



Altar & Prayer Ministry Training

Lesson 12 - Salvation

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Why is Salvation necessary?

God's Original Plan

- God had a plan.
- In the beginning Adam and Eve had fellowship with God.
- At the fall of mankind in the garden, the resulting sin brought both spiritual and physical death and separation from God.
- God's ultimate will is for every believer to be saved and conformed to the likeness of His Son.

What is spiritual death?

- Spiritual death is the ultimate separation from God, alienation from God, and communion with God.
 - ◆ Romans 5:12-21 says "that when sin entered the world through Adam, all man sinned, bringing spiritual death or alienation from God to all humanity".
- This spiritual death result from the violation of the covenant made between God and Adam, thus, the condemning of mankind because of the original sin (Ephesians 2:1-3).
 - ◆ Colossians 2:3 states that "people without God are spiritually dead and unable to meet the requirement of the divine law."
- In other words, our spirits are dead to God.
- We are under the curse of sin and spiritual death until the acceptance of the Savior, which breaks the curse through grace and righteousness.
 - ◆ Romans 5:12-21 says "sin entered the world through Adam and all humanity consequently experienced spiritual death."
Verse 17 says "by one man, death reigned over all mankind"
 - ◆ And in Col 2:3, "in him is hidden the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."
- While we are all God's creation, not all are God's children.
- Only born-again Christians -- men who have received God's

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Son -- are God's children.

- ◆ "But as many as received Him [Jesus Christ], 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" (John 1:12).
- If we do not see ourselves as utterly sinful, before God, then we can see no need to change.
- A sin is an offense against an Almighty Holy God that has to be forgiven.
 - ◆ "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).
 - ◆ "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" (Titus 3:5).
 - ◆ "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

God's Answer for Man's Dilemma: Salvation

What is salvation?

- Salvation is the gift of God that releases us from sin, not of ourselves, or works, but only through the mercy and grace of God.

The Bible says that: All Have Sinned

- ◆ Rom 3:10 - There are none righteous, no not one.
- ◆ Rom 3:23 - For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God
- ◆ James 2:10 - If you stumble on one law you are guilty of breaking all
- ◆ Ez 18:20 - The Soul who sins -- is the soul who dies
- ◆ Is 59:2 - Our iniquities separate us from God
- Without acknowledgment of our sin, we hinder the ability of the Holy Spirit to grant us repentance and forgiveness.

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Sin Distorts our perception of truth

- The person in front of us has a distorted picture of themselves.
- Prior to what God had does in salvation, prior to repentance, and forgiveness, sin distorts God's perception of us.
- But through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, Jesus reaches down and holds us up before God, and says "they are not bent, they are straight, See.... because my blood covers them."

God Desires None To Be Lost

- ◆ Ez 18:23 - God receives no pleasure in death of anyone
- ◆ Ez 33:11 - God receives no pleasure in death of the wicked (acknowledgement we are wicked, and he receives no pleasure)
- ◆ II Peter 3:9 - God desires all men come to repentance
- ◆ I Tim 2:4 - God wants all men saved, and come to knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- ◆ Acts 3:19b - And that He may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you – even Jesus.
- ◆ Matt 11:28 - Come to me, all that are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
- Because He loves you, God cannot stand to allow this separation to remain.

God Provides A Means of Escape

- Rom 1:16 - Gospel – is power of salvation to anyone who believes
- Rom 6:23 - Gift of God is eternal life
- Rom 5:18 - God demonstrates His love through Christ
- Acts 3:19b - And that He (God) may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you – even Jesus.
- John 1:12 - To those that receive Him and believe, He gave

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the right to become sons of God

- I Peter 3:18 - Christ died for all
- Heb 10:16 - Covenant = writes laws in heart, on our mind
- Jere 29:12 - Call, come, I will listen, seek me, find me
- John 3:16 - God gave Jesus – for whosoever will receive Him
- Rev 3:20 - Knock, door will be opened
- Phil 2:12-15 - God works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose

We have the opportunity to take an active part in achieving this salvation.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

Before man is able to receive salvation, first he must recognize he is sinful and in need of a savior.

- ◆ Rom 3:23 says that all man have sinned and need a Savior.
- ◆ Rom 6:23, the consequences of that sin is death.
- ◆ Rom 8:29 says that we are to be conformed to the image of Christ.

