

12 Things That Save You

Discipleship is a Relationship

1. With God
2. With Family
3. With the Church
4. With the Lost

Suggested Memory Verses

Ephesians 2:8-10 1 Corinthians 1:18 Titus 3:4-7
 1 Corinthians 1:21 Mark 16:15-16 Acts 2:38
 Romans 10:9-10 Romans 10:13-14 1 Peter 3:21
 Acts 2:42 Romans 8:24-25 Romans 8:35-38

Purpose: To show someone what the Bible teaches about God's plan to save mankind and to teach what roles God and man play in salvation.

God's Part In Salvation

A. GRACE OF GOD

1. According to 1 Corinthians 1:4, where is the grace of God found?
2. Can anyone be saved without the grace of God? (Ephesians 2:8)
3. Why is God's grace necessary in His plan for saving man?
4. Read Titus 2:11-14. Do you think that God extends grace to man to allow him to continue in sin or to help man *overcome* sin in his life? Explain your answer.

B. JESUS' DEATH ON THE CROSS

1. True or False? If I sincerely believe in God, with all my heart, then the loving and gracious God will save me even if I don't believe in Jesus. (Acts 4:12, John 14:6)
2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. What important role did Jesus' death on the cross fill in God's plan for redeeming man?

C. GOD'S MERCY

1. It was by God's mercy that we received a blessing we did not deserve. What was the blessing according to Romans 3:23 and Titus 3:4-7?
2. Read Titus 3:5. What provisions does God make for man that we might know His mercy? (2 things)
3. Why is God's mercy necessary in His plan for saving man?

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D. HEARING THE GOSPEL PREACHED

1. True or False? If we want to get to know God and His will better, we need to read all the information man has written about God that we can find. (1 Corinthians 1:21)
2. What role does Gospel preaching play in God's plan for redeeming man? (Romans 10:14-15, 1 Corinthians 1:21)
3. Just listening to the Gospel with our ears can NOT save us! What 2 things must a hearer of the Gospel DO according to 1 Corinthians 15:1-2, so that our belief is not in vain?

Review God's role in salvation:

1. God provided His saving grace. (Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:8)
2. God provided the sacrifice of His Son on the cross. (John 3:16, 2 Corinthians 5:21)
3. God provided His mercy that we might not get what we deserve. (Romans 6:23)
4. God provided the Bible and its Gospel so that man can know and understand His will and how to be saved. (Romans 10:17; 16:25-27; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

NOTE: When it comes to the salvation of *any* man, God does all the things we can never do, but He requires us to respond to His Gospel. We must BELIEVE the message, RECEIVE the message, and CLEAVE to the message. Man must respond to God and His works if man wants to be saved by God and His works. (1 Corinthians 1:21; 15:1-2)

Therefore, the next eight things that we will survey in God's word will account for man's response to the previous four things God has done for us.

Man's response in God's plan for saving man.

A. FAITH

1. Read Romans 10:17. How does man develop faith in God and His message, His will?
2. Read Ephesians 2:8. In this verse, we learn that grace and faith are connected to salvation.
3. By whose grace are we saved?
4. Whose faith does God use to save a man?
5. Read John 3:16-18, 1 Corinthians 1:21, Hebrews 11:6, and James 1:22. What role does faith play in God's plan for saving man?
6. True or False? True Bible faith is always passive and never active. (James 2:14-23)
7. True or False? James 2:24 plainly teaches that man is saved by faith alone.

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B. REPENTANCE

1. True or False? Because of God's great mercy it is not necessary for man to truly repent of his sin. (Luke 13:3, Acts 2:38; 26:20, James 1:22)
2. Read 2 Timothy 2:25-26. What is the preaching and teaching of God's word able to do?
3. What role does man's repentance play in God's plan for saving man? (Luke 13:5, Acts 2:38; 3:19)
4. True or False? Repentance involves a genuine turning toward God and turning away from Satan and sin.

