

Lessons in Salvation -- Lesson 1

Introduction:

The word "gospel" means good news of salvation. We want to understand that. Before we can fully appreciate good news, we have to understand the bad news. Why do we need salvation? From what are we saved?

Read these passages at least five times then answer the questions as best you can:

⁵ Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. (Gen 6:5 NKJ)

⁹ "The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? (Jer 17:9 NKJ)

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Rom 3:23 NKJ)

Questions:

From where did the great wickedness on the earth come?

What do the words "every intent of the thoughts of his heart" tell us about man?

How would you define "heart"?

What is the most deceitful thing on the earth?

How many people have sinned?

From what does sin cause us to fall short of? Why is that important?

How does the culture's view of man differ from the Biblical view of man? The culture says, "Down deep all men are _____."

The culture says that my problems are caused by _____.

How has the culture's view of man affected you personally?

In the next lesson we will talk about the good news of salvation.