The Word of God brings truth and conviction into the heart of the sinner/believer.

In order to meet the conditions to be saved, there are some principles that need to happen for the majority of people, unless the Holy Spirit moves otherwise.

- ◆ The person must understand that forgiveness is not: Justifying, Understanding, or Explaining away why the person acts or lives the way he or she does.
- ◆ The person must choose by an act of their will to ask for and receive forgiveness for their sin and forgive the persons/or wrongs the Holy Spirit brings to their conscience at the time.

Hear God's Word of Truth

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The Word convicts of sin – and brings conviction

- ◆ Acts 2:37 Peter preached, they were cut to heart
- ◆ II Tim 3:16 Scripture God breathed, for teaching, rebuking, correcting, training

The Word produces faith

- ◆ Faith is the title deed tied to our inheritance, our hand reaching from earth to heaven taking what God has already given (provided), taking back the ground that was stolen from us at the fall.
- ◆ How do we find this faith? “ By the washing of the water by the Word”. Rm 1:17
- ◆ We read the Word, or hear it, it is revealed, we believe, we accept it, it transforms our heart.

The Bible says...the Word produces faith

- ◆ Heb 11:1 - Faith is the substance of things hoped for, evidence of unseen
- ◆ Heb 11:6 - Faith has to be active
- ◆ John 20:31 - Words written Jesus is Christ to bring life
- ◆ Acts 10:44 - HS came on all who heard the message
- ◆ Acts 2:31 - He spoke of the resurrection

The Holy Spirit uses the Word to bring new birth

- ◆ I Pet 1:23 - Born again ...thru living and enduring Word of God
- ◆ Pet 1:25 - Word of God stands forever
- ◆ James 1:18 - Birth through the Word of truth
- ◆ James 2:17 - Faith without works is dead – Outward evidence of an inward reality
- ◆ John 5:24 - He that hears the Word passes from death to life
- ◆ John 8:51 - If a man keeps My saying, he shall never see death
- After the word of the Lord brings conviction into the heart you must believe.
- Belief comes from active faith. Our faith sets belief in motion.

Believe

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- Believing is required for salvation
 - ◆ Rom 10:9-10 - Confess with your mouth, believe in your heart, It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and with your mouth you confess and are saved
 - ◆ Eph 2:8 - It is by grace you are saved, not by works
 - ◆ John 20:31 - These things are written that you might believe that you might have life
 - ◆ Acts 16:31 - Believe in the Lord Jesus and be saved
 - ◆ Believing required for eternal life
 - ◆ John 3: 15,16 - Everyone who believes may have eternal life, whosoever will have eternal life
 - ◆ John 6:40,47 - Father's will that everyone believes shall have eternal life, He who believes has everlasting life
- His desire is for us to believe and live also, and we have been given that gift through His Word.
- So....Believing comes by faith, Faith comes by hearing the Word of the Lord - Romans 10:17.

Repent

- The word repent actually means to change the way we think, producing a new way of thinking.
- Repentance means to recognize and turn away from, to change one's mind and thus their behavior.
- Repentance is a revelation that will change our action, and we will think, live and act differently.

A new creation begins. It is:

- Commanded by God
 - ◆ Ez 18:30-32 - I will judge, turn away, rid yourself, repent and live
- Preached by John the Baptist
 - ◆ Matt 3:2 - Repent for the kingdom of heaven is near
- Preached by Christ
 - ◆ Matt 4:17 - Repent for the kingdom of heaven is near
 - ◆ Mk 1:15 - The time has come, repent and believe good news

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- Preached by Apostles
 - ♦ Mk 6:12 - They preached the people should repent
 - ♦ Acts 20:21 - I have not hesitated to preach...turn to God in repentance
- Preached by Peter
 - ♦ Acts 2:38 - Repent and be baptized
 - ♦ Acts 3:17 - Repent, turn to God so that your sins may be blotted out

After becoming a new creature, Eph. 4:24 says we are to eliminate the pattern and practices of the old life, that means – to turn away from.

Genuine repentance involves several things:

- Repentance includes and requires confession.
- Repentance includes taking full responsibility for our sin.
- Repentance involves recognizing that the sin was against God.
- Whenever we catch ourselves blaming someone else for our sin, our repentance is incomplete.
- Repentance is not complete without honesty.
- Repentance for those outside of Christ means a change of mind and beliefs.

