



Survey of Christian Theology.6

Salvation - Soteriology & Sanctification

(How do I get into Heaven?)

(How do I live a holy life?)





Logistics & Learning Objectives:

1. Learning Objectives. Participants will gain an understanding of:
 - a. The doctrine of Salvation
 - b. The key biblical terms that present the doctrine of Soteriology.
 - c. What God expects of everyone to get into heaven.
2. For more information please visit studioscriptura.com




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"Jesus said to him, 'I am *the* way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'"

John 14:6



“That 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. For the Scripture says, ‘Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Romans 10:9-13



GRACE



FAITH

"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:4-10

The Importance of Repentance



"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began." Acts 3:19-21

"There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answered and said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish." Luke 13:13-5

Salvation

"Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!" Romans 11:33

There are several terms that the Bible uses to describe and explain the gospel:

1. Gospel
2. Redemption
3. Propitiation
4. Liberation
5. Justification
6. Regeneration
7. Atonement



Gospel

"The word gospel is derived from the Anglo-Saxon term god-spell, meaning good story, a rendering of the Latin evangelium and the Greek euangelion, meaning *good news*."

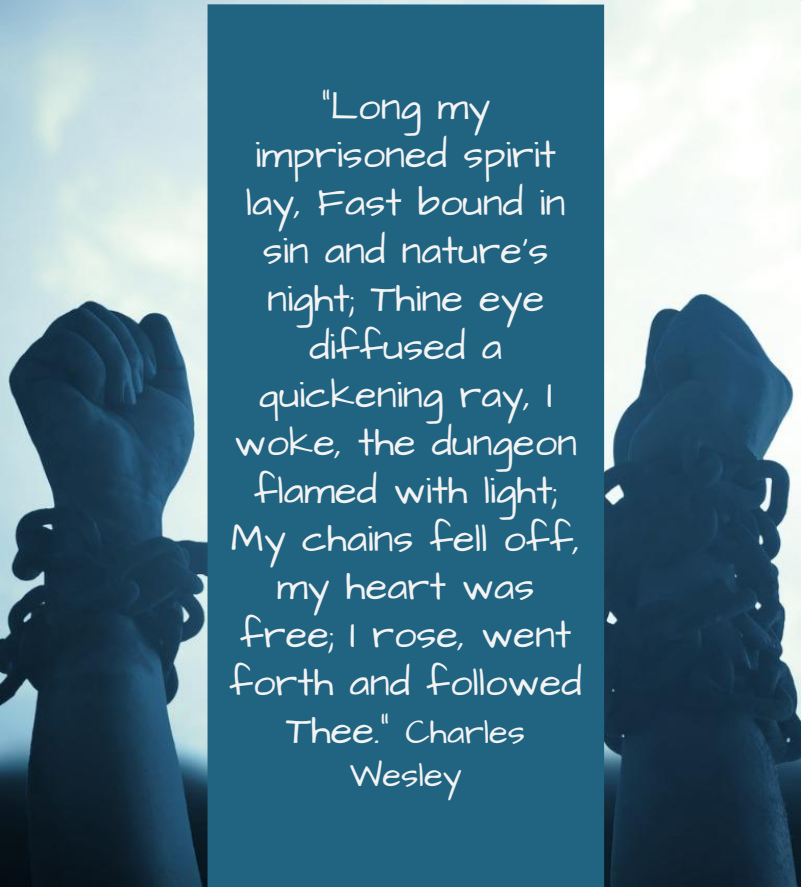
(britannica.com)

The gospel/good news is that we no longer need to continue living under the slavery and judgment of sin, nor do we need to continue to try and earn our way into heaven - but by grace through faith we can have a redeemed life due to the crucifixion and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 1:1-4



Redemption



"Long my
imprisoned spirit
lay, Fast bound in
sin and nature's
night; Thine eye
diffused a
quickenng ray, I
woke, the dungeon
flamed with light;
My chains fell off,
my heart was
free; I rose, went
forth and followed
Thee." Charles
Wesley

Redeem: "To free from captivity by payment" (Merriam Webster)

"Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people," Luke 1:68

"Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us." Galatians 3:13a

"To redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons". Galatians 4:5

"Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God." 1 Peter 1:18-21

"And they sang a new song, saying: 'You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood, out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,'" Revelation 5:9

Propitiation

Propitiation is "the act of gaining or regaining the favor or goodwill of someone." (Merriam Webster)

The meaning of propitiation is related to the mercy seat in the tabernacle. This is where sins were covered during the Day of Atonement, and its central theme was repentance for one's sins.

