

DO YOU KNOW HOW Thoroughly Saved You Are?

Whether you are currently a believer in Jesus Christ or not yet, we hope that this lesson will encourage you to believe.

We believe that salvation comes by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ only and that the offer of salvation is to anyone who believes in Jesus as Lord. Whoever believes in Jesus receives everlasting life. Whoever rejects Jesus is condemned. All sin was forgiven at the cross; therefore, sin, being continually cleansed from the believer by the blood of Jesus Christ (1 Jn. 1:7), will not cause him/her to "lose" his/her salvation. Therefore, the only condition of salvation, continued salvation, and ultimate salvation is faith in Jesus Christ.

Key Verse: *"Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them," (Hebrews 7:25¹).*

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Therefore He is able also to save to the uttermost (completely, perfectly, finally, and for all time and eternity) those who come to God through Him, since He is always living to make petition to God and intercede with Him and intervene for them.

Let us begin with some definitions.

Salvation: sōtēria

Pronounced: so-tay-ree'-ah

Rescue or safety (physically or morally): - deliver, health, salvation, save, saving.

Save: sozo

Pronounced: sode'-zo

To save, that is, deliver or protect (literally or figuratively): - heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole.

I. Jesus came to earth to bring salvation.

Matthew 1:21

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

¹ NASB

Luke 2:27-32

So he (Simeon) came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, 28 he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:

29 "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace,
According to Your word;

30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation

31 Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,

32 A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles,
And the glory of Your people Israel."

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, **but that the world through Him might be saved.**

II. Salvation is available to all.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

III. At salvation a person is set free.

John 8:36

Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

A. We are free from the power of darkness.

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Hebrews 2:14-15

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might **destroy him who had the power of death**, that is, the devil, 15 and **release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.**

B. We are free from sin.

Romans 6:14

For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

C. We are free from accusation.

Romans 8:33

Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

D. We are free from condemnation (being negatively/adversely sentenced).

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation² to those who are in Christ Jesus.

E. We are free from being separated from God.

Romans 8:35

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

F. We are free from judgment and wrath.

John 5:24

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

Romans 5:9

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

G. We are free from the law of Moses and all religious laws.

Romans 7:4

Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

IV. Salvation is only possible through Jesus.

Acts 4:10-12

Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. 11 This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

V. Faith for salvation comes through the communication of the gospel.

1 Corinthians 1:21

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Romans 10:14-17

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?¹⁵ And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:

*“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace,
Who bring glad tidings of good things!”*

16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?” 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

² Condemnation = Adverse/negative sentence (judgment)

Acts 11:12-14

Then the Spirit told me to go with them, doubting nothing. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13 And he told us how he had seen an angel standing in his house, who said to him, 'Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon whose surname is Peter, 14 **who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved.**' 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning.

VI. Salvation is by grace through faith not works.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by **grace** you have been saved through **faith**, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 **not of works**, lest anyone should boast.

Titus 3:4-7

But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 **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, 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 that having been **justified by His grace** we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

2 Timothy 1:9

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, 9 who has **saved us** and called us with a holy calling, **not according to our works**, but according to His own purpose and **grace** which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, 10 but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the **gospel**

VII. We receive salvation when we believe that God raised Jesus from the dead and confess Him as Lord.

Romans 10:9-13

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.** 10 For with the heart one **believes unto righteousness**, and with the mouth **confession is made unto salvation.** 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever **believes on Him** will not be put to shame."

Acts 16:29-32

Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, **what must I do to be saved?**" 31 So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

John 3:16-18

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 He who believes in Him is not condemned; **but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12

The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

Acts 8:35-37

Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. 36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" 37 Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

VIII. Salvation is initial, continual, and ultimate.

A. Initial Salvation

Romans 10:9-13

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.

B. Continual Salvation

1 Timothy 4:16

Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

Romans 5:10

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.

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 9:20-22

And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. 21 For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well." 22 But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour.

C. Ultimate

Jesus Christ is coming again. When He does, we will receive our ultimate and final salvation.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the

dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. **And thus we shall always be with the Lord.** 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 **who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

Romans 5:3-10

God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

IX. The word “sozo” (to save) is more than salvation resulting in everlasting life.

A. DEFINITION

Save: sozo; pronounced: sode'-zo

To save, that is, deliver or protect (literally or figuratively): - heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole.

1. Physical Healing

Mark 6:56

Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were **made well (sozo)**.

Mark 10:52

Then Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has **made you well (sozo)**.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

1 Peter 2:24

Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—**by whose stripes you were healed**³.

B. Provision & Success

Matthew 6:25-33

Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than

³ Some have said this refers only to making someone whole, but the definition includes physical healing. *laomai*: to cure (literally or figuratively): - heal, make whole.

they? 27 Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? 28 So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; 29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 **But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.**

3 John 1:2

Beloved, I pray that you may **prosper** in all things and **be in health**, just as your soul prospers.