Confess

This confession is two-fold:

- **First - The confession of sin.** Confession is required for salvation.
 - ♦ Prov 28:13b - Whosoever confesses and renounces sin finds mercy
 - ♦ Rom 10:9,10 - Confess with your mouth, believe in your heart...for it is with your heart you believe and are justified, and with your mouth you confess and are saved

Confession of our sin brings forgiveness and cleansing.

- ♦ I John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all

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unrighteousness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His Word has no place in our lives.

- Second - we confess - "He is Lord".

- ◆ Romans 10:8b-13 - 8b But what does it say? "The Word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: 9. That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. 11. As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." 12. For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, 13. for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

- You must confess Him with your mouth.
- When you give Jesus lordship over your life, you are born again at that moment.

Receive God's Gift (Regeneration)

The definition of regeneration means that it is the Holy Spirit's work of giving new life to the sinner who repents and believes in Christ.

We receive God's Gift - The authority to become sons (children) of God

- ◆ Jn 1:11,12 - To all who received Him, He gave the right to become sons of God

We receive God's Gift of New Life – To Become a New Creation

- ◆ John 20:31 - And that by believing you may have life in His name
- ◆ Rom 5:21 - Where sin increased, grace increased all the more, to bring eternal life
- ◆ Rom 6:4,23 - As Christ was raised from dead, we too may live a new life, Gift of God is eternal life

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- ◆ II Cor 5:17 - If any man is in Christ, he is a new creation, old has gone, new has come
- ◆ Gal 6:15 - Neither circumcision or uncircumcision, What counts is a new creation

We receive God's Gift - to Receive the Holy Spirit

- ◆ Acts 2:38 - Repent...be baptized, and you will receive the Holy Spirit
- ◆ Acts 8:14-17- Apostles prayed for them to be saved, Peter and John laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit
- ◆ Acts 19:2,5,6 - They were baptized into Lord Jesus, Paul placed hands on them, HS came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.
- ◆ Gal 3:2,14 - He redeemed us...so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.
- The Bible says His Spirit comes and lives in us. His Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.
 - ◆ I Cor. 12:13 - For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.
- He comes and gives us power to live this new life, a life that is impossible to live without the Holy Spirit.
- We have the assurance from God that our sin is as far as the east is from the west. He removed it from us. (Ps.103:12)
- Finally, we are sealed unto the day of redemption. (Eph. 4:30)

Justification

- Justification is God's act of declaring and accepting a person as righteous in His sight.
- This means your faith or belief in Jesus Christ – that His power to forgive you — makes you no longer “responsible” or “guilty” of your sin – “just as if it had never happened”.
 - ◆ Romans 3:24-26 - “And are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”
- God presented Him (Jesus) as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in His blood.
- He did this to demonstrate His justice, because in His

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forbearance He had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished-- He did it to demonstrate His justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

- We have been justified freely by His grace.
- The word justified means something - that we did wrong - has been made right.
- You have been put into a right relationship with God.
- You have been separated.
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WHAT'S NEXT?

Fellowship with other believers

- Become part of the Body of Christ-Fellowship with other believers.
- The Bible says in Hebrews 10:25 "25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Water Baptism

- Water Baptism is the outward visible act of proclamation of new birth.
- It is an ordinance of the church and commanded by Jesus.
- Administered by John - (Mt 3:5-12; Jn 3:23; Ac 13:24; 19:4).
- Sanctioned by Christ's submission to it (Mt 3:13-15; Lk 3:21).
- Adopted by Christ - (Jn 3:22; 4:1-2).
- Appointed an ordinance of the Christian church - (Mt 28:19-20; Mk 16:15-16).
- To be administered in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - (Mt 28:19).
- Water, the outward and visible sign - of an inward change - (Ac 8:36; 10:47).

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How Do I Pray With Someone To Receive Salvation?

How to help someone receive Jesus Christ

1. Confess: Admit your need, I am a sinner and ask forgiveness (confession).
2. Believe: Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the Cross and rose from the grave (believe).
3. Repent: Be willing to turn from your sins (repentance).
4. Receive: Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit (Receive Him as Lord and Savior.)

