

“The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’

They replied, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved...’
-Acts 16:29-31.

The world offers many ways to be saved, but, the Bible says there is only one way. It is through the Savior, Jesus Christ.

Lesson 1: The Need for Salvation

Salvation is the need each one of us has because we all have the problem of sin. *“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”* -Romans 3:23.

Because of sin we have several problems:

- 1. We are _____ from God, *“But your iniquities have separated you from your God...”* -Isa. 59:2**
- 2. We are guilty and therefore _____, *“Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in God’s one and only Son.”* -John 3:18**
- 3. We are _____, *“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins”* -Eph. 2:1**
- 4. We are under God’s _____, *“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on him.”* -John 3:36**

Lesson 2: Jesus Christ’s Death

Because of our problem of sin, and our inability to solve our sin problem, God sent Jesus Christ as the answer. He is the One who can save us from our sins. His death was necessary for our salvation for the following reasons:

1. He died as our _____ This means that He took our place. He suffered the penalty that rightly belonged to us. He did not deserve the punishment of death He received because He is innocent of sin. He chose to receive it for our sake. *“God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”* -2 Cor. 5:21.
2. He died to _____ us. Redemption is when a price is paid to liberate someone from captivity. Jesus Christ’s death was the price paid to liberate sinners. *“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.”* -1 Peter 1:18-19.
3. He died to _____ us. Reconciliation is a change in relationship from hostility to peace. Because of our sin we were alienated from God but Christ’s death restored God’s favor, *“that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them.”* -2 Cor. 5:19a
4. He died as a _____ for our sins. This is a word that means “satisfaction”. God was righteously angry with us because of our sin, but Christ through His death has appeased or satisfied God’s wrath against us. God was so satisfied with Christ’s sacrifice on the cross that He averted the wrath that was due us.
5. He died to _____ us. Justification means “to acquit”, or, “to find the defendant not guilty”, and results in a pardoning. Actually, in the NT

it goes beyond that and it means to declare someone _____.
“*He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.*” –Rom 4:25. When Jesus died in our place our guilt was laid on Him. By faith in Him we can be found “not guilty”, and pronounced “righteous” in God’s sight.

Lesson 3: Atonement

Atonement means paying what must be paid to _____. God has a claim on humanity because of sin. Since God is holy He demands payment for the offense of sin. Death is the only acceptable payment, “*For the wages of sin is death...*” –Romans 6:23.

Jesus made payment with His own death on the cross. But who did He make that payment to? Who demanded it? It is sometimes erroneously taught that Jesus had to pay _____. But that is false. Jesus made payment to God to satisfy God’s just anger towards sinful man. It was on behalf of man (substitutionary), and it was to God (propitiatory).

Another question is “Who did Jesus die for?” Did He die for some people or all? One camp believes Jesus died only for some people and not everyone. This is called “_____ atonement”, meaning the payment Jesus made was limited to only a select group of people whom God chose.

“_____ atonement” is the other view held which says that Jesus paid for the sins of every last human being. At EFC we hold to the unlimited atonement position and believe the value of Jesus’ death on the cross extends to all mankind. In other words, His death is worth enough to save everyone who ever lived, “*He suffered death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.*” –Hebrews 2:9b. “*He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.*” -1 John 2:2. “*For God so loved the world He gave His One and Only Son, so that whoever believes in Him would not perish but have everlasting life.*” –John 3:16.

Now, while the value of Christ's death is enough for all, it is only _____ for someone when they believe in Him for salvation.

Lesson 4: The Condition of Salvation

Everyone is _____ saved simply because Jesus died for the sins of the world. There is something God requires from each person who would be saved: _____ in Jesus Christ. Without faith no one can be saved, "*They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved...'*" -Acts 16:29-31. "*For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.*" -Rom. 10:10. "*But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.*" -John 20:31

Faith is not mere _____ of what the Bible claims. It is not committing to following all the _____ Jesus gave. Faith is our whole-hearted _____ on Jesus Christ. Dependence that His death on the cross has saved us from our sins. It is conviction that our sins would keep us out of heaven and that Jesus is the only way for us to go there (John 14:6). Salvation is only through Jesus, and so too is saving faith only in Jesus. It is not faith in Jesus _____ anything else (religion, church, baptism, communion, Christian parents, grew up in a Christian home, read the Bible before, etc.)

Lesson 5: Security of Salvation

We are _____ in our salvation. In other words we cannot _____ our salvation. Eternal life is just that - eternal. Someone who claims to have been saved and then rejects Christ has always rejected Christ and never truly believed. The truth is finally coming out: they were never truly saved, "*They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.*" -1 John 2:19.

**There is no sin that someone can commit that would cause them to lose their salvation. The reason is because payment for that sin was made in _____ at the cross. If it wasn't then the Bible is false when it claims Jesus died for all our sins, "God made you alive with Christ. He forgave you all your sins."
-Col. 2:13.**

You can't commit a _____ enough sin and you cannot sin _____ times to make God change His mind and take your salvation away. In Matthew 18:21-22 Peter asked Jesus how many times he had to forgive someone. Jesus told him seventy times seven. While we often focus on the staggering obligation to forgive in that statement an important point about God is often overlooked in those words: God doesn't expect of us what He won't do Himself. It isn't right for us to make God like us and finally give up on someone just because we would. Instead, we are supposed to be more like God in extending grace and forgiveness.

To lose your salvation God would have to _____ everything that has been described here and in the NT to someone when they are saved. The Bible nowhere even hints that this is possible. There are passages that seem to suggest we can lose salvation. However, we must always interpret _____ passages by clear ones. Many passages are clear we are secure in Christ.

Furthermore, we must remember Jesus' position right now at the _____. He intercedes for us as our advocate in heaven before God (1 John 2:1-2; Romans 8:33-34). Why? Because we sin, and, because the devil accuses us before God (Revelation 12:10). We have heavenly representation of the best kind. And we know the Father listens to His Son when He speaks on our behalf.

ANSWER KEY:

Lesson 1: separated, condemned, dead, wrath

Lesson 2: substitute, redeem, reconcile, propitiation, justify, righteous

Lesson 3: settle a claim, Satan, limited, unlimited, effective,

Lesson 4: not, faith, awareness, commands, dependence, plus

Lesson 5: secured, lose, big, enough, undo, unclear, right hand of God,