

Defending Your Faith!

**Session 8-Salvation: Why God Did What He Did
Atonement ~ Forgiveness ~ Sin**

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I Peter 3:15, "but in your hearts reverence Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence;"

How does the principle of Salvation equip the believer to Defend and Share his or her faith?

To this point in this study we have been blessed and led by very competent, capable, connoisseurs in the matter of the word of God, and as they have opened and exposed us to the possible ANGLES we may confront from non-believers about our faith, we have scrutinized SOVEREIGNTY, SCRIPTURE, The SON as SAVIOR, and now SALVATION for this week and next. Our final topic will be SPIRIT.

I. The Doctrine of Salvation

SALVATION is deliverance from the power and effects of sin;
it is liberation from ignorance or illusion;
it is a protection (safeguard, defense) from destruction or failure;
It is deliverance from danger or difficulty;
It is rescue.

What is the Christian doctrine of salvation?"

Salvation is deliverance from danger or suffering and carries the idea of victory, health, or preservation.

What is the way to Salvation? To gain salvation, you must exercise faith in Jesus and demonstrate that faith by obeying his commands. — Acts 4: 10, 12; Romans 10: 9, 10; Hebrews 5:9. The Bible shows that you must have acts of obedience, to prove that your faith is alive.

What did God do to make it possible for humankind (you and me) to be restored to Him once sin entered the world; and, if we believe that, how do we share those beliefs with another?

How will our knowing and applying this salvific action equip us to Defend Our Faith?

Salvation begins with God's Sovereignty, is foretold in the Scripture, is carried out by the Son to provide a way back into the original plan of covenantal relationship, and is aided by the Spirit, which we will hear more about next week. God allowed His Son to pay the price to redeem us back.

So what is it that will help you and me be motivated and convicted? I want to suggest that in order to effectively Defend our Faith-Salvation and its' factors, Atonement, Forgiveness, and Sin, must be part of this Restorative Process.

In other words, until we grasp hold of the WHY, we will have difficulty with what and how!

A Restorative Process includes:

Knowing the events and the story leading up to and beyond the need for Salvation.

Obtain the facts and details of Salvation firmly fixed in our mind.

Move from childhood Sunday school mindsets to mature experiences that are part of our own faith walk.

Examine life's proofs, the biblical texts, and the empirical evidence

Test the conclusions from one's own journey.

Develop a defensible and irrefutable conclusion that depicts why you believe what you believe.

Perceive sharing your faith as important as loving your neighbor, praying for another, and forgiving an offense, etc.

Witness with confidence

Put the burden of proof onto those who attempt to disprove what you know to be true.

II. Atonement (at-one-ment)

Words or concepts are associated with Atonement? Amends, compensation, apology.

What are the opposite words and concepts of Atonement?

Atonement is the act or path **to** Salvation for all God's children.

Jesus is the author of substitution. (If one is designated to bring about substitution, one would need to be perfect.) As the author, as the original, as the first of something never recorded before, one is the pioneer or founder, (Acts 3:15).

Atonement is the reconciliation of God and humankind (you and me) through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ.

Atonement is to make amends: to provide or serve as reparation or compensation for something bad or unwelcome.

Romans 3:25

God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished (NIV)

Hebrews 2:17

For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. (NIV)

Hebrews 9:5

Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover. But we cannot discuss these things in detail now.(NIV)

Ex. 25:17,

EX 30:10,

Lev. 17:11

Lev. 23:27

Num. 25:13

Rom. 3:25

Heb. 2:17

III. Forgiveness

The word “forgive” means to wipe the slate clean, to pardon, to cancel a debt. When we wrong someone, we seek his or her forgiveness in order for the relationship to be restored. It is important to remember that forgiveness is not granted because a person deserves to be forgiven.

Forgiveness is releasing the other from blame, leaving the event in God's hands, and moving on. We may resume a relationship with the person if we had one, or we may not if one did not exist before.

Forgiveness is part of a mutual relationship; the other part is the repentance of the offender. God does not forgive without repentance, nor is it required of man. The effect of forgiveness is to restore to its former state the relationship, which was broken by sin. Such a restoration requires the cooperation of both parties.

IV> Sin

An offense against religious or moral law; an action that is, or is, felt to be highly reprehensible; an often serious shortcoming; a transgression of the law of God; to make faulty or defective, or ineffective a state of human nature in which self is alienated, no longer close or affectionate with God.

