

LBC Discipleship Course

Know Christ & Make Him Known Lesson 1: "Salvation" (TC)

Memory Verses / Scripture References: The following is a list of potential memory verses or scripture references: For credit memorize one or know three scripture references.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 10:13 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God (9) Not of works, lest any man should boast."

I. The Problem is Sin. Why Do I Need To Be Saved?

A. What is sin? Sin is missing God's mark. I John 5:17 "All unrighteousness is sin:"

- Our government and state have set up laws that govern us, and if we do not obey them, what is that called? "Breaking the law"
- Breaking God's law is called sin. I John 3:4 – "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law (commits lawlessness): for sin is the transgression of the law (lawlessness)."

B. Sin can be categorized two ways:

- Sins of commission. I John 3:4 "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." These are the things God commands us "not to" do, commands of God that we break. The acts we commit that break God's law. Any of the 10 commandments, laws, etc. "Thou shalt not lie, steal, commit adultery, not put God first, etc."
- Sins of omission. James 4:17 – "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." These are the commands of God that we omit to do. Commands that we are to fulfill such as "Love one another, forgive one another, assemble together, witness, read the Bible, give, etc."

C. "But I am not so bad compared to others I know."

- God doesn't compare you to others, but to His Son Jesus Christ & He was without sin.
Hebrews 4:15 "but (Jesus) was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin."
I Peter 2:22 "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:"
I John 3:5 "...in him is no sin."

D. Who has sinned? Everyone. Romans 3:12 "There is NONE that doeth good, no, not one." Galatians 3:22 "But the scripture hath concluded ALL under sin,"

- We are guilty from the beginning. Romans 5:12 “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:”
- We are guilty from birth. Psalms 51:5 “Behold I was shapen (brought forth) in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.” Psalms 58:3
- We are guilty by choice. Romans 3:23 “For ALL have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”
- Ill. One lie makes you a liar; one theft makes you a thief; one murder makes you a murderer and one sin makes you a sinner.

E. Definition: God has given to us His clear definition of right and wrong in His Word, and sin is disobeying the commands of God. Sin is missing God’s mark.

II. The Penalty For Sin. What is the result of our sin & what am I being saved from?

- A. Your sin has separated you from God. Isaiah 59:2 “But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.”
- The sin of mankind has brought about all the pain that is in the world. Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-24
- B. Your sin brings you under the judgment of God. Ezekiel 18:20 “The soul that sinneth it shall die.” Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death;” Revelations 21:8 “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”
- C. Who needs to be saved?
- Everyone needs to be saved! John 3:3 “Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”
- D. Why do I need to be saved?
- To find peace with God! Ephesians 2:12-18
 - To find purpose in life! Romans 11:36 & Revelations 4:11
 - To forsake the pits of Hell! John 3:36

III. The Payment For Sin. How is a person saved?

- A. The biblical principal of sacrifice to cover sins is seen throughout the Bible. We learn that the way our sin is covered is by an innocent party dying sacrificially for the guilty.
- Examples: Genesis 3:22-24 The blood of an animal covered the sin of Adam & Eve.
 - Genesis 22 – A ram took Isaac’s place on the altar.

- Exodus 12 – The Passover lamb allowed the Death Angel to “pass over” the believing Israelites.
- Leviticus 16 & 17:11 “For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.”
- Isaiah 53:5-7 foretells the suffering servant who would come and be “wounded for our transgressions.”
- Hebrews 9:22 summarizes this by saying: “without shedding of blood there is no remission.”

B. Who was this “Savior” that took our place? Jesus Christ is the Savior!

- John 1:29 tells us about John the Baptist seeing Jesus Christ coming unto him and he said, “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”
- John 19:30 When Jesus was on the cross he said, “It is finished”, these same words in the original language meant: “Paid in full.” The cancelling of a debt, our sin debt.
- Hebrews 10:10-18 tells us about Jesus who (12) “offered one sacrifice for sins for ever.” Verse 14 says that Jesus by “one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.”
- Over 300 prophecies were foretold about Jesus’ first coming and He fulfilled every one of them! Matthew 5:17-18

IV. The Promise of Salvation.

- A. By believing the Gospel message of Jesus Christ from the heart! I Corinthians 15:1-4 “Moreover brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; (2) By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. (3) For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; (4) And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according the scriptures:”
- B. Romans 10:9-10, 13 shows us we must believe with our heart & confess with our mouth. Acts 16:30-31 Philippian jailer.
- C. What is Salvation?
- Salvation is having your sins forgiven by God through the sacrifice that His Son Jesus Christ made for you. John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life.”
 - Salvation is the substitution of the righteousness of Jesus Christ to your account as He exchanges you His righteousness for your sinfulness. II Cor. 5:21 “For he (God) hath made him (Jesus Christ) sin for us, who knew no sin, that we (sinners) might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

D. What does salvation bring? To list a few:

- Begins a new relationship with God, one of a Father/child relationship! John 1:12; I John 3:1
- Our sins are paid for! I John 2:2
- Our salvation is guaranteed! I John 5:13 "...that believe on the name of the Son of God that ye may KNOW that ye have eternal life"
- God's promises are sure! II Cor. 1:20 "For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us."
- Heaven is promised! John 6:47 "...He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."

E. Are there many ways to be saved?

- There are not many ways to be saved, there is only one way! Jesus Christ is the ONLY WAY of Salvation!
John 14:6 "And Jesus answered and said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, NO MAN cometh unto the Father but BY ME."
I John 5:11-12 "And this is the record that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." Galatians 2:16, 20-21

F. What salvation is NOT: Salvation is not in, of, or from ANYTHING else!

- Not in good works! Romans 3:12
- Not in baptism! John 3:16
- Not in church membership! John 14:6
- Not in having a special understanding with God! Galatians 2:20
- Not in "I've always been a Christian!" John 3:3
- Death doesn't end everything! Hebrews 9:27
- Everyone doesn't go to Heaven! John 3:36

G. All other world religions and cults are based upon what "you" have to do to find favor and eternal life! Based on works.

H. Christianity is based solely on what "HE" did for you! Based on grace. God's Riches At Christ's Expense. Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God (9) Not of works, lest any man should boast."