

# **First Baptist Church – Odessa**

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## **“An Intentionally Biblical Salvation”**

**“iChurch – Doing Church Intentionally – Pt. 7**

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 & Selected

**A healthy New Testament church intentionally promotes salvation as defined by God in Scripture and rejects all other claims of salvation as false.**

### **Biblical Salvation...**

#### **I. Must be based on correct theology for it to be real.**

*“From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard Him thus no longer.”* Vs. 16

*“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”* Matthew 7:21-23

### **Biblical Salvation is not...**

- Empty words coming from dead hearts of stone.
- Empty actions based on religious demands.
- Empty beliefs resulting from folklore or myths.
- Empty sincerity based on incorrect theology.

*“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of god that you may know that you have eternal life.”* 1 John 5:13

## **II. Occurs when the spiritually dead are brought to life by God.**

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”* Vs. 17

*“Can an Ethiopian change the color of his skin? Can a leopard take away its spots? Neither can you start doing good, for you have always done evil.”* Jeremiah 13:23 NLT

See also Ephesians 2:1-3, Ezekiel 36:26-28, and Galatians 5:22-24.

## **III. Is totally an act of God’s amazing grace for all who believe.**

*“All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.”* Vs. 18-19

*“For God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”* John 3:16

See Ephesians 2:4-9

## **IV. Appoints me as a royal ambassador for Christ to represent Him and offer His salvation to others.**

*“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”*  
Vs. 20

## **V. Proclaims the most glorious message the world has ever known!**

*“For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”* Vs. 21