

NEXT STEPS⁷

FAITH ESSENTIALS: WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

SELF STUDY QUESTIONS

Do I really understand everything that Jesus did for me through his death and resurrection?
Am I engaging fully in God's plan for my life? Is there something God is offering me that I have not accepted yet?

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

How does our being saved relate us to other believers around us?
How can we adopt a mindset of belonging and acceptance of others who are in God's family?

MAIN NOTES

What Was Lost?

To understand being saved, we must understand what was lost.

God made us to have a meaningful relationship with him, but sin entered the world through disobedience and brought division and death. "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life." (Romans 6:23)

God wasn't done with us. God loved us so much that he made things right by sending Jesus to pay the price and rescue us from sin and its consequences.

"All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

From Sinners to Children

God is just and there is a penalty for the sin that took place in Genesis, but Jesus has always been His plan of restoration.

Knowing God is life. Being separated from Him is to be considered death.

God wants to take us from the state of being spiritually dead, guilty, and owing a debt we could not pay, to being his children where Jesus has paid the full price for our wrongdoing.

Being saved does not start when we die or when Jesus returns. The relationship begins now, as His children.

How Do We Start?

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

“Saved” means having been made as if you’d never sinned, raised to walk in newness of life in relationship with your Father.

Calling on God, confessing, and believing is just the beginning. A journey begins when entering into a relationship with Him.

DAILY LIVING

Have we begun to live from a perspective of what Jesus has done for us? Being saved is more than believing that you are saved. Belief warrants a physical response. It stirs us up into action, and calls us deeper into more. Have we allowed our internal belief in Jesus to display an external shift? God wants us to participate in an intimate relationship with Him, but if we skip the closeness that is available we will not be able to receive everything that He has for us. There is so much life and so many blessings in a life lived closely connected to God. Let’s not miss out on realizing what our Heavenly Father has for us daily. There is something new to know, love, do and receive every day.

PRAYER POINT

Take a moment to go through the Self Study and Group Discussion questions again. Ask God to point out a key truth that He wants you to focus on. Thank Him for saving you from your old life, for waking you up to a new life, and for the new family that you are now a part of.

PERSONAL NOTES