

SALVATION - CHRISTIAN DEFINITIONS

Using theological terms:

We are sinners who have received forgiveness from God. In mercy, Christ became the propitiation for our sins because we needed to be reconciled to God. Christ substituted His life for ours through the process of redemption so we could have salvation. By grace, through faith we are righteous before God because we have been justified by Christ's death on the cross. We have been adopted by God and sanctified because our lives have been regenerated, which was made possible by the love, grace and mercy of Jesus Christ the Lord of our lives and Savior from our sins.

Definitions

- Sinners: violators of the law of God
- Forgiveness: grant pardon for an offense (I John 1:7)
- Mercy: to withhold judgment that is deserved (Rom 9:18, 1 Tim 1:13)
- Propitiation: sacrifice that satisfies God (Heb 2:17, 1 John 2:2, 4:10)
- Reconciliation: to be united after a separation (2 Cor 5, Rom 5:10, Col 1:20-21)
- Substitution: to take the place of (John 15:13, Rom 5:6-8, Heb 2:9, Tit 2:14, 1 Tim
- Redemption: liberate someone from captivity by paying a ransom (Matt 20:28)
- Salvation: saved from the consequences of our sins (John 3:16-18)
- Grace: the gift of God; to be treated in a way that we don't deserve (Eph 2:8-9)
- Faith: to believe, rely upon, be loyal to, trust
- Righteous: declared to be right before God, the Judge
- Justified: to be made righteous, declared innocent or blameless (Rom 3:20-22, 26)
- Adoption: take or receive as one's own child (Eph 1:5)
- Sanctification: make holy, purify, set apart (1 Cor 6:11)
- Regeneration: make over completely to a better state (2 Cor 5:17)
- Lord: Master
- Savior: Rescuer
- Sin: a violation of the law of God

Without using theological terms

We are violators of the law of God who have received a pardon for our offenses from God. Withholding judgment, Christ became the sacrifice that satisfies God for our sins because we needed to be united after a separation from God. Christ took our place with His life through the process of liberating us from captivity by paying the ransom so we could be saved from the consequences of our sins. By the gift of God, through believing, relying upon, being loyal to and trusting Him, we are pure and holy, without blame before God because we are declared to be right before God, the Judge by Christ. We have been received as His own child by God and made holy, purified, set apart because our lives have been changed completely to a better state, which was made possible by the love, grace and mercy of Jesus Christ the Master of our lives and Rescuer from our violations against the law of God.

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