









# GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

God of the Bible	Man the Sinner (Bad News)	Christ the Savior (Good News)	Man's Response (& Results)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Triune God<sup>1</sup></b> (Mt 3:16-17)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ God the Father</li> <li>○ The Son of God</li> <li>○ God the Holy Spirit</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Creator God</b> (Gen 1:1; Rom 1:25)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ "Uncaused Cause"<sup>2</sup> (Rom 4:17b)</li> <li>○ God made mankind "in our Image" (Gen 1:1,26-27)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>The Sovereign (1 Tim 6:15)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Law-Giver<sup>3</sup> (Gen 2:16-17)</li> <li>○ Omnipotent (Rev 19:6)</li> <li>○ Omniscient (Is 46:10)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>God is Holy (Is 6:3)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Just (De 32:4)</li> <li>○ Judge (Gen 18:25)</li> <li>○ Righteous (Psalm 11:7)</li> <li>○ Merciful (Ex 34:6-7; Eph 2:4)</li> <li>○ Love (Jn 3:16; Ro 5:8; 1 Jn 4:8)</li> <li>○ Angry (Ps 7:11)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fall of Man</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Adam and Eve</li> <li>○ 1<sup>st</sup> human sin (rebellion)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Gen 3:1-7; 15<sup>4</sup></li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Death (Gen 2:17)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Physical and Spiritual</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>God's Commandments (Beatitudes)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ex 20:1-10; Mt 5 &amp; 6; Mk 12:29-31</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>You are a sinner<sup>5</sup> (guilty before God)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rom 3:10,19, 23; 5:8,12,18</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>The wages of sin is death</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rom 5:12, 6:23a; Eph 2:1</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>God's wrath abides on you</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jn 3:36; Rom 1:18; Eph 2:3</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Unbelievers go to hell</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mt 10:28, 25:41; Rom 2:8-9; 1 Cor 6:9-11; Rev 21:8</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>You must be born-again</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jn 3:3,5; 1 Peter 1:23</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Mt 16:16)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sent from the Father as the only way to God (Mt 3:17; Jn 3:16, 8:16, 14:6; Acts 4:12)</li> <li>○ Born of a virgin (Mt 1:23)</li> <li>○ God Incarnate (1 Jn 4:2-3)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All God &amp; Man (Jn 1:1,14)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>The Gospel (Christ died for you<sup>6</sup>)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Christ knew no sin<sup>7</sup> (2 Cor 5:21)</li> <li>○ Christ died for our sins<sup>8</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jn 19:23; Rom 5:8; 1 Cor 15:3;</li> <li>▪ 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Jn 2:2</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Christ was buried (Mt 27:60)</li> <li>○ Christ rose again (1 Cor 15:4)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>More Good News</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Gospel is a <b>promise<sup>9</sup></b> of salvation from God (Rom 1:2; Tit 1:2; 1 Jn 2:25)</li> <li>○ Christ is presently interceding for you (Advocate) (1 Jn 2:1)</li> <li>○ Christ is coming again (Acts 1:11)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Repentance<sup>10</sup></b> (turn) toward God and <b>Faith<sup>11</sup></b> (trust or belief) alone in the gospel are inseparable experiences of grace (gifts) and are what one must do to be saved.<sup>12</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mark 1:15 &amp; Luke 13:3,5</li> <li>○ Jn 1:12; 3:16,36; 20:31</li> <li>○ Acts 3:19; 8:37;11:18; 15:11,19; 16:31; 17:30; 20:21</li> <li>○ Rom 1:1-2, 16; 6:23b; 10:9-10</li> <li>○ Eph 2:8-9 &amp; 1 Jn 5:1</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>By God's grace salvation<sup>13</sup> results in:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Eternal Life (Jn 3:16)</li> <li>○ Conversion (Acts 3:19)</li> <li>○ Justification (Rom 1:17, 5:1, 8:1)</li> <li>○ Adoption (Rom 8:15)</li> <li>○ Being sealed with the Spirit (Eph 1:13)</li> <li>○ Being given spiritual gifts (Rom 12:4-6)</li> <li>○ <b>Discipleship</b>; Sanctification<sup>14</sup></li> <li>○ Preservation (Jude 1:1, 24-25)</li> <li>○ Glorification (Rom 8:30)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

1. GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION BEGAN IN ETERNITY PAST (EPH 1:4; REV 13:8) AND ULTIMATELY WILL END WITH THE CREATION OF A NEW HEAVEN/ NEW EARTH (2 PET 3:7-13; REV 21:1-4).
2. THE TRIUNE GOD OF THE BIBLE IS THE SELF-EXISTENT, "I AM THAT I AM" ETERNAL GOD WHO IS THE ULTIMATE CAUSE BEHIND ALL THAT EXISTS (EX 3:14; JN 1:3; ROM 4:17B; COL 1:16-17).
3. AS THE SOVEREIGN OF THE UNIVERSE, GOD HAS THE RIGHT TO GIVE HIS CREATURES ANY COMMANDMENT OR LAW HE SEES FIT; THE FIRST WAS GIVEN TO ADAM AND EVE.
4. GIVEN TO EVE, THIS IS THE EARLIEST RECORD OF GOD PROMISING A COMING SAVIOR; THE SEED OF A WOMAN WOULD ULTIMATELY BE JESUS BORN OF A VIRGIN, IN BETHLEHEM (IS 7:14; MIC 5:2; MT 2:1).
5. A FAILURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ONE'S GUILT BEFORE GOD DURING A GOSPEL PRESENTATION MAY BE AN INDICATION THAT THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS NOT WORKING IN THE HEART OF A POTENTIAL CONVERT (JN 16:8).
6. AS OUR (ALL BELIEVERS) REPRESENTATIVE, JESUS—THE LAMB OF GOD—PAID OUR PENALTY AND SUFFERED DEATH IN OUR PLACE TO REMOVE THE WRATH OF GOD, THEREBY RANSOMING, REDEEMING, AND RECONCILING HUMANITY TO GOD; THIS IS THE DOCTRINE OF PENAL (VICARIOUS) SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT (MK 10:45; JN 1:29; ROM 4:25, 5:19; 2 COR 5:18-19; TIT 2:14; HEB 9:26; 1 JN 4:10).
7. CHRIST DIED FOR "OUR" SINS NOT HIS OWN SINS; CHRIST'S LIFE WAS PERFECT; HE KEPT THE LAW PERFECTLY BECAUSE NO MAN OR WOMAN COULD KEEP THE LAW. (2 COR 5:21; HEB 4:15)
8. ON THE CROSS, CHRIST SHED HIS PRECIOUS BLOOD AND GAVE HIS LIFE TO SATISFY THE WRATH OF GOD, REMIT SINS, AND PURCHASE THE CHURCH (ACTS 20:28; HEB 9:22; 1 PET 1:19; 1 JN 2:2).
9. THE GOSPEL IS A PROMISE FROM GOD OF FORGIVENESS OF SINS AND ETERNAL LIFE TO ANYONE WHO REPENTS AND BELIEVES THE GOSPEL; ONE DOES NOT HAVE TO ASK FOR THIS GIFT (EPH 2:8-9). IT HAS ALREADY BEEN PROMISED TO ALL WHO WILL BELIEVE ON HIS NAME (JN 1:12, 3:16; ROM 10:9; EPH 1:7, 2:8; TIT 1:2).
10. ALL SINNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO REPENT OF ANY AND ALL SIN THAT IS KEEPING THEM FROM TURNING TO GOD (REPENTANCE) AND PLACING AUTHENTIC FAITH IN THE PERSON AND WORK OF JESUS CHRIST (THE GOSPEL); IN THESSALONICA, THE BELIEVERS TURNED FROM IDOLS TO SERVE THE ONE TRUE AND LIVING GOD (1 THESS 1:9). IN JERUSALEM, THE JEWS NEEDED TO REPENT OF THEIR FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE JESUS AS THE MESSIAH (ACTS 2:38). SUBSEQUENTLY THE CHRISTIAN LIFE WILL BE CHARACTERIZED BY REPENTANCE FROM SIN (ACTS 3:9, ROM 2:4, 1 JN 3:19; REV 3:19).
11. FAITH IN CHRIST IS SYNONYMOUS WITH AUTHENTIC BELIEF, DEPENDENCE, TRUST IN, AND RELIANCE UPON HIM. IT IS MUCH MORE THAN INTELLECTUAL ASSENT; IT INCLUDES FOLLOWSHIP (JN 2:23-24; JAM 2:19).
12. THIS IS THE ANSWER TO THE "WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?" QUESTION, AND IT CAN NEVER BE UNDERSTOOD TO BE MORE THAN ONE EXPECTATION OR STEP (ACTS 16:30-31).
13. SALVATION IS PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE IN ITS TENSES; BELIEVERS HAVE BEEN SAVED FROM THE PENALTY OF SIN, ARE BEING SAVED FROM THE POWER OF SIN, AND WILL BE SAVED FROM THE PRESENCE OF SIN IN THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH. AFTER ONE IS SAVED, WATER BAPTISM IS OFTEN THE FIRST PUBLIC PROFESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST (MT 28:20; ACTS 2:38-41, 8:12, 36-38, 16:31-33).
14. THE CONCEPT OF BEING SAVED WITHOUT BEING A FOLLOWER OF THE LORD JESUS IS FOREIGN TO THE NT (MT 16:24, 28:19-20; LK 14:27; JN 10:27; 2 COR 5:17). SANCTIFICATION IS BOTH INSTANTANEOUS (1 COR 6:11) AND PROGRESSIVE RESULTING IN BEING CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST (RO 8:29) BY GOD'S GRACE AND IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (JN 17:19; 1 THESS 4:3; TIT 2:11-12; 1 PET 1:15; 1 JN 2:3).