
Security in Christ

So often, we think about salvation as a benefit to our decision to accept Christ as our Savior. As Paul tells us, we have been transferred from the realm of darkness to the kingdom of Christ (Col. 1:13). Use the space below to describe what your salvation means to you.

Salvation is a work of God by grace alone. Grace is God's unmerited favor toward us because of the work of Christ and therefore it cannot be obtained by any human means (Ephesians 2:5-9; Romans 6:23). Grace is the agency by which the believer receives redemption by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 1:7). There is no amount of sin which cannot be forgiven by the graciousness of God (Romans 5:20). By God's grace the believer is justified and made heirs to the hope of eternal life with Christ (Titus 3:6-7).

The Responsibility of Salvation

Read the passages below and write in your own words what they mean to you. Remember to use the Discovery Learning Questions from the study on Teaching the Bible.

Romans 12:9-21

Ephesians 1:5-14

Philippians 1:27-30

A New Creation

Three things change when we accept Jesus Christ as the one sent by God to restore a loving relationship between the Father and us. First, our beliefs change. We recognize Jesus as God incarnate who came into the world to save sinners (Phil. 2:5-11). Second, our conduct changes. When Jesus is Lord of our lives then the Holy Spirit manifests Himself in us so that we are characterized by His fruit (Gal. 5:22-25). Finally, our community changes. We become a part of those who have been adopted as sons and daughters through Christ (Rom. 8:14-17).

Read the following verses. What do they say about us being a new creation.

Ephesians 2:8-10

Ephesians 4:22-24

Romans 6:5-14

Application: God's Promise

The fact that we are a new creation is something that God has done in us by the power of the Holy Spirit. As a new creation in Christ Jesus, God promises that what He has started in us, He will finish (Phil. 1:6). He has promised it to us and we can be assured that He will do it and bring us securely into His presence. Using the Discovery Method of Learning and the Lesson Outline questions, read and study the following passage and create an outline that you can teach about our security in Christ. Use the space below for your lesson.

Romans 8:31-39

Message Title:

What does it say?

1. What did you like about the story or passage? What didn't you understand?

2. What did you learn about the people in the story or passage?

3. What does the story or passage say about God or Jesus?

4. How does this story or passage fit into the Grand Narrative of the Bible?

What do I teach?

1. What example or command is there to follow?

What do we do?

1. What will you do differently as a result of hearing the story or passage?