

## WHAT EVERY PERSON SHOULD KNOW

After a person trusts Jesus Christ and the work that he did for them on Calvary-- by shedding his precious blood to buy them back to God from sin--they become a Christian and a Child of God.

At this time, Satan and his main purpose of keeping mankind under the judgement of God, has been defeated. He no longer has this person accompanying him to the Lake of Fire.

Therefore, his subsequent purpose is now to keep the Christian confused about his salvation and defeated in his Christian walk.

If a Christian is going to be strong and consistent, he must know for certain that he is saved, and that he is saved for eternity.

In this lesson, we will learn how a person gets saved and how long he remains saved.

### HOW DOES A PERSON GET SAVED?

God has a special plan of salvation. If man accepts this plan, he will have eternal life, and spend forever with him. However, there are some things that each of us should know first.

#### A. WHY DOES A MAN NEED TO BE SAVED?

##### 1. MAN IS A SINNER.

Complete the verses.

##### Romans 3:10-18

- 10 As it is written, There is \_\_\_\_\_ righteous, no, not one:
- 11 There is none that \_\_\_\_\_, there is none that seeketh after God.
- 12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth \_\_\_\_\_, no, not one.
- 13 Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:
- 14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:
- 15 Their feet are swift to \_\_\_\_\_:
- 16 Destruction and misery are in their ways:
- 17 And the way of peace have they not known:
- 18 There is \_\_\_\_\_ of God before their eyes.

**Romans 3:23** For \_\_\_\_\_ have sinned, and \_\_\_\_\_ of the glory of God;

## 2. HOW BAD IS MAN?

**Genesis 6:5** And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil \_\_\_\_\_.

**Jeremiah 17:9** The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: \_\_\_\_\_?

The last few words of this verse are very important. They indicate that even man himself does not know exactly how wicked he is.

## 3. WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF MAN'S SIN?

**Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is \_\_\_\_\_;

**Ezekiel 18:20** The soul that sinneth, \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hebrews 9:27** And as it is appointed unto men once \_\_\_\_\_, but after this the judgment:

**Revelation 20:12** And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

**13** And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

**14** And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the \_\_\_\_\_

So far in our study, we have seen that man is a sinner, who sins continually, and doesn't even realize just how wicked he is. We also have discovered that because he has sinned, there are consequences that he must face. These are the judgement of God and to make the payment for his sins, which is to exist in the Lake of Fire for eternity.

#### 4. CAN A MAN SAVE HIMSELF?

**Ephesians 2: 8** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ : it is the gift of God:  
**vs. 9** \_\_\_\_\_, lest any man should boast.

**Titus 3:5** Not \_\_\_\_\_ which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

**Romans 3:20** Therefore by \_\_\_\_\_ of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

**Romans 3:28** Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith \_\_\_\_\_ the deeds of the law.

**II Timothy 1:9** Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to \_\_\_\_\_, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

From these five Scriptures we can conclude that a man cannot save himself, or by his good works bring himself within good standing with God.

#### B. WHO DOES JESUS WANT TO SAVE?

**II Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that \_\_\_\_\_ should perish, but that \_\_\_\_\_ should come to repentance.

**I Timothy 2: 3** For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;  
**4** Who will have \_\_\_\_\_ to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

**5** For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

**6** Who gave himself a ransom for \_\_\_\_\_, to be testified in due time.

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

**17** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that \_\_\_\_\_ through him **might be saved**.

The Scriptures surely indicate that God doesn't want any to perish in their sins. His desire is that **all men** would be saved. To make this possible he gave his only begotten Son so that the world--which is all men--might be saved.

## C. WHY IS JESUS ABLE TO SAVE EVERYBODY WHO CALLS?

### 1. Jesus is the sinless son of God.

**II Corinthians 5:21** For he hath made him to be sin for us, who \_\_\_\_\_ sin;

**Hebrews 4:14** Seeing then that we have a great **high priest**, that is passed into the heavens, **Jesus the Son of God**, let us hold fast our profession.

**15** For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hebrews 9:14** How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself \_\_\_\_\_ to God,

**I Peter 1:19** But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without \_\_\_\_\_ and without \_\_\_\_\_:

It is remarkable how God uses such specific terms to show without a doubt that Jesus is sinless. Such terms as *knew no sin, without sin, without spot or blemish* reveal to us this important salvation truth.

### 2. Jesus is our substitute.

Jesus is God's chosen substitute for man, or who God has chosen to take man's place in making payment for man's sins.

**II Corinthians 5:20** Now then we are ambassadors for **Christ**, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in **Christ's** stead, be ye reconciled to God.

