

# What We Believe

## **Salvation is Available to Everyone!**

### **Romans 10:9-10**

“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

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## What is Salvation?

- Gk words sozo, soteria, soterion, soterios –  
*Soteriology!*
- Means safety, deliverance, preservation or salvation

**Spiritually**, salvation refers to the process by which God delivers sinners from sin by the work of Christ.

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## What is Salvation? – 3 Aspects

<b>Justification</b>	<b>Sanctification</b>	<b>Glorification</b>
<b>PAST</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>FUTURE</b>
<b>Eph 2:8</b>	<b>1 Cor 1:18</b>	<b>Rom 5:9</b>
Declares Righteous	Makes righteous	Metamorphosis Body
Positional	Transformation	Fulfills desire, see God
Removes Penalty	Removes Power	Removes Presence
One-time	Continual process	Final State

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## Words of Salvation

**Redemption** – to ransom, buy back, deliver, pay a price for something, *agorazo* “to purchase in the marketplace” and *exagorazo* “to purchase out of the market” (*lutroo*)

**Eph 1:7** – “We have redemption through His blood”

**1 Cor 6:20** – “You have been bought with a price” (7:23)

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## Words of Salvation

**Justification** – is the act of God by which we who are unrighteous are declared righteous before God by faith. A legal righteousness credited to sinners apart from works (not guilty!).

**Rom 3:22** – “the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.” ....

**Rom 4:2-5** - “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”

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**Regeneration – an impartation of spiritual life by God to the souls who were dead in trespasses and sin (Eph 2:1). They are made alive by grace through faith (Eph 2:8). (also born-again, new birth (John 3), new heart Ezek 11)**

**Titus 3:5** – “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit...”

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**Reconciliation** – to bring together, it's a removal of the carnal mind's enmity towards God. To bring together those who were alienated and separated from God.

**2 Cor 5:18-20** - “God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.... God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself...and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.”

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## The Means of Salvation - The Work of Christ

<b>Substitution</b>	<b>Propitiation</b>	<b>Atonement</b>
<i>In the place of another</i>	<i>Appeasement, Satisfaction</i>	<i>To cover over in</i>
<i>Because of Depravity</i>	<i>Assuages God's wrath</i>	<i>God's eyes, to wipe</i>
<i>Transference of Guilt</i>	<i>Death of Christ fully</i>	<i>away, cancel... to be</i>
<i>Christ's Death</i>	<i>satisfies the righteous</i>	<i>merciful, expiate...</i>
<i>Christ's Resurrection</i>	<i>demands of God</i>	<i>Christ's death is a</i>
<i>2 Cor 5:21/Isa 53:5-6</i>	<i>towards the sinner</i>	<i>covering that averts</i>
<i>1 Cor 5:7 "Christ, our</i>	<i>Driven by God's holiness</i>	<i>divine displeasure</i>
<i>Passover" lamb</i>	<i>1 Jn 2:2; 4:10; Rom 3:25</i>	<i>towards sin (Heb2:17)</i>



# Views of Salvation

	<b>CAL</b>	<b>ARM</b>	<b>MOD/CCT</b>
<b>T</b>	Total Depravity (Dead), can't respond, image separated from man (Int).	Partially corrupt, no guilt, can respond, no image separation.	Total Depravity, can respond (Ext). Image sep w/man.
<b>U</b>	No conditions on giving or receiving. All a work of God (Monergism, Operative Gr).	Election <u>based on</u> what man will do, Co-op Gr (synergism).	No condition on giving, but condition on receiving (synergism).
<b>L</b>	Christ died only for the elect. ('Particular Redem')	Christ died for all, but only applied to some	Christ died for all, but only applied to some.
<b>I</b>	God's overpowering grace can't be resisted.	All receive God's common grace to believe	Grace is persuasive, never coercive. Holy Spirit can be resisted.
<b>P</b>	God will preserve His own. Security, but no Assurance	No security or assurance.	Security & Assurance

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## **Predestination and Free-Will**

**1 Pet 1:1-2** - “To the pilgrims of the Dispersion elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:”

**Eph 1:5** - “He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world...

having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will...”

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## **We know what God's will is regarding Salvation**

**1 Tim 2:3-4** - "For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

**2 Pet 3:9** - "The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise... not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." ----- Has God's will failed? No!

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**God's will things in two different ways...**

**NECESSARILY** - God determines some things will come to pass regardless of your decision (God's own goodness, creation, New Jerusalem, etc)

**CONDITIONALLY** – God determines that some things will only come to pass if a condition is met (Salvation, by the condition of *faith*).

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**God predetermines things in two ways....**

From eternity, God willed....

- **you** would be saved IF you believed in Christ (Rom 10:9-10)
- you would be lost IF you rejected Christ (John 8:24)

“Chosen” – He made the first motion to you by His HS!

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## **God Determines and Man is Free..... (Acts 2:23)**

- God sovereignly determined that man would have free will.
- God doesn't force events to happen against our free will, He predetermines that events would occur through our free will (using secondary causes)
- God is the "Primary cause" that produced the fact of freedom, but man is the "Immediate cause" that produces the acts of freedom. This means God made freedom possible, man makes choices actual.

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## Final Thoughts...

- God determines the Ends, but He also determines the Means through which those ends are achieved.

- ***Westminster Confession of Faith (1648, 5.2) says....***

“Although in relation to the foreknowledge and decree of God, the first cause, all things come to pass immutably and infallibly, yet, by the same providence, He ordereth them to fall out according to the nature of second causes, either necessarily, freely, or contingently.”

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### **Romans 10:11-13**

“For the Scripture says, ‘WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; for ‘WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.’”