

# YOU NEED TO KNOW

BECOMING A DISCIPLE THROUGH THE DOCTRINES OF GOD  
KNOWING WHAT YOU BELIEVE AND WHY YOU BELIEVE IT

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## ALL ABOUT YOUR SALVATION – PART 1B

*Knowing what you believe and why you believe it.*

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### Introduction to the Doctrine of So'teri'ology (Salvation)

Jesus came to save us. That's the great proclamation of the gospel.

And according to the Bible, all of mankind is found in either one of two classes - the saved and the lost. In preparing for this message I read about the Titanic, that great "unsinkable" ship. There were those on that ship sailing in first class. There were others on that ship that sailed in coach, but when the day ended - the New York cruise office reduced all who were onboard down to two classes. **SAVED** and **LOST**.

#### Romans 10:8-10

But what does **it** (Scripture) say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): **9** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto **salvation**. (so-tay-ree'-ah;)

Your Salvation is The Doctrine Called **So'teri'ology**.

**So'teri'ology** = "Soteri" meaning the Saviour. Soteriology is the word or science of redemption.

Soteriology is what the Bible teaches about your salvation?

### YOU NEED TO KNOW ALL ABOUT YOUR SALVATION

#### 1.) How is salvation experienced

#### HOW IS SALVATION, YOUR SALVATION, EXPERIENCED?

##### 1a.) It is **gifted** by grace alone

#### This Gifting

The word for 'gift' related to salvation is the word that demands transcendence, meaning – it' s of God and descends to us from God.

By God's Grace Alone - this is what has happened and is happening.

#1 – **In the moment** of faith – when someone believes in Christ as Lord and Savior, they are immediately saved from the condemnation of sin and the penalty of death.

**Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-9**

**But God**, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, **5** even when we were dead in trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)**... **8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.**

**1 Corinthians 15:50, 53-55 AMP.**

What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that **our physical bodies** cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. **These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever**, **53** For this **corruptible** must put on **incorruption**, and this **mortal** must put on **immortality**. **54** Then, when our **dying bodies** have been transformed into **bodies that will never die**, this Scripture will be fulfilled: "**Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where is your victory? O Hades, where is your sting (ke ÷ ntron kentron, ken '-tron)?**"

Gifted By God's Grace Alone - this is what has happened and is happening.

#2 – **From that moment** of faith being **acted upon** - the believer moves on freed from the dominion and power of his/her old sin nature and now daily **lives out his/her personal, practical, positional-sanctification.**

**Hebrews 9:24**

For **Christ** has not entered the holy places made with (*human*) hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, **now appearing in the presence of God for us on our behalf;**

**Hebrews 10:10**

By that **will** we **have been sanctified through the offering** of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**Hebrews 10:14**

For **by one offering** He **has perfected** (*teleio/w teleioo, to transfer full completion, to accomplish the sending of, to consummate as to finishing or complete a transaction*) **forever** those who **are being sanctified.**

At the rapture or when you rupture - what will that be like?

#3 – **At that moment** when you enter eternity at death, your faith will no longer be needed – you are saved from the very presence, issue, existence, of sin for all time and eternity.

**Romans 5:9-10**

Much more then, **having** now **been justified by His blood**, we **shall be saved from wrath** through Him. **10** For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, **having been reconciled**, we **shall be saved** by His life.

The Christian, having been saved and his position made secure in Christ, now moves out into the world around him/her - displaying evidence, "proof", of his/her new reason, new life.

Salvation is of God, and He “gifts” it to all who’ll believe;  
To you and to me. The question is, like it is with any gift, are you willing to  
receive it?

Gods **gift** of Salvation often comes unexpectedly,  
remarkably, abounding, in overabundance – like it is here in St. John:

**John 4:10**

Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew **the gift of God**, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’  
you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”

**gift** dwreał dorea, do-reh-ah’;

a free gift. an unexpected free gift. a type of free gift that is more than what could have been imagined  
or thought of. A gift that has no prerequisite, precondition or cause.

**Matthew 10:8**

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. **Freely** you have received, **freely** give.

**2 Corinthians 9:15**

Thanks be to God for His **indescribable gift!**

**Romans 5:15**

**The** free gift.

**Romans 3:24**

Being **justified freely** by His **grace** (but how?) through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

**Ephesians 2:8**

For by **grace** you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is **the gift** of God,

**HOW IS SALVATION, YOUR SALVATION, EXPERIENCED?**

**1b.) It is **received** by faith alone**

By “faith alone” is exactly what God has required  
of man from the very beginning. God never pretended to place any value upon any offering, or effort, or  
expense, apart from faith. An offering is only truly an offering when it is offered by faith. It has never  
been the thing or the expense of something that has mattered to God. Rather it is the spiritual value  
of the offering that justifies the offering itself. It is the heart behind the act that makes that act  
valuable to God. Faith and faithfulness is the most important thing in any meaningful relationship.  
It’ s not the size of the offering - but it is the heart that’ s behind the offering that matters to God.

**Hebrews 11:1 NLT**

Faith is the **confidence** that **what we hope for** will actually happen;  
it (faith) gives us assurance about things we cannot see.

