

Foundations Lesson #3

Salvation

Every human being falls into one of two categories: having a right relationship with God -OR- not having a right relationship with God. There is no “gray area” or “middle ground” when it comes to God's salvation. Below are some names and phrases that the Bible uses to describe these two positions before God.

Someone Who Has **Not** Received Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior

non-Christian
unsaved
not born again
child of the Devil
will be in hell
under God's wrath
sinner before God
not redeemed
not justified (declared guilty)
citizen of the kingdom of darkness
does not have eternal life
is of the world

Someone Who **Has** Received Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior

Christian
saved
born again
child of God
will be in heaven
forgiven by God
righteous before God
redeemed
justified (declared innocent)
citizen of the kingdom of light
has eternal life
is in Christ

Scripture References

Christian - Acts 11:26 / Acts 26:28-29 / I Peter 4:16-17

saved - Acts 4:12 / Acts 16:31 / Romans 10:13

born again - John 3:3 / John 3:7 / I Peter 1:23

child of God - Matthew 6:9 / John 1:12-13 / Romans 8:16-17 / Hebrews 12:5-9

child of the Devil - John 8:44

will be in heaven - Philippians 3:20 / Matthew 6:20 / John 14:2-3 / II Corinthians 5:1-5

will be in hell - Matthew 23:33 / Matthew 13:49-50 / Luke 16:22-23 / Matthew 18:9

forgiven by God - Acts 2:38 / Ephesians 4:32 / Romans 4:4-8

under God's wrath - John 3:36 / Romans 2:8

righteous before God - Romans 4:4-8 / Romans 10:4 / II Corinthians 5:21

redeemed - Colossians 1:13-14 / I Peter 1:18-19 / Psalm 78:35 / Isaiah 44:24

justified - Romans 4:5 / Galatians 2:16 / Acts 13:39 / I Corinthians 6:11

kingdom of light - Colossians 1:12-13 / Ephesians 5:8 / Acts 26:18

kingdom of darkness - II Corinthians 6:14 / John 12:46 / John 8:12

eternal life - John 3:16 / John 3:36 / Acts 13:48

in Christ - II Corinthians 5:17 / I Corinthians 15:22 / II Corinthians 3:14

of the world - John 15:19 / John 17:14 / I Corinthians 2:12

I. use of the word “salvation” in scripture

- salvation past (initial act) – from the penalty of sin
 - Ephesians 2:8-9 / Ephesians 1:13 / Mark 16:15-16
- salvation present (outworking) – from the power of sin
 - I Peter 1:9 / Philippians 2:12-13 / I Peter 2:2 / I Corinthians 1:18
- salvation future (glorious hope) – from the presence of sin
 - I Peter 1:5 / Romans 13:11 / Hebrews 9:28

II. the gospel message

- God loves us.
 - John 3:16 / I John 4:16
- Yet God also sees us through the eyes of his justice, holiness, and righteousness.
 - II Thessalonians 1:6 / I Peter 1:15-16 / Psalm 7:11
- We humans are all sinners, therefore separated from God, and unable to save ourselves.
 - Romans 3:23 / Romans 3:10 / Psalm 5:4 / Isaiah 59:1-2
- The consequence of our sin is death.
 - Romans 6:23 / Ezekiel 18:20
- Jesus Christ has paid the penalty for our sin, so we could be reconciled to God.
 - Romans 5:8 / John 1:29
- The gift of God's forgiveness is received by asking and believing in Jesus Christ.
 - Ephesians 2:8-9 / Acts 10:43
- True faith in Jesus includes the desire to please God in everything (making him “Lord”).
 - II Corinthians 5:8-9 / I Thessalonians 2:4 / I John 3:22

III. Can salvation be forfeited?

- II Timothy 2:12 / John 15:1-6 / Hebrews 10:26-31 / Revelation 3:5 / Mark 4:3-6, 14-17
- one group that put their position in writing
- We do not need to be plagued by fear. – Romans 8:15 / Psalm 27:1

IV. assurance of salvation - We do not need to doubt whether or not we are truly saved.

- I John 5:13 / John 1:12 / Jude 24