

What is Salvation?

A Study of the Book of Romans

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Key Truth: The gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.

What is Salvation? As Christians we speak of it with such familiarity, but have we ever taken the time to explore what salvation means?

“Salvation is the divine act of delivering a believer from the power and curse of sin and then restoring that individual to the fellowship with God for which humans were originally intended.” (MacArthur and Mahue, *Biblical Doctrine*, p. 936). “Salvation” comes from the Greek word *sotēriōn*, which, not surprisingly, means: rescue, deliverance, safety, healing, wholeness. Salvation is described, taught about, and offered up to sinful humanity throughout the entire Bible. It is important that we know more about what salvation actually is.

DISCUSS

Read **Romans 1:16-17** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled “What is Salvation?”

DIG IN

1. Salvation is a Calling.

Read John 10:2-3, 27: In what ways do we know that the Shepherd’s voice is not an audible voice?

What kinds of things does God call us out of when we are saved?

Read Philippians 3:14: Why is it important to focus on our upward call as part of our salvation?

2. Salvation is an Act of Redemption and Rescue.

What are we saved *from*? What are we saved *to*?

Describe your understanding of redemption. In what ways is Jesus the perfect Redeemer?

Why is it important that we be rescued from the wrath of God (Romans 5:9)?

3. Salvation is a Change from Old to New.

How long does it take for us to be changed into a new creation? Why is this important?

What should we do if we don’t *feel* like a new creation?

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What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?