

KEY TERMS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SALVATION

- Condemnation: Humans, because of their sinful nature and actions, deserve divine wrath/eternal judgment. Without Christ, we are all *condemned* because of our sin. – Romans 8:1
- Redemption: God paid the price to recover us from our slavery to sin. God *redeemed* us from being condemned.
Acts 20:28; - Ephesians 1:7
- Imputation: God “charges” a believer’s sin to Christ’s “account” and credits that person’s “spiritual account” with Christ’s righteousness. God *imputed* our guilt to Christ. – Romans 5:12-19
- Justification: God declares condemned sinners “not guilty” by virtue of his grace and their faith in Christ. They have been *justified*.
Romans 5:1; Galatians 2:16
- Regeneration: God grants spiritual life to those who are spiritually dead. Their lives have been *regenerated*, given new life. – John 3:5; Titus 3:5
- Reconciliation: God restores his rebellious creatures into a right relationship with himself. We are *reconciled* with God. – Romans 5:10; Colossians 1:21-22
- Adoption: God *adopts* us and makes us his children – members of his forever family – by his grace and through our faith. – Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:5; Ephesians 1:5
- Sanctification: God’s work throughout a believer’s life of making believers holy, like Christ. We have been *sanctified* by Christ’s sacrificial death. – Romans 6:19; Hebrews 12:14
- Glorification: God’s perfect finish, after death, of work he began in us at the time of regeneration. Once glorification takes place, we will sin no more. – 1 John 3:2
- Conversion: God enables sinners to experience *conversion* and turn from sin to God. – Acts 15:3, 26:18

WHO DOES GOD SAY WE ARE?

Fishers of Men

Matthew 4:19

Salt

Matthew 5:13

Light

Matthew 5:14-16

Branches

John 15:5

Saints /Holy

Ephesians 1:1

Farmers

2 Timothy 2:6

Ambassadors

2 Corinthians 5:20

Foreigners, Exiles

1 Peter 2:11

Athletes

2 Timothy 2:5

Soldiers

2 Timothy 2:3-4

Citizens of Heaven

Philippians 3:20

A priesthood

1 Peter 2:9-10

Living Stones a Spiritual House

1 Peter 2:5

Stewards / Servants

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

New Nature

Our memory verse for this lesson says:

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

How would you explain this idea to an eight-year-old kid?

Read and ponder these two passages:

“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me” (Galatians 2:20, nasb).

“For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory” (Colossians 3:3–4).

The great reformer Martin Luther once said, “The moment I consider Christ and myself as two, I am gone.” What do you think he meant by this? Why is a believer’s union with Christ so important?

New Desires (and New Struggles)

6. Consider these two statements from the apostle Paul:

“So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God’s law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me” (Romans 7:21–23).

“For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh” (Galatians 5:17).

In 2 Corinthians 5:17, Paul said believers in Christ are brand new creations. If that’s true, why do we still have evil desires in us?

New Power

7. Choose an area of your life with which you are experiencing some difficulty (your marriage, a tough family situation, a broken friendship, a struggle with temptation or addiction, a need to forgive someone, etc.). Now read and consider these two passages:

Ephesians 3:16 says, "I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being"

Second Peter 1:3 promises, "His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness."

How can the prayer and the promise in the verses above help you with the problem situation you chose?