"But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a **propitiation** by His blood, through faith." Romans 3:21-25a

"Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make **propitiation** for the sins of the people." Hebrews 2:17

Also see 1 John 2:2 and 4:10



Liberation



Liberation means to set one free from the imprisonment or slavery of sin.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim **liberty** to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed." Luke 4:18

"Stand fast therefore in the **liberty** by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage." Galatians 5:1

Justification

Justification is the act of declaring or making righteous in the sight of God; imputing (or placing) our sin on Christ and placing His righteousness in us. This is done by order of the judge so that all parties must now accept this as a reality. At the judgment in a legal trial the accused is pronounced guilty (all have sinned) and condemned (the wages of sin is death). So also is justification - the judge pronounces the erasure of the guilty verdict and the righteousness of Christ is accounted (ruled by the judge) to your account upon expression of faith in the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. The believer is now **justified** - pronounced just.



Justification *(continued)*

"For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been **justified** by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation." Romans 5:6-11



Justification *(continued)*

"And by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be **justified** by the law of Moses." Acts 13:39

"Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in **justification** of life." Romans 5:18

"To demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the **justifier** of the one who has faith in Jesus." Romans 3:26

"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Corinthians 5:21



Justification *(continued)*

"But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is **accounted** for righteousness," Romans 4:5

"And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has **reconciled** in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight." Colossians 1:21-22



Justification *(continued)*

Accounted - to regard, to assign or impute, to pronounce. In reconciling accounts, God has placed on to Christ all your sin, and into your account, He has placed the righteousness of Christ so that you are **accounted** to be righteous - to be **justified**.



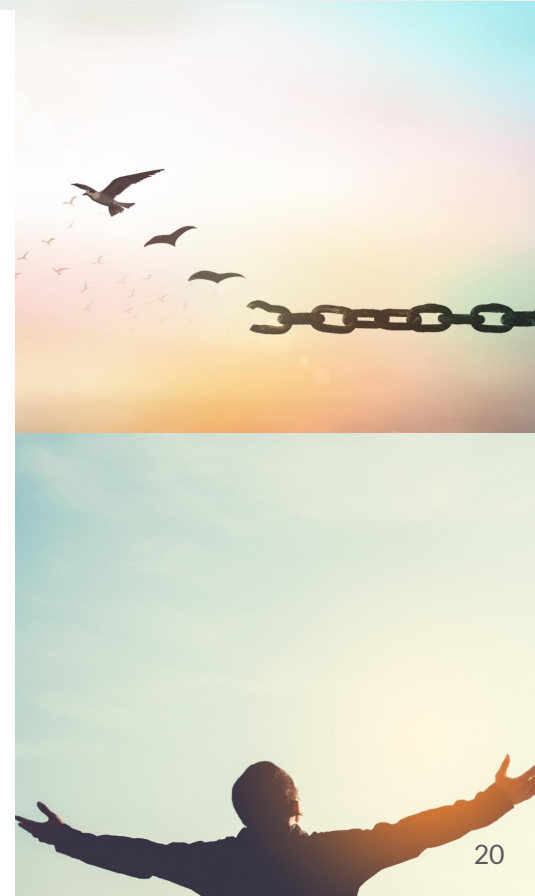
Regeneration

The believer is brought out of being dead in sin and is brought into a new life in Christ.

"But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of **regeneration** and **renewing** of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life." Titus 3:4-7

"Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been **born again**, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever," 1 Peter 1:22-23

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation," 2 Corinthians 5:17-18



Atonement

Yom Kippur - Leviticus 16 - Holiest of days in Judaism. A day of repentance and atonement - to cleanse - to cover - and hence to bring the relationship back together - to be *at-one*.

"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And he Lord [n]has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:5-6

"For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another— He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation." Hebrews 9:24-28



Atonement *(continued)*

"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

Matthew 1:21

Sin causes separation from God -
Jesus' work at the Cross brings us back
at-one-ment with God.