**21** For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

**Romans 5:8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ \_\_\_\_\_.

**I Corinthians 5:7** Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is \_\_\_\_\_:

**Ephesians 5:2** And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath \_\_\_\_\_ for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

**I Thessalonians 5:9** For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

**10** Who \_\_\_\_\_ for us,

**Titus 2:13** Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour **Jesus Christ**;

14 Who \_\_\_\_\_ for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity,

**Hebrews 9:24** For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now **to appear** in the presence of God **for us**:

**I John 3:16** Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us:

**Hebrews 10:10** By the which will we are sanctified through \_\_\_\_\_ of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**11** And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:

**12** But this man, after he had offered **one sacrifice** for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

**13** From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

**14** For by \_\_\_\_\_ he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

**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.

Oh, this is joyous news for man! God has provided a substitute for him, a perfect substitute, which if man puts his faith in this substitute, he will be saved.

#### **D. WHAT DID JESUS DO TO ENABLE A PERSON TO BE SAVED?**

##### **1. He paid the wages of sin.**

**Romans 5:6** For when we were yet without strength, in due time **Christ died for the ungodly**.

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

**Romans 6:23** For the **wages of sin is death**; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Colossians 1:21** And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet **now hath he reconciled**

**22** **In the body of his flesh** \_\_\_\_\_, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

**Hebrews 2:9** But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; **that he** by the grace of God **should taste death** \_\_\_\_\_.

**I Peter 3:18** For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being \_\_\_\_\_ in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

This next verse clearly shows that Christ was not only made in our likeness, but then also humbly and obediently took our place of death, which for him was the cross.

**Philippians 2:7** But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was **made in the likeness of men**:

**8** And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became **obedient unto death**, even the death of the cross.

Although death is not the only act that Jesus did to obtain salvation for all of mankind, but it is very important, because God has commanded us to remember his death when we take the Lord's Supper.

**I Corinthians 11:26** For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.

## **2. He offered his blood as an acceptable sacrifice to God.**

Before we look at these next verses, we must first clarify the meanings of some very important words.

- ◆ **Propitiation**: This word simply means to appease wrath or violent anger.
- ◆ **Justified**: The judicial act of declaring a person not guilty of an illegal or wicked act.
- ◆ **Redemption or redeemed**: This means to buy back. Much like how coupons are bought back by a store. God has bought mankind back to himself.
- ◆ **Reconcile**: To make peace between two. Many times someone has taken the initiative to try and reconcile the People of Israel and the Arabs. So Christ came to make peace between God and men.

**Acts 20:28** Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he \_\_\_\_\_ with his own **blood**.

**Romans 3:25** Whom God hath set forth to be a **propitiation** through faith in his **blood**, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

**Romans 5:9** Much more then, being now **justified** by his **blood**, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

**Ephesians 1:7** In whom we have **redemption** through his \_\_\_\_\_, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

**Ephesians 2:13** But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the **blood** of Christ.

**Colossians 1:13** Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

**14** In whom we have **redemption** through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

**20** And, having made peace through the blood \_\_\_\_\_, by him to **reconcile** all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Brief explanation of the tabernacle:

In the Old Testament, God would meet with his people by manifesting himself in the Tabernacle. This Tabernacle was basically a tent with wooden support walls on the inside, but was filled with gold covered furnishings. Its purpose was for a place of receiving sacrifices to God. Only certain people were permitted to do the actual sacrificing.

At a certain time of the year, a priest would make a sacrifice according to the method designated in scripture, and then enter into this tabernacle or tent with the blood of that sacrifice. In order for a priest to enter into a most sacred section of the tabernacle, he must have blood from a suitable sacrifice. The scripture declares that the sacrifice should be without spot or blemish.

The following scriptures show that Christ entered, as a priest before God, with his blood to obtain salvation.

**Hebrews 9:6** Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.

**7** But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without **blood**, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

**8** The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:

**11** But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

**12** Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by \_\_\_\_\_ he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

**14** How much more shall the **blood** of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

**Hebrews 9:19** For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people,

**20** Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.

**21** Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.

**22** And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

**24** For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; **but into heaven itself**, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

Praise the Lord, now that Christ has taken his blood into Heaven and presented it to God himself, our salvation is eternally secure.



**I Peter 1:18** Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

**19** But with the \_\_\_\_\_ blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

**I John 1:7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us \_\_\_\_\_.

**Revelation 1:5** And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us \_\_\_\_\_ in his own **blood**,

**Revelation 5:9** And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast **redeemed** us to God **by thy blood** out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

Was it just the death that purchased our salvation? Certainly not! The precious blood of Christ was most necessary. This blood did not just drip from his cruelly beaten body as he hung on the cross, and then just dry in the dirt of the earth. This precious blood, God's blood--Acts 20:28--was a propiation for our sins. A Holy and Righteous God was filled with anger because of our sin, but when Christ presented his blood before Him in Heaven, God's wrath or anger was appeased or settled. This blood also was why God could declare those, who trust Christ as their saviour, as not guilty of their sins.

