

Welcome To Open Bible Hour

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.

If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.

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“HOW TO PRESENT THE GOSPEL”

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Topics

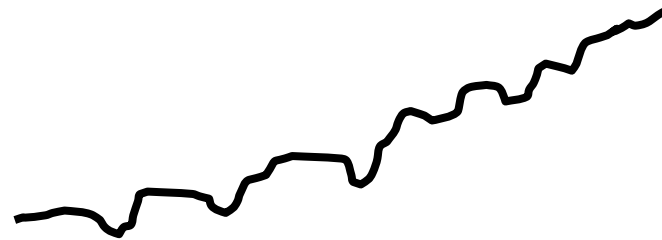
1. Witnessing and the Holy Spirit.
2. What do Paul, Lydia, the 600,000 in Nineveh, and every converted unbeliever have in common?
3. Witnessing and the Word of God.
4. Why the negative first and not the positive?
5. Weak/shallow gospel.
6. Justification vs. sanctification.
7. Lordship salvation.
8. Religious 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

Iron sharpens iron,
So one man sharpens another.

- Prov. 27:17

Salvation

Clear &
straight
forward
presentation
of the
gospel.



<i>Pre-Salvation</i>	I. Justification	II. Sanctification	III. Glorification
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>1. Repent – Acts 2:38</i><i>2. Believe (Trust), by faith, the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.</i><i>3. Instantaneously declared righteous.</i><i>4. Positional Truth.</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>1. In Process, Progressive, Ongoing.</i><i>2. Learning to submit to the Lordship of Christ in every area of your life.</i><i>3. Producing good works.</i><i>4. Yielding to the Holy Spirit who produces the fruit of the Spirit in your life.</i><i>5. Experiential Truth.</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>1. Happens at death or at the Lord's return.</i><i>2. Instantaneous.</i><i>3. All Positional Truth is realized.</i><i>4. Instantly mature.</i>

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)

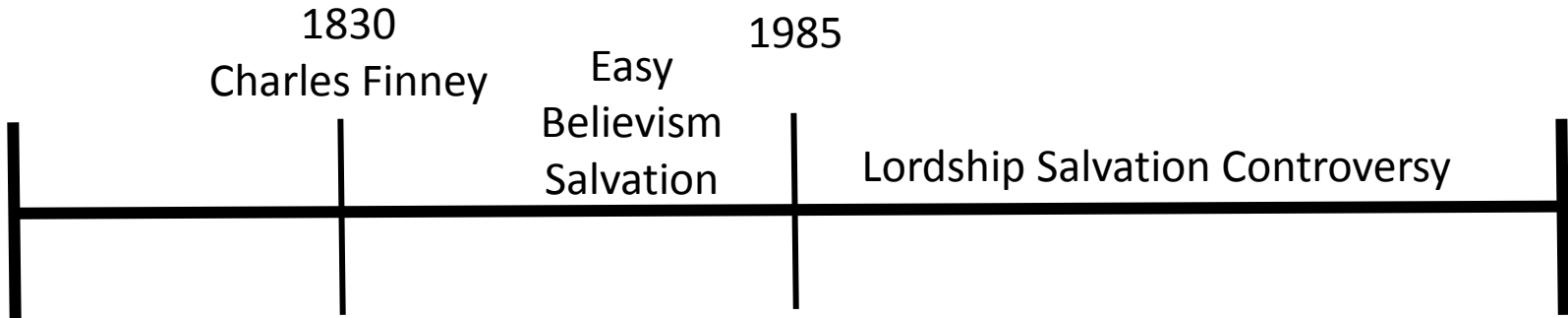
Lordship Salvation Controversy

Definitions:

Lordship Salvation believes you receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord at the time of salvation. Lordship therefore will necessarily show evidence in a person's life. This evidence of sanctification must be seen before one can say that someone is truly a believer.

Free Grace believes you can receive Christ as Savior at the time of salvation and at a later time in your Christian experience you can make Him Lord of your life. There is not necessarily any evidence that needs to be shown that one is a believer.

Lordship Salvation Controversy



Free Grace

Zane
Hodges

Chuck Swindoll
Charles Stanley
Charles Ryrie
David Jeremiah
Earl Radmacher
Bill Bright

Lordship Salvation

John
Piper

John MacArthur
R.C. Sproul
Al Mohler
James White
D. James Kennedy
Steve Lawson

1. Men on both sides of the debate are born again believers who love the Lord and desire to serve Him.
2. Men on both sides clearly believe that believers ought to be submitted to the Lordship of Christ in every area of their lives.
3. Men on both sides believe in the final authority of the Word of God and therefore desire to submit to what it teaches.

What Are The Issues?

Faith

Repentance

Lordship

Works/Fruit

Assurance

“There are important semantic differences. Some give a wrong message; others, an unclear one. But we must strive to use the words that give a clear witness to the grace of God. It is not that God cannot use an unclear message; doubtless He does more often than He would prefer to. But why should He have to? Why don't we sharpen our understanding of what the Gospel is about so that we can present it as clearly as possible, using the right words to herald the Good News correctly?”

- *Charles Ryrie*

“So Great Salvation”

Lordship Salvation Controversy

Free Grace

You can receive Christ as Savior but not necessarily as Lord.

Repentance (turning from sin) should not be a part of the Gospel.

The only necessary effect of faith is salvation from the eternal penalty of sin. A life of continued growth in grace (progressive sanctification) and salvation from the power of sin are not necessary effects.

It is possible for a person to cease believing and yet remain a Christian.

Lordship Salvation

Christ must be received as Savior and Lord – cannot divide.

Repentance should be a part of the gospel.

Real faith inevitably produces a changed life. Salvation includes a transformation of the inner person. The nature of the Christian is different, new. The unbroken pattern of sin will not continue.

Genuine believers may stumble and fall but they will persevere in the faith. Those who turn completely away show that they were never really born again.

Lordship Salvation Controversy

Free Grace

At the time when a person believes, he has assurance of life eternal. A continuous lack of fruit in a believer's life should never cause him to question his salvation.

Lordship Salvation

Behavior is an important test of faith. Obedience is evidence that one's faith is real. The person who remains utterly unwilling to obey Christ does not evidence true faith.