

# **“The Forgotten Fundamentals: Salvation”**

## **Selected Scriptures**

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1. Salvation Is Imparted Through the Gospel.  
*“for I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to all who believe” (Romans 1:16)*
  
2. Salvation Was Planned by God in Eternity Past.  
*“God...chose us in Him [Christ] before the foundation of the world...He predestined [pro + horozo] us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ...also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose” (Ephesians 1:3-11)*  
  
*“For whom He [God] foreknew [pro + loved], He also predestined...and whom He predestine, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified” (Romans 8:29-30)*  
  
*“And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed” (Acts 13:48)*
  
3. Salvation Is Wholly the Work of God.  
*“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him” (John 6:44)*  
  
*“Salvation belongs to the LORD!” (Jonah 2:9)*
  
4. Salvation Is an Undeserved Gift.  
*“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not as a result of works so that no one may boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9)*  
  
*“He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the*

*washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, Whom he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior” (Titus 3:5-6)*

*“today you will be with Me in paradise” (Luke 23:43)*

5. Salvation Is a Legal Transaction.
  - A. Justification  
*“we have been **declared righteous** by faith” (Romans 5:1, NET)*  
  
*“**justified** by faith” (NAS, ESV, KJ, NKJ)*
  
  - B. Imputation [Latin *imputo*; Greek *logizomai*]  
*“to the one who does not work but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is **counted** as righteousness” (Romans 4:5, ESV)*  
  
*“...his faith is **credited** as righteousness” (NAS, NIV)*  
  
*“...his faith is **accounted** for righteousness” (NKJ)*  
  
*“...his faith is **reckoned** as righteousness” (RSV)*  
  
*“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him” (2 Corinthians 5:21)*
  
6. Salvation Is Multi-faceted.
  - A. Freedom from the **penalty** of sin...at the moment of **justification**  
*“since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:1)*
  
  - B. Freedom from the **power** of sin...through the life-long process of **sanctification**  
*“we...are being transformed into the same image [of the Lord] from one degree of glory to another” (2 Corinthians 3:18)*

C. Freedom from the **presence** of sin...in the future at **glorification**

*"we...groan inwardly as we eagerly await...the redemption of our bodies" (Romans 8:23)*

7. Salvation Is Comprehensive.

- Forgiveness of sins
- Delivered from wrath
- Regeneration
- Redemption from slavery of sin & Satan
- Reconciliation with God
- Adoption into God's family
- Enlightened understanding
- "in Christ"

8. Salvation Is Eternally Secure.

*"He who began a good work in you will perfect it" (Philippians 1:6)*

*"those He justified, He also glorified" (Romans 8:30)*

*"for the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable" (Romans 11:29)*

*"My sheep listen to My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, no one will snatch them from My hand" (John 10:27-28)*

*"there is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1)*

*"I tell you the solemn truth, the one who hears My message and believes the One who sent Me has eternal life and will not be condemned, but has crossed over from death to life" (John 5:24)*

*"For He has rescued us from the domain of darkness, and has transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son" (Colossians 1:13)*

*"I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13)*

*"nothing...will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:38-39)*

Kinds of doubts regarding salvation

1) *Illegitimate kinds of doubt:*

*"I was saved but now I think I may have lost my salvation"*

2) *Biblically legitimate kinds of doubts:*

*"I thought I was saved but now I think I was never saved in the first place"*

*"I thought I was saved, and still think I am but am lacking assurance because of the sin/guilt in my life"*

Recommended Reading

*The Cross and Salvation, Bruce Demarest*

*Faith Works, John MacArthur*

*Saved Without a Doubt, John MacArthur*

*The Apostolic Preaching of the Cross, Leon Morris*

*Knowing God, J. I. Packer*

*The Cross of Christ, John Stott*

*A Biblical Theology of the Doctrines of Sovereign Grace, George Zemek*