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Groups Sermon Study Questions

# Can You Explain Salvation?

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## **Message Summary**

Christians use the word "salvation" on a regular basis. But what does it mean? How does one "get saved" and why does it matter? Isn't believe in God the same things as salvation? This week we looked at these questions and how we can know we are saved.

#### **Consider This**

How would you define salvation?

Do you think it is possible for a believer in Christ to lose their salvation? Why or Why not?

#### **Read John 3:1-21**

- 1. Focus on verses 1-8: What was Nicodemus asking Jesus?
- 2. How did Jesus respond to him?
- 3. What does it mean to be "born again"?
- 4. Focus on verses 14-16: What condition is laid out for someone to receive eternal life?
- 5. What compelled God to give his only Son?

- 6. How do you respond to knowing God's love for you compelled Jesus to sacrifice Himself on the cross for you?
- 7. Focus on verses 17-21, who is condemned? Why do you think it is significant that verse 17 says that Jesus did not come to condemn?
- 8. What does is mean for us to live by the truth?
- 9. What do you think it means for us to have overcome the world?

### Read Ephesians 2:1-10

- 10. How does Paul describe the contrast between who believers are now compared to who they once were?
- 11. In verses 4-7, what are the present realities of a believer's relationship with Christ?
- 12. Looking at verses 8-9, What is the significance of grace in salvation?
- 13. Why can't we earn our salvation?
- 14. Verses 1-9 highlight what we were saved from, and how we were saved. Verse 10 highlights what we are saved for. What are we saved for? Why is that important?

#### Read 1 John 5:1-12

- 15. What is true of everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ?
- 16. What is the defining characteristic of the life of one who believes in Jesus? What does that look like in our lives today?

- 17. Look at verses 11-12: What has God given us? How did he give it to us?
- 18. Look at verse 13: Who is this written to and for what purpose?
- 19. How does the ability to "know that you have eternal life" impact you?

## **Action Steps:**

### Personal Study

This week, look at the following passages that speak to our salvation. See how they paint the picture of what Jesus has done for us.

Luke 12:8-10	Romans 5:1-5
Romans 10:8-13	2 Corinthians 5:17
Colossians 1:21–23	1 Timothy 1:9–12
1 Peter 1:3-6	Revelation 3:20

## For Further Study

Check out these resources for further study:

## RightNow Media Bible Studies

"The Assurance of Salvation" by R.C. Sproul "Look at the Book: Salvation" by John Piper "Assured" by J.D. Greear

#### <u>Books</u>

"Eternal Security" by Charles F. Stanley
"The Reason for My Hope" by Billy Graham