



Scriptures and Doctrine :: Salvation

Salvation - posted by toledomudhen, on: 2006/11/6 19:32

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Re: Salvation - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2006/11/6 19:59

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast." - Ephesians 2:8-9

"And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment." - 1 John 3:23

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." - Romans 10:13

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." - 2 Corinthians 5:17

"Ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." - 1 Corinthians 6:19

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" - 2 Corinthians 13:5

"we shall all stand before the judgement seat of Christ." - Romans 14:10

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I encourage you to listen and download Zac Poonen's bible basics series that you can listen to here: <http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/viewcat.php?cid=157>

Re: Salvation - posted by Logic, on: 2006/11/6 20:34

Quote:

toledomudhen wrote:

What is truly NECESSARY for my salvation?

All you need is **FAITH!!!** Faith is what keeps us until we are perfected.

1Peter 1:5 the ones in the power of God being guarded by faith to a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time;

1Peter 1:7 so that the proving of your faith, much more precious than perishing gold, but having been proved through fire

e, may be found to praise and honor and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

1Peter 1:9 obtaining the end of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

In the Hebrew mind faith and faithfulness are the same thing.

Faithfulness is loyalty and obedience. Faith is toward GOD. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." In other words faith is substantial evidence of our hope, and a right response to God. This hope is not a wish but a knowledge in which we await.

This verse tells us Who our hope is in, **1Timothy 1:1** Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Savior, and Lord Jesus Christ, our hope.

Therefore our hope is not a wish but a certainty.

Re: - posted by toledomudhen, on: 2006/11/6 20:56

What if I don't believe in a trinitarian God? I believe in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, but I've not found any biblical basis for their equality. Jesus said that he and the Father are one, but I'm not sure how that makes the Holy Spirit equal. Jesus also said that the Father is greater than he is. I'm pretty confused.

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2006/11/6 23:47

Deu 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:
In Hebrew: Shema Yisrael Adonai Eloheinu Adonai Ehad.

The literal word meanings are roughly as follows:

Shema - listen, or hear

Yisrael - Israel, in the sense of the people or congregation of Israel

Adonai - often translated as "Lord", it is used in place of the Tetragrammaton

Eloheinu - our God, the word "El" or "Elohei" signifying Gods (see also: Elohim), and the plural possessive determiner suffix "nu" or "einu" signifying "our"

Ehad - the Hebrew word for "1" (the number) here it means unified.

Furthermore, the word "us" & "our":

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let **us** make man in **our** image, after **our** likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

If He is one in three, then we are one person with three; body, soul, spirit.

Moreover, There was no one to talk to but the trinity during creation.

If they are one, God can not be unbalanced in equality for God hates an unjust balance (Pro 11:1)

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Then why do you think He said this? **Matthew 12:31** Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

If one can blaspheme anything but the Holy Spirit, He must be great.

Re: Salvation, on: 2006/11/10 11:11

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There is a thread which discussed these issues at length:

(http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=7893&forum=36) http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=7893&forum=36

You may not find all your answers there, though.

Always remember that an acceptance of *theology* is not entirely necessary for a Bible-believing Christian. If you believe the Bible, and allow it to shape your growing relationship with the Father, through Jesus Christ in whom you have believed, you can't go wrong.

The doctrine of the Trinity was carved out to refute real heresy. This is often the case when men use scripture as the basis for an extra-scriptural statement of belief.

The first chapter of Colossians is helpful, as it shows the organic nature of the Godhead, and how it is still very much alive and full of purpose towards the accomplishment of its own good pleasure.

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What do you feel in your heart about Jesus Christ? That's all that matters.....to Him.
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Re: - posted by searchin, on: 2006/11/13 15:35

faith and... the object of your faith. so faith and truth or faith in the truth "faith in God"

you can have great faith in thin ice and drown
but you can have little faith in thick ice and walk on water!

Re: What is necessary for Salvation? - posted by becauseHEliv, on: 2006/11/13 20:22

The heart of every issue is the issue of the heart.

I believe 2 things are necessary for SalvationÂ...

- 1) broken heart
- 2) contrite spirit

Psalm 34:18

The LORD nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.