*I do not believe in a "Blind leap of faith" that some talk about.*

*That is not only illogical, it's stupid because as precious and as valuable as faith is, why would anyone place faith in or upon the unknowable? Only a fool would do that and the Bible says that, "The fool has said in his heart, there is no God."*

"God never asked us to have faith in faith but rather to have faith in Him."

- Me.

#### 1 John 5:13

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

As Christians we can boast that our faith is founded upon fact, but note - what must come first – truth is truth and reality is real, but without faith in the truth or in what is real – faith doesn't benefit me at all. I could be a millionaire but if I do not "know" that by experience, I'm going to live short of the reality. Jesus Christ is true and He is reality, but if I do not have faith in Him then what He offers me cannot really benefit my life.

#### John 1:10-13

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

#### So what is meant by Salvation being "Received by faith"?

It means that we (#1) take God at His word, (#2) that we trust Him with what He has said, (#3) that He is able to fulfill all of His word, and (#4) that I personally seize His word for my self.

#### But how does faith relate to the Doctrine of Salvation?

Faith doesn't make salvation a fact, salvation already is a fact. Faith is what takes you to it, - it's your mode of transportation that brings you to Salvation.

#### Luke 7:37-38, 50

And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, 38 and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil.... :50 Then He said to the woman, "Your faith (it was what brought her to Him) has saved you. Go in peace."

#### This is What Touches God's Heart:

#### Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is,

## Where have you not been, Paris?

Now, what if I handed you an airline ticket to Paris with your name on it. The date is there, the departure gate is marked, the flight time is there - - what would you do with that ticket?

I would hope that you would get to LAX and you would get on that airplane with your ticket printed out in your hand.

I want to ask you a few questions; (1) **Where** are you going? (2) **How** do you know you' re going there? (3) **What** evidence do you have, that you are in fact going to get there? – **The answer, by faith alone!!!**

## HOW IS SALVATION (YOUR) SALVATION EXPERIENCED?

### 1c.) It is provided by Christ alone

Salvation is provided by Jesus Christ - that is to say He went to the cross for us so that we would have access to Him forever!

Why would God want any part of humanity, at such a high cost, (a) and for what? (b) Did He do it to get something out of it? Was He lonely? (c) Did He have a need that He wanted fulfilled?

The Bible gives at least (3) reasons why.

(#1) God says of Himself that He Himself is Love. It is literally part of His nature - like you having green eyes or distinct fingerprints. Love originates in God because He Himself is the manifestation of love. **Jesus Christ' s, coming to us is the love of God - - on display! (John 3:16),** (Jesus Christ will eternally be on display as proof of God' s love for you forever).

(#2) God says that this Love of His is an endless love. He says that He desires this love of His to be **experienced by you and me without end, eternally forever, (Ephesians 2:7).**

The love of God will be experienced through Jesus Christ.

(#3) God says that His love brings new life, (living the life) which is brought forth out of our old life, (living the dead) and what was once "adamic" , can now become "Christian" through the LORD Jesus Christ.

#### Acts 13:38-39

Therefore **let it be known to you**, brethren, that **through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins**; **39** and **by Him** everyone who believes is **justified from all things** from which you could not be **justified** by the law of Moses.

**"Therefore let it be known to you, brethren"**

"The testimony of the Scriptures is the testimony of God."

- R.A. Torrey

**Philippians 2:15**

that you may become blameless and harmless, **children of God** without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom **you shine as lights in the world,**

Faith is a **“Gifted Grace”** provided by Jesus, that is, it was purchased by Him and is given by Him.

Our response is to **add** to **that faith** and to **develop** **that faith** and to **exercise** **that faith** more and more as we **age** with Jesus Christ in this world.

**Romans 10:17**

So then **faith** comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**faith** pi ÷ stiß **pistis**, *pis´-tis*;

a deep conviction, a firm reliance, an unwavering existence.

**(Doubts will come and go. Fears may ebb and flow. The Flesh will combat the spirit.)**

There is a deep reality of belonging – **even if I were to deny Him.**  
I know that I would be lying against the truth that’s inside of me.

Example of this; is **Peter’s Denial...**

**Matthew 26:34-35**

Jesus said to him, **“Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.”** 35 Peter said to Him, **“Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!”** And so said all the disciples.

Jesus then goes to prayer and what do we see happening?

**Matthew 26:40-41, 69-75**

Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, **“What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak”** 69 Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, “You also were with Jesus of Galilee.” 70 But he denied it before them all, saying, **“I do not know what you are saying.”** 71 And when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, “This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth.” 72 But again he denied with an oath, **“I do not know the Man!”** 73 And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, “Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you.” 74 Then he began to curse and swear, saying, **“I do not know the Man!”** Immediately a rooster crowed. 75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, **“Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.”** So he went out and wept bitterly.

**Peter, Why are you crying?** -- **Mary, Why are you crying?**  
(because I know better.) (because I know better.)

**Mike, Why are you crying?** -- **Sue, Why are you crying?**  
(because I know better.) (because I know better.)

>>> The **Cross**, The **Christ**, The **Call** <<<

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