C. CONFESSING JESUS AS LORD

1. What two things must Christians believe and never be ashamed to confess? (Romans 10:9)
2. What does Matthew 10:33 mean when it says, "But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven."?
3. Why do you think God would require a believer to confess "Jesus is Lord" as part of His plan for saving man? (Romans 10:9)

D. CALLING ON THE NAME OF THE LORD

1. Read Romans 10:13-14; Acts 2:21; Acts 22:16. Scripture is plain. "Calling on the name of the Lord," is part of God's plan for saving man.
2. Read Matthew 7:21 and James 2:19. Based on these verses do you think "calling on the name of the Lord" refers to a sinner's verbal assertion of belief in Jesus or a sinner's personal request to God for salvation apart from obedience to other Scriptures? Explain your answer.
3. We cannot be saved by LESS than "calling on the name of the Lord," but the Bible does teach there is MORE.
4. Consider 1 Corinthians 1:11-13. Whose name does Paul connect and want others to connect to a convert's immersion?
5. Read Acts 22:16 again, carefully. Can baptism for the forgiveness of sins and "calling on the name of the Lord" be separated?
6. What role does calling on the name of the Lord play in God's plan for saving man?

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E. BAPTISM

1. What two blessings did the people receive in Acts 2:38 when they repented and were baptized?
2. How many accepted Peter's message of repentance and baptism on that day in Acts 2:41?
3. True or False? Although only 3,000 obeyed Peter's message in Acts 2:41, all those who heard the message were added to God's number that day.
4. What role does baptism play in God's plan for saving man?

F. STEADFAST LIVING FOR JESUS

1. Answer this multiple choice question after reading Acts 2:42. The Christians in this verse...
 - a) started to come to church services when they had time
 - b) found a church that did not put so much emphasis on the Bible and Bible study
 - c) would come to church services 10 minutes late and leave immediately after closing prayer to help visitors avoid congestion in the foyer and parking lot
 - d) believed that spending time with the Lord, His word, and His people would be a top priority in their new life in Christ
2. Read 1 Timothy 4:16. What role does steadfast living for Jesus have in God's plan for saving man?
3. True or False? The Bible teaches that Christians are often not steadfast because most of the service we do for the Lord is unappreciated and in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

G. HOPE

1. Read Romans 15:4. How can the Bible help us develop hope?
2. What is the Christian's hope in, according to 1 Thessalonians 5:8?
3. True or False? Genuine hope is not wishful thinking, but a firm assurance about things unseen and still in the future. (Romans 8:24-25)
4. Read Titus 2:11-14. What is "the blessed hope" a Christian is waiting for? (verse 13) What role does hope play in God's plan for saving man?

H. DENY SELF

1. Read John 3:30. On a scale of 1-10 (1 being least, 10 being greatest) how would you score your progress when it comes to denying self and putting Christ first in your life?
2. Read Luke 9:23. What must we do if we are to follow Jesus?
3. What is the role of denying self in God's plan for saving man? (Mark 8:34-37, Philippians 2:3-4)

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CONCLUSION

1. Only Jesus Christ can save people. (Acts 4:12)
2. Jesus is the author of our salvation. (Hebrews 5:9)
3. Without God's grace and mercy we cannot be saved. (Titus 3:5, Ephesians 2:8)
4. God revealed His will through the Gospel and without the Gospel of Christ we cannot be saved. (1 Corinthians 1:21, 2 Peter 1:20-21)

Man must respond to God with...

1. His own faith (Romans 10:17)
2. His own repentance (Luke 13:3)
3. His own confession of faith (Matthew 10:32, Romans 10:9)
4. His own calling (Romans 10:13)
5. His own baptism (Acts 2:38, Colossians 2:12, 1 Peter 3:21)
6. His own steadfast living for Christ (Acts 2:42)
7. His own hope (Titus 2:11-14)
8. His own denial of himself (Luke 9:23)