Believe

- ◆ Acts 16:31 - Believe in the Lord Jesus and be saved
- ◆ Romans 10:8b - says "the "word" is near you, it is in your mouth and in your heart, the word of faith."
- The Holy Spirit brings the Word to Life and that person will be able to come to Christ based on the drawing power of the Holy Spirit and their own free will.
- Believing is required for salvation.
- This belief is a step of faith toward God.

Confess

- The word confession in the Bible means, "agreeing with God."

Confession of sin

- ◆ Prov 28:13b - Whosoever confesses and renounces sin finds mercy
- ◆ John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Confession that Jesus is Lord

- ◆ Romans 10:9 - That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

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- It is actually a conscious choice to turn away from the world, sin and evil.
- It is not just knowing I am a sinner, but an action, a response, meaning to change, turning away from, changing the way we think.
- It is a sorrow over sin that alters our perspective on reality, changing the way we think about what we will do.
- It converts, in co-operation with the Holy Spirit to put to death the former life.

Receive

- When you give Jesus Lordship over your life, you are born again at that moment
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 - ♦ John 20:31 - And that by believing you may have life in his name
- We are regenerated into God's nature from the Adamic nature and justified "just as if we had never sinned".

Prayer for Salvation

Dear Lord Jesus,

Confession (agreeing with God) that you are a sinner and in need of a Savior.

"I need You. I know that I am a sinner and in need of Your forgiveness."

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"I believe that You died on the cross for my sins and I thank You for dying on the cross for me."

Repent - Recognize and turn away from sin, a conscious choice to turn away from the world

"I want to turn away from my sin. Take control of my life and make me the kind of person You want me to be. I trust You and want to follow You as my Savior and Lord."

Receive

"I open the door of my heart and receive You as my Savior and my Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and for giving me eternal life."

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Or simply.....Dear Lord Jesus,

I am a sinner. I believe You died for my sin and I ask You to forgive me for my sins. I accept You as my Lord and Savior and trust You to help me turn from my wicked ways and live for You. I give You my heart and my life and place you in control.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

Addendum A
Sixty Second Gospel
Witness Tool

GOD LOVES YOU.	JEREMIAH 31:3 / 1 JOHN 4:8-10
GOD HATES SIN.	PSALM 5:5 / PROVERBS 6:16-19
EVEN IF YOU ARE A "GOOD" PERSON	PROVERBS 21:2
YOU HAVE NOT LIVED A PERFECT LIFE.	1 JOHN 1:8
NOR HAS ANYONE ELSE.	ECCLESIASTES 7:20 / ROMANS 3:23
YOUR SIN HAS SEPARATED YOU FROM GOD.	ISAIAH 59:2
YOUR PAYMENT FOR SIN IS DEATH AND HELL.	ROMANS 6:23
BUT THERE IS GOOD NEWS.	LUKE 2:10-11 / 1 TIMOTHY 1:15
A PERFECT SUBSTITUTE CAN MAKE YOUR PAYMENT.	1 JOHN 3:5
AND GOD LOVES YOU SO MUCH	JOHN 3:16 / 1 JOHN 4:10
THAT HE GAVE JESUS AS YOUR SUBSTITUTE.	2 CORINTHIANS 5:21
AND THROUGH HIS DEATH	ROMANS 4:25 / 1 PETER 3:18
YOU CAN HAVE LIFE ETERNAL.	JOHN 17:3 / 1 JOHN 5:11
AND BY HIS RESURRECTION DEATH IS DEFEATED.	JOHN 11:25
THIS GIFT IS FREE.	EPHESIANS 2:8 / ROMANS 3:24
YOU COULD NEVER DESERVE IT.	GALATIANS 2:16
AND JUST BY ACCEPTING THIS GIFT	ROMANS 10:13
YOUR SINS WILL BE FORGIVEN AND FORGOTTEN.	PSALM 103:12
YOU WILL BE RECONCILED TO GOD	2 CORINTHIANS 5:18
AND LIVE WITH HIM FOREVER IN HEAVEN.	JOHN 5:24

what can happen in just
60 SECONDS?

In the next minute you could fall in love, win the lottery, or possibly even die.

But believing the message on the other side of this card will change your eternal destiny!

What is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. *James 4:14*

Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. *2 Corinthians 6:2*

Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts. *Hebrews 4:7*

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. *Romans 10:9*

God is offering His free gift of salvation to you. Will you accept it? Time is running out!