

Seven Pictures of Salvation

Seven words that describe what Jesus has done for you:

1. Forgiveness.

Ephesians 1:7-8_a (NIV) “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace ⁸that he lavished on us.”

Psalms 103:12 (NIV) “... as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.”

2. Justification.

Galatians 2:16_b (NIV) “... we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.”

Romans 5:1 (NIV) “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ . . .”

Galatians 2:16_b (NIV) “... by the works of the law no one will be justified.”

3. Reconciliation.

Romans 5:10-11 (NIV) “For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.”

4. Adoption.

Ephesians 1:4-5 (NIV) “For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will . . .”

John 1:12 (NIV) “Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God ...”

1 John 3:1 (NIV) “How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!”

5. Redemption.

1 Peter 1:18-19 (NLT) “For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. ¹⁹It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.”

6. Propitiation.

1 John 4:10 (NASB) “In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

Hebrews 4:16 (NIV) “Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

7. Substitution.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV) “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the

righteousness of God.”

1 Peter 3:18_a (NIV) “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.”

Isaiah 53:6_b (NIV) “... the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

Psalms 32:3, 5 (NLT) “When I refused to confess my sin, I was weak and miserable, and I groaned all day long. ⁵Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide them. I said to myself, ‘I will confess my rebellion to the LORD.’ And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.”