

**Got Questions:  
What Is Salvation, and Can I Lose It?**

**Seven Questions Regarding Salvation:**

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**#1 What is Salvation?**

The Gospel Is a Call to Repentance

**Matthew 3:1 - 2**

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

**Matthew 4:15 - 17**

"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

**Acts 2:36 - 38**

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

When One Repents and Believes the Gospel They Receive Salvation

**Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

**Ephesians 1:13** In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit

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## **#2 How is this Word Used in the Bible?**

- Salvation, save, savior – all have the same root and origin
  - Salvation <- *salvacion* (old French) <- *salvare* (Latin) <- *sōtēria* (Greek)
- General Meaning: to deliver from some danger; rescue from peril, bring to safety, preservation

Many times, it is used in a general sense for deliverance

### **Matthew 8:24 - 25**

And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing.”

### **Matthew 27:49**

But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”

### **James 5:15**

And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 4:16**

Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

### **Act 7:23 – 25**

“When he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brothers, the children of Israel. And seeing one of them being wronged, he defended the oppressed man and avenged him by striking down the Egyptian. He supposed that his brothers would understand that God was giving them salvation by his hand, but they did not understand.

### **Philippians 2:12**

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling

**In the Bible, the words saved, and salvation are used in many senses.**

**But also, words the saved, and salvation are used in many tenses.**

Past tense: As Christians, we *are* saved in Christ.

Present tense: We *are being* saved.

Imperfect tense: In times past, as the gospel plan unfolded, we *were being* saved.

Future tense: We *will be* saved.

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### **#3 What Are We Saved From?**

#### We Are Saved from Wickedness and The Punishment It Deserves

**Genesis 18:20 - 23**

Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?"

**1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 1:10**

and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

#### We are Saved from Our Enemies

**1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 10:1a** Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head and kissed him and said, "Has not the LORD anointed you to be prince over his people Israel? And you shall reign over the people of the LORD and you will save them from the hand of their surrounding enemies."

**Hebrews 10:12 - 13** But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.

**Colossians 1:12-13** giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son

#### We are Saved from Our Sins

**Matthew 1:20b – 21**

behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

**1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:15** 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:18** For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God

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We are Saved from Death and Everlasting Destruction

**John 3:16 - 17** “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**Revelation 20:11 – 15**

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

## **#4 How Do I Get Saved?**

**Acts 16:30 - 32**

Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”  
And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”  
And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

**1<sup>st</sup> John 4:14**

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

**Romans 10:9-10**

because, 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. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

**John 3:15 - 17**

that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. |  
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## **#5 Will Everyone Be Saved?**

**Titus 2:11**

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people

**John 3:17 - 18**

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**1 Timothy 2:4 – 6a**

who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all

## **#6 Am I Saved?**

**Matthew 11:2 - 6**

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”

And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see:

the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.

And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

**1<sup>st</sup> John 5:10 - 13**

Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

**John 6:45, 47**

It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.

**2 Timothy 1:10, 12b**

and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.

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## **#7 Can I Lose My Salvation?**

**Ephesians 2:5** even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—  
by grace you have been saved

**1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:5** who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

**Philippians 1:6** And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:23-24**

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

**1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:10-11**

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**Psalms 138:7-8a**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me. The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

**John 10:27 - 28**

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.  
I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.