



Bible study for the week starting March 17, 2024

SHARE

Talk about your salvation story. How did you come to know the gospel? When did the gospel move from your head (knowledge about) to become your hope (trust and expectation)?

How would you explain “salvation” to someone that didn’t even know they needed saving?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Look at these different verses discussing salvation:
 - a. Read Psalm 3:8. What does it mean that salvation belongs to the Lord?
 - b. Read Acts 4:12. Only found in Christ. How does this exclusivity bring peace?
 - c. Read Titus 3:5. How does it feel that you bring nothing to your salvation?
 - i. You don’t start your salvation. (respond)
 - ii. You don’t finish your salvation. (respond)
 - d. Read Romans 5:15-17. God’s gift for your need. Besides Jesus what was the best gift you ever received?
 - e. Read 2 Corinthians 6:1-2 What do you think it means that today is the day of salvation?
2. Read **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** How do you encourage one another in the hope of our salvation.
3. **Matthew 27:24-31** Christ’s suffering brings out hope. Reread this and other parts of the crucifixion narrative and be reminded...this was endured FOR YOU.

PRAY

Pray that the Holy Spirit brings fills us with a sure and certain hope of our salvation won for us in Christ.

BIGGER+ BETTER!

WEAR HOPE ON YOUR HEAD

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

March 17, 2024 – Pastor Ben Schrank

Check the **WARNING LABEL**.

“He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of **SALVATION** on His head” (Isaiah 59:17)

We are simply borrowing the **ARMOR** from God’s armory...it’s **HIS** to begin with.

“He shall bruise your **HEAD**, and you shall bruise His heel.” (Gen 3:15)

“...and for a helmet the **HOPE** of salvation.” 1 Thess. 5:8

Soteriology: doctrine of **SALVATION**.

- Salvation **BELONGS** to the Lord. (Psalm 3:8)
- Salvation is exclusively found in **CHRIST** (Acts 4:12)
- Salvation is Christ’s **WORK**, not ours. (Titus 3:5)
- Salvation is Christ’s **GIFT** for your need. (Romans 5:15-17)
- Salvation is both a present reality and a future **PROMISE**. (2 Cor. 6:1-2)

“And twisting together a crown of **THORNS**, they put it on His head.” (Matt. 27:28)

O sacred head now **WOUNDED**; With grief and shame weighed down. Now scornfully surrounded; With thorns thine only **CROWN**.