

What the Bible Says About Salvation:

1 John 5:11-12 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. **He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.**

Here are some Bible descriptions of the salvation that is provided for all of mankind. Salvation is not found in good works, a religion, or a creed, but in a person – the Lord Jesus Christ. Read, ponder and meditate upon the following Bible truths and allow the Lord to speak to your heart. May God use these ten descriptions in a very practical way to guide you to salvation and to give you a better understanding of the greatness of that salvation.

1) Substitution – Christ Died in Our Stead – (Instead of Us)

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

2 Corinthians 5:21 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.

Illustrated in account of Abraham & Isaac – the ram was offered ‘in the stead’ of Isaac:

Genesis 22:8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

Genesis 22:13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

For more Bible verses regarding substitution, see appendix #1.

2) Propitiation – The Blood of Jesus Appeases the Wrath of God

1 John 2:2 And **he** is the **propitiation** for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of the whole world*.

1 John 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent **his Son to be the propitiation** for our sins.

This is illustrated by the offering of the Blood upon the Mercy Seat:

Leviticus 16:14-16 And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle *it* with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times. Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that *is* for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat: And he shall make an atonement for the holy *place*, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness.

Romans 5:11 And not only *so*, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

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.

3) Regeneration – Literally – a New Birth

God gives new birth:

John 1:12-13 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name: **Which were born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but **of God**.

The Holy Spirit gives new birth:

John 3:6-7 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is **born of the Spirit** is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

The Word of God gives new birth:

1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, **by the word of God...**

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

In Adam – 1st birth – eternal death.

In Christ – 2nd birth – eternal life.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

This is illustrated by God's blessing upon Isaac & Jacob – both the 2nd birth in their families.

For more Bible verses on regeneration, see appendix #2.

4) Conversion – To Change from One State to Another

Repentance & Faith are the two necessary ingredients to conversion:

Acts 20:21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, **repentance** toward God, **and faith** toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, **except ye repent**, ye shall all likewise **perish**.

Repentance is illustrated in the account of the prodigal son (Luke ch. 15):

Luke 15:18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee...

Faith is illustrated in account of the serpent in the wilderness:

Numbers 21:8-9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he **looketh upon it, shall live**. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

John 3:14-16 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That **whosoever believeth** in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 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.

For more Bible verses regarding conversion, see appendix #3.

5) Reconciliation -The act of reconciling parties that are at odds with each other

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 And all things *are* of **God**, who hath **reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ**, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

Sinners are at odds with a holy God:

John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and **he that believeth not the Son** shall not see life; but the **wrath of God abideth on him**.

Romans 5:10 For if, when we were **enemies**, we were **reconciled to God** by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Salvation changes one from an enemy to a son / daughter of God:

1 John 3:1-2 Behold, **what manner of love** the Father hath bestowed upon us, that **we** should be **called the sons of God**... Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

For more Bible verses regarding reconciliation, see appendix #4.

6) Remission - Forgiveness; pardon; that is, the giving up of the punishment due to a crime; as the remission of sins

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

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;

Remission has to do with subtraction. All the other aspects of salvation speak of addition.

For more Bible verses on remission of sins, see appendix #5.

7) Redemption - Deliverance from bondage

Galatians 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:

Hebrews 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained **eternal redemption** *for us*.

Colossians 1:14 In whom we have **redemption through his blood**, *even* the forgiveness of sins:

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

1 Peter 1:18-19 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not **redeemed** with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold...But **with the precious blood of Christ**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot...

For more Bible verses regarding redemption, see appendix #6.

8) Imputation – To charge to one’s account

Righteousness imputed & sin not imputed to those who believe:

Romans 4:6-8 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom **God imputeth righteousness without works**, *Saying*, Blessed *are* they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed *is* the man to whom **the Lord will not impute sin**.

Romans 4:3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

James 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham **believed** God, and it was **imputed** unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

Adam’s sin passed down:

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Our sin placed upon Christ:

Isaiah 53:5 But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

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 for every man.

1 Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

9) Justification - To prove or show to be just

The need for justification is based upon Rom. 3:10-20. It is a judicial act of God whereby He declares that the sinner no longer is exposed to the penalty of the law but is restored to favor with God.

Romans 5:1 Therefore being **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

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

Romans 3:24 Being **justified freely by his grace** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Romans 3:26 To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Titus 3:7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

For more Bible verses regarding justification, see appendix #7.

10) Glorification – Exalted to state of glory

Romans 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them **he also glorified**.

Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are not worthy to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Colossians 3:4 When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

1 Peter 5:1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a **partaker of the glory that shall be revealed**:

1 Peter 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath **called us unto his eternal glory** by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle *you*.

Conclusion

Oh, the riches that the Bible describes for those who are saved! Are you saved? Are you sure? You cannot fool God.

2 Timothy 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

If you are saved, I will see you in heaven. Share the riches of eternal life with others.

Appendices

Appendix #1 - Substitution

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

1 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 sacrificed for us:

Galatians 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:

1 Thessalonians 5:10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

1 John 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love *of God*, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

Appendix #2 - Regeneration

Galatians 4:19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

James 1:18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

1 John 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

1 John 5:1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

1 John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith.

1 John 5:18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

Appendix #3 - Conversion

Psalms 51:13 *Then* will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Isaiah 6:10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

Matthew 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out...

Acts 15:3 And...declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.

James 5:19-20 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

Appendix #4 - Reconciliation

Ephesians 2:16-18 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Colossians 1:20-21 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

Hebrews 2:17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto *his* brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

Appendix #5 - Remission

Psalms 32:1 *A Psalm* of David, Maschil. Blessed *is he* whose transgression *is* forgiven, *whose* sin *is* covered.

Psalms 86:5 For thou, Lord, *art* good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Matthew 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Luke 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

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

Hebrews 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

Appendix #6 - Redemption

Exodus 6:6 Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I *am* the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:

Romans 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

1 Corinthians 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

Galatians 4:5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Titus 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

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;

Appendix #7 - Justification

Acts 13:39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Romans 3:30 Seeing *it is* one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

Romans 5:16-18 And not as *it was* by one that sinned, *so is* the gift: for the judgment *was* by one to condemnation, but the free gift *is* of many offences unto justification. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.

1 Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Galatians 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.