

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 4

knowing what you believe and why you believe it

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

I will confess that sometimes I get a little excited about what the Bible has to say about everything, and some people have accused me of being a little too blunt, too direct, even a bit dogmatic when it comes to the Bible.

But the truth be told - - I' ve learned that from someone.

In fact the more I listen to Him the more those accusations are true about me, and I suspect they just might be true about you as well. And here' s a couple reasons why...

Listen to what Jesus had to say about Himself.

John 6:35

And Jesus said to them, "**I am** the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

John 8:12

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "**I am** the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Revelation 22:13

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

John 8:58

Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **I AM**."

Look at what the Bible has to say about Jesus.

Colossians 1:14

In whom (*Christ Jesus*) we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Acts 4:12 NLT / Philippians 2:10-11

There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.... That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hebrews 7:24-25

But He, because He continues forever, has an **unchangeable priesthood**. 25 Therefore He is also able to **save to the uttermost** those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

uttermost - pantelh/β **panteles**, *pan-tel-ace´*; from 3956 and 5056; full-ended, i.e. entire (neuter as noun, completion): — + in (no) wise, uttermost.

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4.) While we are waiting for Him to return

We've already looked at three key questions to understanding our salvation.

- 1.) How is salvation experienced ?
- 2.) Where do you begin ?
- 3.) How great is God's Salvation ?

I want to begin this 4th argument in our series regarding our salvation, with a bit of an **exhortation**.

Throughout the Bible there is a constant, **ever-present admonition** to be **serious** and **vigilant** and **protective** of your faith and example as being a Christian.

we all need **encouragement** and Christ-centered **fellowship**.
(godly friends that challenge your growth)

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WHILE WE WAIT FOR HIM TO RETURN

4a.) He's expecting us - to be expecting Him

and we' re going to give this a sub-title,
but maybe for some of you - - it will be the main-point,

*What happens to a Christian if he **dies** in a backslidden state ?*

It is absolutely indigenous to any child to want his or her parents to be with them and near them. That desire is normal in a relationship.

The same is equally true in the life of the child of God. One of the great things that we are preoccupied with as a Christian is the fact that we are going to see our God our father our Savior our friend.

Listen to what **Jesus & the Bible** has to say about the
importance of **His returning for His own.**

Philippians 3:20b

we also **eagerly wait** for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

1 John 3:2-3

Beloved, now we are **children of God**; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. :3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Luke 12:35-36,37,40

“Let your waist be girded and **your lamps burning**; 36 and you yourselves be like men who **wait for their master**... 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master, **when he comes, will find them watching**... 40 Therefore you also **be ready**, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect

This has been the historical, generational call of expectancy

That has been native in the spiritual DNA of every true believer since the ministry of Jesus Christ on earth.

But what if...

a Christian were to die in a backslidden or carnal condition ?

such a situation which results in spiritual discipline and loss.

Romans 8 / 1Corinthians 15 / John 3 / Revelation 2-3
are all passages that secure the Christian at any moment of time.

Perhaps the Greatest & Gross Example...

1 Corinthians 5:1-5 NLT

I can hardly believe the report about the sexual immorality going on among you - something that even pagans don't do. I am told that a man in your church is living in sin with his stepmother. 2 You are so proud of yourselves, but you should be mourning in sorrow and shame. And you should remove this man from your fellowship. :3 Even though I am not with you in person, I am with you in the Spirit. And as though I were there, I have already passed judgment on this man 4 in the name of the Lord Jesus. You must call a meeting of the church. I will be present with you in spirit, and so will the power of our Lord Jesus. 5 Then you must throw this man out and hand him over to Satan so that his sinful nature will be destroyed and he himself will be saved on the day the Lord returns.

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4b.) He's Inviting us - to be inviting others

here' s the sub-title, or main-point, - - as you need it.

Why are some sins harder to defeat than others ?

To call others to the experience. To bring to consideration / to bring to the face / to decide on who Jesus Christ is.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us**, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **2** looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,

The Bible is excellent to point out what **is sin** and what **it is not** - - It is perfectly clear on the topic. It is equally clear that God has made us to have our **personalities** and **temperaments** (which are not sins nor sinful). The problem is with **our sin nature which has polluted, twisted, corrupted our lives**.

You've often heard me say that we are all S.I.N. positive.

