

Fundamentals of Faith

Part 5: Soteriology — Salvation

Key Question: *Is salvation necessary? Do the details matter?*

I. The Problem: Sin Separates Man from God

Genesis 3

- Satan first attacks by **discrediting the Word of God**.
- Adam and Eve **disobey God**, bringing sin into the world.
- Sin results in **separation between sinful man and a holy God**.
- Their awareness of nakedness reveals their **spiritual exposure before God**.

Man's First Response

- Adam and Eve attempt to **cover themselves by their own works**.
- Human effort **cannot satisfy the holiness of God**.
- Man stands **uncovered and condemned** before God.

Biblical Reality

- Unless covered in **perfect righteousness**, man falls short of the glory of God.
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II. The Principle: Salvation Requires a Substitute

Genesis 3 – The First Sacrifice

- God provides a **covering through sacrifice**.
 - A lamb is slain and its skin covers Adam and Eve.
 - **Life must be given for sin to be covered**.
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Exodus 12 – The Passover Lamb

- Judgment is pronounced: **death of the firstborn**.
 - Deliverance requires **blood applied to the doorpost**.
 - A lamb is sacrificed as a **substitute for the household**.
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Genesis 22 – The Provided Lamb

- Abraham prepares to offer Isaac.
- Isaac asks: “*Where is the lamb?*”
- Abraham responds: “**God will provide Himself a lamb.**”
- A ram is substituted for Isaac.

Jehovah-Jireh — The Lord Will Provide

Leviticus 16 – The Day of Atonement

Two goats illustrate the doctrine of atonement:

- **One goat sacrificed** to make atonement.
- **One scapegoat released**, symbolically carrying sin away.

These sacrifices **foreshadow the ultimate substitute.**

III. The Fulfillment: Christ the Final Atonement

Hebrews 9:11–28

Christ entered once with His own blood.

Hebrews 10:11–18

His sacrifice was **once for all.**

2 Corinthians 5:21

Christ was made **sin for us**, that we might become **the righteousness of God in Him.**

Key Doctrinal Terms

- **Vicarious** — Done *in place of another.*
 - **Atonement** — Reconciliation between God and man.
 - **Propitiation** — Satisfaction of God's righteous wrath.
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IV. The Personal Question

- Are you **covered by the blood of Jesus Christ?**
- Are you **clothed in His righteousness?**

Matthew 22:11–14

Conclusion

What we believe matters.

These truths determine **our standing before God and our eternal destiny.**

Notes