SCRIPTURE

FORGIVENESS

JESUS, THE CHRIST » "IN HIS NAME." » **Forgiveness of sins (Luke 24:47; Acts 10:43; 1 John 2:12)**JUSTIFICATION » KINDRED SUBJECTS TO » See **FORGIVENESS**JUSTIFICATION » KINDRED SUBJECTS TO » See **SIN, FORGIVENESS OF PARDON » OF SIN » See SIN, FORGIVENESS OF PENITENT » PROMISES TO » See FORGIVENESS**RELIGION » TRUE » See **SIN, FORGIVENESS OF REPENTANCE » UNCLASSIFIED SCRIPTURES RELATING TO » See SIN, FORGIVENESS OF SALVATION » PLAN OF » See SIN, FORGIVENESS OF SANCTIFICATION » UNCLASSIFIED SCRIPTURES RELATING TO » See SIN, FORGIVENESS OF**

SIN

JESUS, THE CHRIST » **POWER OF, TO FORGIVE SINS (Matthew 9:2,6; Mark 2:5,10; Luke 5:20,24;7:47-50; Acts 5:31)**

ATONEMENT

PROPIITIATION » See **ATONEMENT** REGENERATION » See **ATONEMENT**SYMBOLS AND SIMILITUDES » **Passover, of the sparing of the firstborn, and of the atonement made by Christ (Exodus 12:3-28; 1 Corinthians 5:7)**TRUMPET » **On the great day of atonement (Isaiah 27:13)**ARK » IN THE TABERNACLE. Called THE ARK » **Ceremonies connected with, on the day of atonement (Leviticus 16:13-15)**BLOOD » OF CHRIST » See **ATONEMENT**CYMBAL » Used on special occasions » **Day of atonement (2 Chronicles 29:25)**JESUS, THE CHRIST » DESIGN OF HIS DEATH » See **ATONEMENT**

SALVATION

GOSPEL » Called » **GOSPEL OF SALVATION (Ephesians 1:13)** GOSPEL » Called » **WORD OF SALVATION (Acts 13:26)**JESUS, THE CHRIST » "IN HIS NAME." » **Salvation (Acts 4:12;10:43)** JESUS, THE CHRIST » FAITH IN » See **SALVATION, CONDITIONS OF** JESUS, THE CHRIST » NAMES, APPELLATIONS, AND TITLES OF » **Captain of Salvation (Hebrews 2:10)**JESUS, THE CHRIST » NAMES, APPELLATIONS, AND TITLES OF » **Horn of salvation (Luke 1:69)**JESUS, THE CHRIST » NAMES, APPELLATIONS, AND TITLES OF » **Salvation (Luke 2:30)**MYSTERIES » OF REDEMPTION » See **SALVATION, PLAN OF**

RESOURCES

RIGHT NOW MEDIA
BIBLE GATEWAY
AMAZON.COM
NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE

www.gotquestions.org/Christian-doctrine-salvation.html
www.jw.org/en/bible-teachings/questions/what-is-salvation

SELECTED REFERENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

DVD-

THE UNSHAKEABLE TRUTH, JOSH AND SEAN MCDOWELL, RIGHT NOW MEDIA
ORGANIC OUTREACH, KEVIN G. HARNEY, ZONDERVAN, AMAZON.COM
THE ONE ANOTHER, TONY EVANS, RIGHT NOW MEDIA
Ps 51, R C SPROUL, RIGHT NOW MEDIA
APOLOGETICS, MATT CHANDLER, RIGHT NOW MEDIA

Viewing, Volunteering, Visioning 15 minutes)

- 1. Gather in a group of no more than five. Choose one member to report to the larger assembly.**
- 2. Pray.**
- 3. Only work on the question assigned to your group.**
- 4. Choose one member of your group to report to the larger assembly.**
- 5. Use the standing microphones.**

Question # 1

TO BE EFFECTIVE YOU HAVE TO BE GOOD AT SHARING THE GOSPEL

I Cor 1:26-31; Is. 8:10-13; 2 Cor 12:1-10

Question # 2

EVERYTHING IN YOUR OWN LIFE HAS TO BE TOGETHER

Phil. 1:6; I Cor 2:6-15; Amos 8:33; Heb 9:12

Question # 3

THE ONLY WAY TO GET SOMEONE SAVED IS TO INVITE THEM TO CHURCH

Rms. 15:13-19; Acts 1:7-8; Luke 4:23; 2 Cor 5:18-20

QUESTION #4

YOU HAVE TO MAKE THE GOSPEL SOUND GOOD

Rms. 6:20-23; 2 TIM 4:2-4; 1John 4:1-6; John6:44

QUESTIONS #5

YOU MUST WAIT FOR A PARTICULAR SEASON, OR SAYING, OR SYSTEM TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.

JOHN 4:35-38; I cor. 3:5-11