

NECESSITY AND BASIS OF SALVATION

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Christianity is Reality: Man Needs Saving / Salvation; Sin; Grace; God's Mercy; God's Love; Decision / Isaiah 64:6

Thesis/ Central Idea:

Scripture stresses that fallen human beings are cut off from God on account of their sin. All need to be saved, if they are to enter a new relationship with God as their Creator and Redeemer. Salvation is not the result of human achievement, privilege, or wisdom, but depends totally upon the graciousness of a loving God, supremely expressed in the cross of Jesus Christ. People must respond in repentance and faith if they are to benefit from God's offer of salvation in Christ.

An aerial photograph of a city at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with a large sun low on the horizon. The city below is mostly in shadow, with some lights visible. The text is overlaid in white, centered.

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Christianity is Reality: Man Needs Saving

Isaiah 64:6

Isaiah 64:6 ESV

⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

The necessity of salvation

Everybody sins

Romans 5:12 ESV

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

Sin separates us off from God

Isaiah 59:1–2 ESV

¹ Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear;
² but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

Sin is our first nature

Romans 7:18 ESV

¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

Salvation is grounded in the love of God

Salvation is not based on human achievement

Ephesians 2:8–9 ESV

⁸ 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.

Salvation is the result of God's love and mercy

Ephesians 2:4–5 ESV

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⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

Salvation is because of God's grace

Romans 3:22-24 ESV

²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Salvation and the work of Jesus Christ

Salvation is grounded in the work of Jesus Christ

1 Timothy 1:15 ESV

¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

Jesus Christ's death was totally sufficient for salvation

1 Peter 3:18 ESV

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

Salvation demands a human decision

John 3:36 ESV

³⁶ Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

God's Plan of Salvation

HEAR

John 6:45,
Rom. 10:14-17

BELIEVE

Heb. 11:6, John 8:24,
Rom. 1:16, Rom. 10:10

REPENT

Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30,
2 Cor. 7:10, 2 Pet. 3:9

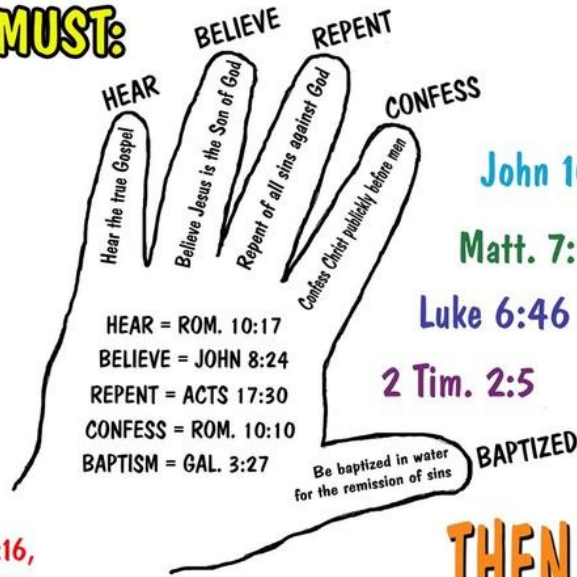
CONFESS

Acts 8:37, Rom. 10:10
Matt. 10:32, Luke 12:8

BAPTISM

Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16,
1 Pet. 3:21, Rom. 6:3-4, Gal. 3:27

YOU MUST:



John 10:1-5

Matt. 7:21

Luke 6:46

2 Tim. 2:5

HEAR
BELIEVE
REPENT
CONFESS
+ BAPTISM

IN CHRIST



2 Tim. 2:10

THEN

Be faithful until death
Rev. 2:10, 2 Tim. 4:6-8