*"Theologically speaking, we refer to Christ's death on the cross as offering **atonement** for the sins of God's people. Jesus died in order to pay the penalty for our wickedness and to make it possible for us to have blessed fellowship with our Creator. This work on the cross was absolutely necessary for our salvation. We have no Christianity without the cross, for the gospel is a message that proclaims that "Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:1-4). The need for the Messiah's **atoning** death is not up for debate when it comes to biblical teaching. If Christ has not been raised, we are still in our sins (v. 17), and there is no resurrection for our justification unless Jesus was a propitiation—a wrath-averting sacrifice—for our sins on the cross (Rom. 3:21-26; 4:23-25)."*

<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/atonement-our-only-hope>





"How can these
things be?"

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be?"*

Pray to God in your own words:

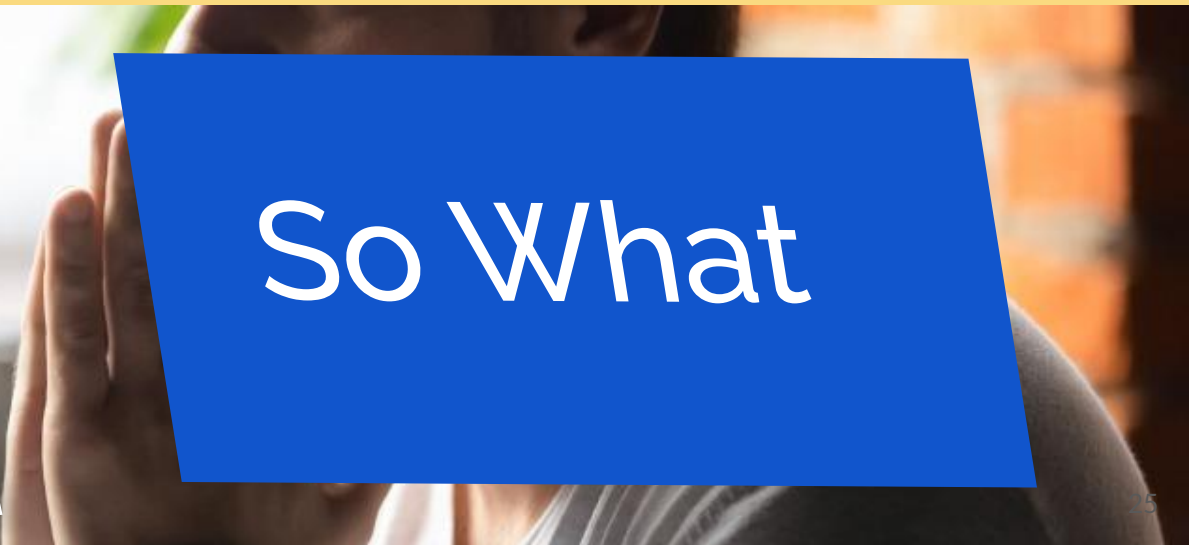
- Confess that you are a sinner and in need of a Savior.
- Repent of your sins - tell God you are sorry for your sin, that you desire to turn away from your sin, and that you are turning to Him in faith for a new life in Christ.
- Receive by grace through faith the forgiveness that God offers to you through the Lord Jesus Christ.
- By faith, confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord who died for your sins and was raised from the dead for your salvation.
- Be baptized to express your newfound life in Christ.



One's understanding of the gospel message of salvation is critically important to their eternity.

You must understand the theology of the gospel to be able to effectively and passionately share the good news of Jesus Christ with the world.

It's important to correctly understand the truth of the gospel message to correct those who hold a faulty view of the gospel of Jesus Christ.



So What



Re-read slide 27, and receive Jesus Christ as your SAVIOUR, and confess Him to the world as your LORD.

Be obedient to God and be baptized to declare to your family, friends, and acquaintances that you are a Christian.

Be obedient to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and begin to actively share the gospel of Jesus Christ with everyone you know.

A woman with dark hair, wearing a white patterned shirt, is shown in profile from the chest up, looking towards the right. She is sitting at a desk with a laptop. A large blue rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text 'Now What'.

Now What