

OUR GLORIOUS SALVATION

Lesson 2

Introduction – Which statement is true? → I AM SAVED, I AM BEING SAVED or I WILL BE SAVED?

a. **JUSTIFICATION: SAVED FROM THE PENALTY OF SIN!**

**Romans 5:1 – “Therefore being justified by faith through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

**Our guarantee of heaven! (Our Position in Christ)*

b. **SANCTIFICATION: SAVED FROM THE POWER OF SIN!**

**2 Timothy 2:21 – “If a man cleanses himself ... he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy (sanctified), useful to the Master....”*

**Brings heaven (His Kingdom) to earth and us! (Our Practice, Walk)*

c. **GLORIFICATION: SAVED FROM THE PRESENCE OF SIN!**

**Luke 21:28 – “When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”*

**His Kingdom has come and He is reigning upon the earth!*

In this lesson our focus will be on the first of these – Justification. Understanding this is essential if we plan to spend eternity with Jesus.

1. CURSE: FALLEN MAN IS HOPELESSLY LOST, UNDER THE CURSE OF SIN

A. THE LIE

**Genesis 3:1-5 – “1 Now the serpent was more crafty He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.' " 4 "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”*

**John 8:44 – “...the devil ... he is a liar and the father of lies”*

B. THE TEMPTATION

**Genesis 3:6 – “When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom,*

**James 1:14 – “...each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.”*

C. THE FALL

**Genesis 3:6 – “When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it*

**James 1:14-15 – “...each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.”*

D. THE RESULT

(i) Everyone stands **GUILTY!**

Romans 5:12 – “Therefore, just as **sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, **because all sinned**”*

(ii) Results in **DEATH!**

Romans 6:23a – “For the wages of sin is **death...”*

Rev 21:8 – “But the cowardly, unbelieving, vile, murderers, sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, idolaters and all liars – their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the **second death.”*

E. MAN’S RESPONSE

(i) **WORKS**

Gen 3:7 – “Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so **they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.” (cf. Eph 2:8-9, Is 64:6, Ex 34:14-15)*

(ii) **HIDE**

Gen 3:8 – “Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and **they hid from the Lord God...”*

(iii) **FEAR**

Gen 3:10 – “...I heard you in the garden, and I was **afraid because I was naked...”*

(iv) **BLAME**

Gen 3:12-13 – “The man said, ‘The woman YOU put here with me – she gave me some fruit from the tree and I ate it**’ ... The woman said, ‘**The serpent deceived me, and I ate.**’”*

2. **THE CURE: RECEIVE GOD’S GIFT OF FULL PAYMENT FOR YOUR SIN**

A. **BLOOD & COVERING**

Genesis 3:21 – “The Lord God made **garments of skin for Adam and his wife and **clothed them.**”*

Heb 9:22 – “...without the shedding of **blood there is no forgiveness.”*

2 Cor 5:21 – “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become **the righteousness of God.”*

B. **RECEIVING / ACTIVATING THE GIFT**

(i) **ADMIT**

Ps 32:3-5 – “For **when I kept silent my bones wasted away ... for day and night your hand was heavy upon me ... **I acknowledged my sin** to you, and **I did not cover my iniquity**; I said, ‘**I will confess my transgressions to the Lord, and YOU FORGAVE...**”*

(ii) **REPENT**

Acts 2:37-38 – “When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said, ‘what shall we do?’ Peter replied, ‘Repent** and be baptized...’”*

(iii) **BELIEVE**

John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, he gave his one and only Son, that whoever **believes in him, shall not perish, but have eternal life.”*

(iv) **ASK**

James 4:2 – “You do not have, because you do not **ask God.”*

(v) **INVITE**

Rev 3:20 – “Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice, **and opens the door, I will come into him and sup with him.”*

(vi) **RECEIVE**

John 1:12 – “Yet to all who **received him ... he gave the right to become children of God ... **born of God.**”*

(vii) **CONFESS**

Romans 10:10 – “For it is with the heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you **confess and are saved.”*

(viii) **BAPTIZED**

Mark 16:16 – “Whoever believes and is **baptized will be saved...”*

CONCLUSION: Nothing quite gets heavens attention like one sinner leaving the Kingdom of darkness for the Kingdom of Light! The Bible says that all the angels start rejoicing! If you haven't yet received (activated) God's free gift of forgiveness, why not do so now and seal your eternal destination forever!

***Eph 2:8-9** – “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.”*

