**Topic: The Doctrine of Salvation**

**Worldview Brief: #140**

**Objective**: Understand the nature and authority of The Bible in the life of a believer.

# Primary Scripture(s):

* **Ephesians 2:8-9**: “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”
* **1 Peter 2:24**: “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”
* **Isaiah 53:4-6**: “Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
* [**Acts 3:19**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+3%3A19&version=ESV): “Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out”

# Additional References to Consider:

# Matthew 4:17 (Jesus commands all people to repent of their sins to enter the kingdom)

# 1 John 1:9 (If we confess/repent of our sins, God will forgive us for our sins)

# Titus 3:5 (Salvation is by the mercy of God and working of the Holy Spirit)

# Romans 10:9 (Our views of Jesus’ deity and resurrection are central to salvation)

# Matthew 7:21 (True salvation will bring fruit and obedience to God)

# John 6:44 (No one comes to God on their own, God has called people to faith)

# Romans 3:23 (Everyone is a sinner and cannot earn their salvation but need grace)

# John 14:6 (Jesus is the only way to have eternal life, no other true savior exists)

# Isaiah 61:8 (The Lord God loves justice, He will punish evil and sin)

**Summary Statement**: All have sinned and need to be saved. The only way to be saved is by faith in Jesus Christ, who died on the cross and took the punishment for our sins upon Himself so that all sin is paid for, but demonstrates His love and grace by taking that punishment upon Himself. Faith encompasses by repentance and belief in Jesus Christ, God in the flesh.

**Primary Points to Keep in Mind:**

1. God is perfect in His justice and will punish all sin committed by mankind.
2. God came in the person of Jesus to take the punishment for our sins upon Himself.
3. Salvation is only possible because God has called us and made it possible.
4. Salvation is a free gift from God and cannot be earned by good works.
5. Salvation comes through faith in Jesus Christ and repentance from sin.
6. If we are saved, we will begin to walk in obedience to God and produce fruit.

The Six Key Points Regarding: The Doctrine of Salvation

1. **God is perfect in His justice and will punish all sin committed by mankind.**

**Brief Explanation**: God loves justice (Isaiah 61:8) and will punish every sin committed by mankind. God is the judge of the universe, and a good judge does not overlook and ignore evil that is done against the moral law. Just as a good judge today will punish a criminal for their evil acts, despite how much good they do, God will punish all sin fairly and justly.

1. **God came in the person of Jesus to take the punishment for our sins upon Himself.**

**Brief Explanation:** While God is the judge who punishes all sin, God made a way for the punishment of our sins to be placed on another, Himself. The Bible makes it clear all sin (Romans 3:23) and need a savior to escape judgment. Isaiah 53:4-6 shows us God puts the punishment for our sins on the Messiah (Jesus Christ) which is confirmed in 1 Peter 2:24. The punishment for our sins is not ignored by God, but instead God the Father pours out the punishment we deserve on God the Son on the cross.

1. **Salvation is only possible because God has called us and made it possible.**

**Brief Explanation:** Salvation is only possible because God stepped out of heaven and came to earth to die and take the punishment for our sins. Salvation is again only possible because God has called each of us (John 6:44) and given us a new life in Christ (Titus 3:5) by His Spirit.

1. **Salvation is a free gift from God and cannot be earned by good works.**

**Brief Explanation:** Ephesians 2:8-9 gives us the best picture of the salvation message. First, we are saved by the grace of God, which means it’s not something we earn but a free gift from God. Second, we are saved by faith and trusting in the work of Jesus Christ, not our own works. The verse makes it as clear as possible, “not a result of works” but a result of God’s grace and kindness towards us.

1. **Salvation comes through faith in Jesus Christ and repentance from sin.**

**Brief Explanation:** Salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ alone (Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 10:9, John 14:6) and encompasses two parts. First is belief in Jesus Christ, which includes believing He is who He claims, God in flesh (Romans 10:9) and believing His death is the only way for our sins to be paid for and forgiven and His resurrection was proof of His accomplish this task. Second is repentance from sin (Acts 3;19, Matthew 4:17, 1 John 1:9) which is a desire to turn away from sin and pursue Godliness and righteousness. Faith and Repentance bring salvation.

1. **If we are saved, we will begin to walk in obedience to God and produce fruit.**

**Brief Explanation:** If we believe in Jesus and love God, we will walk in obedience (Matt. 7:21).