With the blood of Christ, sinners can be bought back to God from sin (reconciled), and then be set in a wonderful fellowship because the blood of Jesus Christ also has made peace between both God and man (Romans 5:1).

### **3. He resurrected from the dead.**

It is very important that a person know that Christ arose from the dead. Practically speaking, if Christ had not arisen from the dead, how would we know that he had finished making a full payment for our sins. Because Christ arose from the dead, now we know that he isn't continually making payments for our sins as some false religions proclaim, but that his work is indeed finished.

**Matthew 28:1** In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

**2** And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

**3** His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

**4** And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

**5** And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

**6** He is not here: for \_\_\_\_\_, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

**7** And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the \_\_\_\_\_; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

**I Corinthians 15:3** For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

**4** And that he was buried, and that he \_\_\_\_\_ the third day according to the scriptures:

**Luke 24:46** And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the \_\_\_\_\_:

**John 2:22** When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed \_\_\_\_\_, and the word which Jesus had said.

**John 21:14** This is now the \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus showed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

**Acts 3:15** And killed the Prince of life, whom **God hath raised from the dead**; whereof we are witnesses.

**Acts 4:10** Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom **God raised from the dead**, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

Besides showing that Christ had finished making a full payment for our sins, there are other results of the resurrection of Christ.

a. Jesus was declared the Son of God.

While Christ walked upon the Earth, he told his disciples that he would indeed be raised up on the third day. Because what he said would happen actually did, this added great credence to all that he spoke, one statement being that he was indeed the Son of God. The resurrection could be considered Christ's credentials.

Many people who enter large industrial plants, embassies, or important buildings of our government, are required to show either a pass, government identification, or their credentials. For those who are not Christians who consider who Christ is, hear a resounding statement that he is the Son of God, thus being proved by his resurrection.

**Romans 1:4** And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, \_\_\_\_\_ the resurrection from the dead

**Matthew 12:40** For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be \_\_\_\_\_ days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

**John 2:19** Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

**21** But he spake of the temple of his body.

**22** When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

b. Believers are assured that they are accepted with God.

**Romans 4:25** Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our **justification**.

Remember that justification is the act that God does when he declares a person innocent or no-longer guilty of sin.

c. Believers are assured that they will be resurrected.

**I Thessalonians 4:14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ bring with him.

**II Corinthians 4:14** Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

d. The resurrection declares that the world will be resurrected and judged.

**I Corinthians 15:22** For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

**Acts 17:31** Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised **him** from the dead.

**E. MAN'S PART IN SALVATION IS THAT HE WILL EITHER BELIEVE AND TRUST CHRIST AS SAVIOR, OR NOT BELIEVE AND REJECT CHRIST.**

**Acts 16:31** And they said, \_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

**John 3:15** That whosoever \_\_\_\_\_ in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

**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.

**18** He that believeth on him is \_\_\_\_\_: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

**John 5:24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, \_\_\_\_\_ life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

**John 11:26** And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_. Believest thou this?

**Acts 2:21** And it shall come to pass, that whosoever \_\_\_\_\_  
on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**Acts 10:43** To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name  
whosoever believeth in him shall receive \_\_\_\_\_ of sins.

**Acts 16:31** And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be  
\_\_\_\_\_, and thy house.

**Romans 10:13** For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be  
saved.

**John 1:12** But as many as \_\_\_\_\_ him, to them gave he  
power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

**I John 5:11** And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this  
life is in his Son.

**12** He that \_\_\_\_\_ hath life; and he that hath not the  
Son of God hath not life.

**Ephesians 2:8** For by grace are ye saved through \_\_\_\_\_; and that  
not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

**9** Not of works, lest any man should boast.

What God requires from man, is that he simply put his faith in Christ and what he  
did for man on the cross. When a person prays to trust Christ, in their heart  
should be the belief that he is finally getting the matter of salvation settled. This  
should not be confused with a hope or desire for salvation. When a person  
believes in Christ, they know that he will save them.

Many times after a person trusts Christ as their savior, they feel as if they are not  
acceptable with God. This is usually a result of the new Christian experiencing failure in  
his life due to the yielding to sin. However, the Christian should not trust his feelings but  
rely on the promises and principles of the word of God.

If you have made a decision to trust Christ, please contact me at [drfusco@raphahelp.net](mailto:drfusco@raphahelp.net)  
and let me know of your decision.