Mark 10:29-30

Jesus said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, 30 who shall not receive a hundredfold **now in this time**—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life."

C. Our whole spirit, soul, and body are saved.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be **preserved blameless** at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

X. Common Questions about Salvation

A. Is salvation available to everyone?

Yes! Salvation is available to everyone who believes in Jesus.

1 Timothy 2:1-6

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 **who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.** 5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, **not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.**

B. How do I receive salvation? (How can I be born again?)

1. Hear the good news that Jesus Christ died to pay the penalty for all of your sins and to reconcile you to God.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: 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 to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

2 Corinthians 5:19-21

God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, **be reconciled to God**. 21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2. Believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.

3. Confess with your mouth that Jesus Christ is the Lord (God).

John 1:12-13

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Romans 10:8b-10

"The word is near you, in your **mouth** and in your **heart**" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 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. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

C. Can we be certain that we have eternal life?

Yes, we can know for sure that we have eternal life!

1 John 5:13

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

John 3:15

Whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We have EVERLASTING life.

John 17:3

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

D. How secure is our salvation?

If we believe in Him, we are secure. Our initial, continued, and ultimate salvation is as secure as His faithfulness and character.

Hebrews 7:25 (Amplified)

Therefore He is able also to save to the uttermost (completely, perfectly, finally, and for all time and eternity) those who come to God through Him, since He is always living to make petition to God and intercede with Him and intervene for them.

John 10:28

*And I give them eternal life, and **they shall never perish**; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.*

John 3:16

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him **should not perish** but have everlasting life.*

Titus 1:2

In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,

1 John 2:25

*And this is the promise that He has promised us—**eternal life**.*

1 John 5:11

*And this is the testimony: that **God** has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.*

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

*For God did **not** appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.*

E. Can sin cause me to lose my salvation?

No. All of your sins were forgiven on the cross (past, present, and future).

1. You are completely forgiven.

Hebrews 10:1-17

*For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins...10 By that will⁴ we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once** for all.11 And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But this Man, after He had offered **one sacrifice for sins forever**, sat down at the right hand of God, 13 from that*

⁴ By Jesus obeying the will of God by becoming the perfect sacrifice for sins

time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. 14 **For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.**

15 But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before,

16 “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,” 17 then He adds, “**Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.**”

2. You are continually cleansed from all sin.

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light⁵, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses⁶ us from all sin.

3. Nothing can separate you from God’s love.

Romans 8:38-39

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

4. He promised to never leave us or forsake us.

Hebrews 13:5-6 AMPLIFIED

For He [God] Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!]

5. We are saved by FAITH, not by obedience.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

F. How do we “work out our own salvation”?

Some teach that we are saved by grace through faith ONLY INITIALLY and then after that, our continued salvation and ultimate salvation is up to us. THIS IS NOT TRUE. Our entire salvation is based on God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ. “Working out our salvation” does NOT mean that we have to do works (religious disciplines, refrain from sin, be obedient) to “stay saved” nor that our religious efforts perfect us. It means that we allow God to work out His will in our lives.

1. Paul rebuked Christians in Galatia who were trying to improve on their relationship with God through religious efforts.

Galatians 3:1-3

⁵ This means if we are in Him; that is, if we are saved.

⁶ Is cleansing

*O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? 2 This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 3 Are you so foolish? **Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?***

2. We are to live out our Christian life, the same way we received it: by grace through faith.

Colossians 2:4-10

*Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words. 5 For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the **steadfastness of your faith in Christ.** 6 **As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,** 7 rooted and built up **in Him** and **established in the faith,** as you have been taught, **abounding in it** with thanksgiving. 8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 **For in Him** dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; 10 and **you are complete in Him,** who is the head of all principality and power.*

Philippians 1: 6

*Being confident of this very thing, that **He** who has begun a good work in you **will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.***

Colossians 1:21-23

*And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight— 23 if indeed you **continue in the faith,** grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard.*

Philippians 2:12

*Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation** with fear and trembling;*

*13 **for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.***

- G. What does it mean to “neglect” salvation

“Neglecting salvation” does NOT mean that you need to maintain your salvation (as some falsely teach). “Neglecting salvation” means to ignore God’s offer of salvation; to reject Jesus.

Hebrews 2:2-4

For if the word spoken through angels⁷ proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward,³ how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him,⁴ God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

XI. The only reason anyone will perish is for not believing in Jesus. If you believe in Jesus, you do not ever need to worry that you will be anywhere but with Him for all eternity.

John 3:16-18

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.¹⁸ He who believes in Him is not condemned; but **he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God**.¹⁹ And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*

XII. Nothing, not even your sin can separate you from God's love. If you believe in Jesus, you will not perish but have everlasting life.

Romans 8:31-39

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written:

*"For Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."*

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

⁷ Referring to the Law of Moses

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