

#### Luke 13:3

3 "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

#### Luke 15:7

7 "I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

# **Acts 2:38**

38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

# Acts 11:18

18 When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life."

# Acts 17:30

30 "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent,

# Acts 26:20

20 and even to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds appropriate to repentance.

#### 2 Cor 7:10

10 For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

#### 2 Tim 2:25

25 with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth,

#### 2 Peter 3:9

9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

#### **Rev 2:5**

5 'Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first;

#### **Rev 2:16**

16 'Therefore repent; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth.

#### **Rev 3:3**

3 'So remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent.

#### **Rev 3:19**

19 'Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.

# **Righteousness**

### Rom 4:5-6

- 5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness,
- 6 just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:

### Rom 5:18

18 So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.

# Rom 5:21

21 so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# Rom 10:3

3 For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.

# Gal 3:6

6 Even so Abraham BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

# Phil 3:9

9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,

# 1 John 2:29

9 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him.

# 1 John 3:10

10 By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.

- God does not justify those whom He does not also sanctify.
- When God does one work (Justification), it is a guarantee that He will also do the other (Sanctification).

# Phil 1:6

6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

# Phil 2:12-13

- 12 . . . work out your salvation with fear and trembling;
- 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

#### John 10:27-28

27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;

#### 2 Cor 5:17-18

17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

#### 2 Peter 2:22

22 It has happened to them according to the true proverb, "A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT," and, "A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire."

#### 1 John 2:4

4 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

#### 1 John 2:9

9 The one who says he is in the Light and yet hates his brother is in the darkness until now.

#### 1 John 3:6

6 No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him.

#### 1 John 4:8

8 The one who does not love does not know God,

# Salvation

Clear & straight forward presentation of the gospel.



### **Pre-Salvation**

#### I. Justification

2:38

- Repent Acts
- 2. Believe (Trust), by faith, the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.
- 3. Instantaneously declared righteous.
- 4. Positional Truth.

### II. Sanctification

- 1. In Process, Progressive, Ongoing.
- 2. Learning to submit to the Lordship of Christ in every 2. Instantaneous. area of your life.
- 3. Producing good works.
- 4. Yielding to the Holy Spirit who produces the fruit of 4. Instantly the Spirit in your life.
- 5. Experiential Truth.

### III. Glorification

- Happens at death or at the Lord's return.
- 3. All Positional Truth is realized.
- mature.

#### The Believer's Position in Christ

#### The believer is:

- 1. Elect/Chosen (Eph. 1:4)
- 2. Foreknown (I Pet. 1:2)
- 3. Predestined (Rom. 8:29,30)
- 4. Called (I Thes. 5:24)
- 5. Redeemed (Rom. 3:24)
- 6. Reconciled (Rom. 5:10)
- 7. Related to God through propitiation (Rom. 3:24-26)
- 8. Forgiven all sin (Eph. 1:7)
- 9. Joined to Christ (Rom. 6:1-10)
- 10. Free from the Law (Rom. 7:2-6)
- 11. Made a child of God (Gal. 3:26)
- 12. Adopted (Rom. 8:15, 23)
- 13. Made acceptable to God through Christ (Eph. 1:6; Col. 1:12)
- 14. Made righteous (Rom. 3:22)
- 15. Sanctified (1 Cor. 1:30; 6:11)
- 16. Perfected forever (Heb 10:14)
- 17. Justified (Rom. 5:1)
- 18. Made close to God (Eph. 2:13)
- 19. Delivered from the power of darkness (Col.1:13)
- 20. Translated into the Kingdom (Col. 1:13)
- 21. Planted on the Rock, Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 3:9-15)
- 22. A gift from God to Jesus Christ (Jn. 17:6,11,12,20)
- 23. Circumcised in Christ (Col. 2:11)
- 24. A Priest in the Holy and Royal Priesthood of believers (1 Pet. 2:5,9)
- 25. Part of a chosen generation, a holy nation, and a peculiar people (1 Pet. 5:9)

- 26. A heavenly citizen (Phil. 3:20)
- 27. In the family & household of God (Eph. 2:19)
- 28. In the fellowship of the saints (Jn. 17:11,21-23)
- 29. In a heavenly association (Col. 1:27; 3:1)
- 30. Given access to God (Eph. 2:18)
- 31. Within the care of God (Rom. 5:8-10
- 32. An object of God's love (Jn. 3:16)
- 33. An object of God's Grace (Eph. 2:7-9)
- 34. An object of God's power (Eph. 1:19)
- 35. An object of God's faithfulness (Phil. 1:6)
- 36. An object of God's peace (Rom. 5:1)
- 37. An object of God's consolation (2 Thes. 2:16,17)
- 38. An object of God's intercession (Rom. 8:26)
- 39. God's inheritance (Eph. 1:18)
- 40. Given the inheritance of God Himself (1 Pet. 1:4)
- 41. Given light in the Lord (2 Cor. 4:6)
- 42. United to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (1 Thes. 1.1)
- 43. Blessed with the earnest or first-fruits of the Spirit (Eph. 1:14)
- 44. Born of the Spirit (Jn. 3:6)
- 45. Baptized in the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13)
- 46. Indwelt by the Spirit (Rom. 8:9)
- 47. Sealed by the Spirit (2 Cor. 1:22)
- 48. Complete in God (Col. 2:9,10)
- 49. Blessed with every spiritual blessing (Eph. 1:3)
- 50. Glorified (Rom. 8:18)