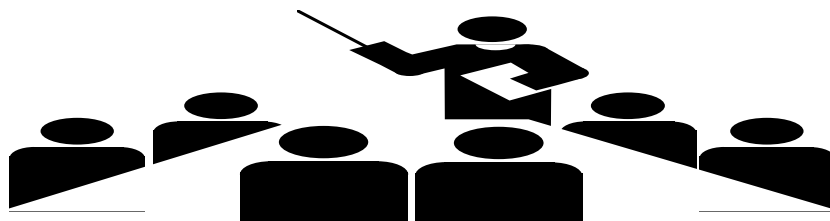


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Salvation

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TOPIC: SALVATION

Lesson #1: Faith: The Means of Salvation

DEFINITION: Faith is the voluntary change in the mind of the sinner in which he/she turns to Christ.

I. The essential elements involved in faith.

- A. Recognition of the truth about Christ (the intellectual element)
(John 2: 23-25; Acts 8: 13)
- B. Assent to the truth about Christ (the emotional element)
(Matt. 13: 20, 21; Luke 8:13; John 8: 30, 31)
- C. Commitment to Christ (the volitional element).
Trusting Jesus as Lord and as Savior is the key to commitment.
 - 1. Trusting Christ as Lord involves the surrender of the soul as guilty, defiled, and helpless to Christ. (Matt. 11: 28-30)
 - 2. Trusting Christ as Savior involves:
 - a. Reception (John 1:12; Rev. 3: 20)
 - b. Appropriation (1 John 5: 12-15)

II. Faith is the means of our JUSTIFICATION. When God justifies us He:

- A. Declares us righteous and treats us that way. (Romans 4: 5)
- B. Forgives all our sins. (Romans 3: 35; (1 John 1: 8, 9)
- C. Imputes unto us the righteousness of Christ. (Romans 4: 6, 11)
- D. Receives us unto His family as His Children. (John 1: 12; Gal. 3: 26)
- E. Gives us eternal life. (John 3: 15, 16)

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Lesson #2: Repentance: The Condition of Salvation

DEFINITION: Repentance is the voluntary change in the mind of the sinner in which he or she turns away from sin.

I. The essential elements involved in repentance.

- A. A change of view (the intellectual element)
 - 1. Recognition of sin (Psalms 51: 3)
 - 2. Recognition of personal guilt (Psalms 51: 4)
 - 3. Recognition of defilement (Isaiah 6: 5)
 - 4. Recognition of helplessness (Romans 7: 18)

- B. A change of feeling (the emotional element)
 - 1. Godly sorrow for sin (2 Corinthians 7: 9, 10)
 - 2. Broken-heartedness over sin (Psalms 51: 17)

- C. A change of will (the volitional element)
 - 1. Willingness to turn from sin (Isaiah 55: 7)
 - 2. Willingness to seek pardon (Psalms 51: 1, 9)
 - 3. Willingness to seek cleansing (Psalms 51: 2, 7, 10)

II. The importance of Repentance.

- A. It was the central theme of John, the Baptist. (Matt. 3: 1-2)
- B. Christ made it a condition for salvation. (Mark 1: 14, 15)
- C. God made it a condition for all men. (Acts 17: 30; Acts 26: 20b; Acts 3: 19)

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Lesson #3: Regeneration: The Experience of Salvation

DEFINITION: Regeneration is the communication of the divine nature to an individual by the operation of the Holy Spirit through the Word.

I. The necessity of regeneration (Why is it important?)

- A. Because of our fallen state (Psalms 1: 5; Isaiah 59: 2, 3; Isaiah 64: 6; Rom. 3: 10-13, 23)
- B. Because we cannot save ourselves (Eph. 2: 8, 9; Titus 3: 5)

II. The nature of regeneration (What is it?)

- A. It is a divine act. (James 1:18; John 1: 13; John 3:5)
- B. It is a new creation. (2 Corinthians 5: 17; Eph. 2: 10; Eph. 4:24)
- C. It is the very nature of God imparted to us. (2 Peter 1: 4; 1 John 3: 9)

III. The method of regeneration (How does it take place?)

- A. The divine side
 - 1. The Holy Spirit, the agent (John 3: 6-8)
 - 2. The Bible, the instrument (James 1: 18; 1 Peter 1: 23)
- B. The human side
 - 1. Repentance (Matt. 3: 2)
 - 2. Faith (John 20: 31; Gal. 3: 26)

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Lesson #4: The Witness of the Spirit: The Assurance of Salvation

DEFINITION: The Witness of the Spirit is “an inward impression on the soul, whereby the Spirit of God immediately and directly witness to my spirit that I am a child of God; that Jesus Christ hath loved me and given himself for me; that all my sins are blotted out, and I even I, am reconciled to God.”

John Wesley

I. Its Nature (What is it?)

- A. It is an inward impression. (1 John 5: 10)
- B. It is the Holy Spirit in our hearts. (Gal. 4: 6; Romans 8: 9)
- C. It is the Holy Spirit assuring us of salvation. (Romans 8: 15, 16)

II. Its Importance (Why is it necessary?)

- A. It assures us that we are children of God. (Romans 8: 16)
- B. It assures us that our sins are blotted out. (Eph. 1: 7; 1 John 1: 8, 9)
- C. It assures us that we are reconciled to God. (2 Corinthians 5: 17, 18)
- D. It assures us that God loves us and gave His son for us. (1 John 4: 10)
- E. It assures us that we are in Christ. (1 John 4: 13)
- F. It assures us that we have eternal life. (1 John 5: 11-13)

III. His Method (How does He witness us this to us?)

- A. By His presence within us. (John 3: 24b)
- B. By the love that He has shed abroad in our hearts.
(Romans 5: 5; 1 John 3: 14, 15)
- C. By the fruit (life of obedience) that He produces in us.
(1 John 2: 4-6; Galatians 5: 22, 23)

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Lesson #5: Sanctification: The Result of Salvation

DEFINITION: Sanctification is that work of God's grace by which we are renewed after the image of God, set apart for His service, and enabled to die to sin and live unto righteousness.

I. The Nature of Sanctification (What is it?)

- A. It is the work of God's grace. (Philippians 2: 13).
- B. It is being renewed after the image of God. (Colossians 3: 9, 10)
- C. It is being set apart for God's service. (2 Timothy 2: 21)
- D. It is being enabled to die to sin and live unto righteousness. (Romans 6: 11-13)
- E. It is social as well as personal holiness. (Thessalonians 3: 12, 13)

II. The importance of sanctification (Why is it necessary?)

- A. It is the will of God for us. (Thessalonians 4: 3)
- B. God commands us to be holy as He is holy. (1 Peter 1: 15, 16)
- C. Without it no man shall see the Lord. (Hebrews 12: 14)

III. The means of sanctification (How is it achieved?)

- A. The human side: CONSECRATION (Romans 12: 1-3)
 - 1. Fleeing evil and following righteous (Titus 6: 11)
 - 2. Taking off the old man and putting on the new man (Eph. 4: 22-24)
 - 3. Denying ungodliness and living soberly, godly, and righteously (Titus 2: 11-14)
 - 4. Attending the means of grace (Col. 3: 15, 16)
 - 5. Working out our own salvation with fear and trembling (Phil. 2: 12b)
- B. The divine side: SANCTIFICATION (1 Thessalonians 5: 23)
 - 1. The blood of Christ, the source (Hebrews 13: 12; Hebrews 10: 10)
 - 2. The Word of Christ, the instrument of our sanctification (John 17: 17; Eph. 5: 26)
 - 3. The Holy Spirit, the agent (1 Peter 1: 2)