I put it that way because - it's not only true but it paints a graphic picture in your mind of a dangerous, sick and fatal disease. But in this case, it's even worse because it is a spiritual sickness. **We are all spiritually sick with sin and the diagnosis is - - "Forever Fatal".**

Each of us suffers from the influences of sin in and upon our lives. But here is the wonderful news – once we become a Christian, we experience a transformation that continues to increase in effect and depth.

But why are some sins harder to defeat than others ?
(there are sinful acts and desires that take repeated attacks)

1 Thessalonians 5:22

Abstain from every **form** of evil.

Abstain - a jpe ÷ comai **apechomai**, *ap-ekh'-om-ahee*; to hold yourself back from. self-control. barricade off – set up a fence. (tell yourself “no”)

Form - eiΰdoß **eidōs**, *i'-dos*; from 1492; a view, i.e. form (literally or figuratively): appearance, fashion, shape, sight. That which looks like. Suggests of...

YOU WILL NEVER ENJOY WITNESSING AND SHARING YOUR

Faith While Believing That You Are Condemned or About To Be Condemned.

Psalm 51:12-13

Restore to me **the JOY of Your salvation**, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit. 13 Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And **sinner shall be CONVERTED to You**.

Romans 6:11

You likewise, **reckon** yourselves to be **dead** indeed to sin, but **alive** to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

reckon logi ÷ zomai **logizomai**, *log-id'-zom-ahēe*; to take inventory, do the math.

Colossians 3:1-3

If then you were raised with Christ, **seek those things** which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. **2 Set your mind on things** above, not on things on the earth. **3** For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Psalms 100:1-5

Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! **2** Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. **3** Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. **4** Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. **5** For the LORD is good;

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4c.) He's preparing us - to be prepared

this would be our sub-title, or main-point, for this one.

*What happens to the **carnal** Christian when the rapture happens ?*

2 Timothy 1:12a

For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have **believed** and **am persuaded** that **He is able to keep** what I have committed to Him until that Day.

God is at work now preparing us for eternity then.

(I cannot tell you why or how that matters – only that it does)

The Parable of the Wise Steward

Matthew 25:21

His lord said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord."

we are called to be making a difference in every area of human life. - - we are to be resisting evil!

But what if...

What if a Christian is living a backslidden/carnal lifestyle when the **rapture** happens?

There are several situations in scripture that teach us that it is possible for a Christian man or woman to be living in a backslidden/carnal condition when the rapture happens. – so what happens to them at the trumpet blast?

1 John 2:28

And now, little children, **abide** (*stay near, live in or under*) in Him, that when He appears (*rapture*), we may have **confidence and not be ashamed** before Him at His coming.

They will be terribly ashamed when He comes. No doubt Great embarrassment will be theirs and **humiliation**. But the saddest thing is that they have squandered opportunities and resources and energies in carnal things that are worse than worthless. = ie. The Prodigal Son

Luke 21:34-35 NLT

“Watch out! Don’t let your hearts be **dulled** by **carousing** and **drunkenness**, and by the **worries** of this life. Don’t let that day catch you unaware, **35** like a trap. For that day will come upon everyone living on the earth.

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4d.) He’s revealing us - to Himself

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Why is it that becoming a Jesus-Follower upsets people ?

What I mean by this is - - He is revealing His nature, His will, and His person to us more and more as we continue on with Him.

Why is it that becoming a Christian upsets people?

As you walk with Jesus in your actions, in your decision-making, in your living

2 Corinthians 3:18 NLT

So all of us who have had that veil removed can **see** and **reflect** *(to mirror back)* the glory of the Lord. And the Lord - - who is the Spirit - - makes us more and more like Jesus as we are changed into His glorious image.

He not only shows you more of Himself but more of Himself

will be seen in you. Just over a week ago we had a full moon, and that moon light was so bright it was casting shadows on the trees in the middle of the night. But the moon by itself had no light at all, it was simply a gigantic reflector shining the light of the Sun in the darkness - - that’s just like us

Jesus Reflectors

He is revealing us to more and more of Who He is in life. When this happens, friends and family, coworkers and neighbors begin to recognize that we are beginning to talk different and act different and live different. That “difference” is not always welcomed by others around us. – but then neither was Jesus Christ !

Titus 2:13

Looking for *(keep inside or to allow to be inside)* the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Colossians 3:4

When Christ who is our life **appears**, then you also will **appear** with Him in glory.

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

End of Study