

THE WHOLE TRUTH ABOUT SALVATION

Getting Crystal Clear About Salvation

The <u>Problem</u> (the Kingdom marred):

Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that **it was very** good!... Genesis 1:31 (NLT)

When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. Romans 5:12 (NLT)

Against its will, **all creation** was subjected to God's curse...For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. **Romans 8:20, 22 (NLT)**

The Contrast of two **natures** - A Holy God and a sinful man and world.

The **Provision** (the instrument of restoration):

For God so loved **the world** that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. John 3:16-17 (NIV)**

...For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and His gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ. **Romans 5:15 (NLT)**

Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. **Romans 8:20-21 (NLT)**

The <u>Process</u> (how salvation works):

Starts with our past - I was saved from the penalty of sin.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:9 (NIV)**

It works in our present - I am being saved from the power of sin.

Therefore, my dear friends...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, **Philippians 2:12 (NIV)**

It finishes in our <u>future</u> - I will be saved from the <u>presence</u> of sin.

"But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne..."Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world." Matt. 25:31-34 (NLT)

The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. 1 Cor. 15:26 (NLT)

The Application:

"...Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!" Mark 1:15 (NLT)

Admit... Believe... Commit...

Going deeper on your own. On the top of a sheet of paper, make two columns. At the top of one column write "The consequence of sinful nature" and the other "The benefits of salvation; a spirit lead nature." Ask the Lord to teach you as you read His word, then open your Bible to Romans chapter 8. Read it aloud very slowly and fill in the first column. Now read it again filling in the second column. Look at each column and place a checkmark next to each item you have already experienced. Now read Romans 8:31-39 aloud and finish by praising Him for what our future holds.