

Salvation and the Spirit

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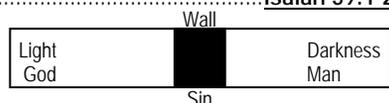
Introduction

Review that true, saving faith involves hearing, believing and obeying the Bible

- Disciples are called out of darkness into light [1 Peter 2:9-10](#)
- Not Saved/Not a Disciple/Non-Christian = Darkness/Not God's people/No Mercy
 - Saved/Christian/Disciple = Light, People of God, Mercy
- Every person is either saved or lost. There is no twilight zone. Where are you?

Lost

- Sin separates us from God [Isaiah 59:1-2](#)
- In order for a man to have a relationship with God the wall must be broken down, sin must be forgiven
- The point in time sin is forgiven is when a person is saved
- Everyone has sinned and is equally lost [Romans 3:23-25](#)
 - A good moral life does not save you. You cannot earn your salvation by making up for sins with good deeds
 - Faith in the blood of Jesus saves you
- What is the eternal consequence of sin? Death [Romans 6:23](#)
- God is serious about sin, because it separates us from him
- **Sin is serious, so it is important to get a clear picture of what is sin**
 - Sins of Commission [Galatians 5:19-21](#)
 - Sins of Omission [James 4:17](#)
 - Sins of the Heart [Mark 7:20-23](#)
- Suggest writing a personal journal to better understand one's sinful nature

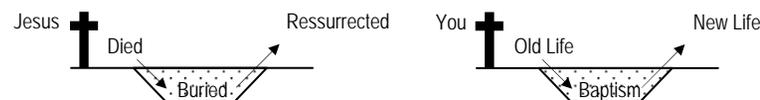


Salvation

- Born again (v. 3), born of water and spirit (v. 5), born again (v. 7) [John 3:1-7](#)
 - Personal decision as an adult
- What message must one **HEAR** and **BELIEVE** to be saved? [Acts 2:22-24, 36](#)
 - Jesus is from God (v. 22)
 - Everyone is responsible for the crucifixion of Christ (v. 23, 36).
 - All have sinned
 - Jesus raised physically from the dead (v. 24)
 - Jesus is Lord and Christ (v. 36)
- Response of people [Acts 2:37](#)
 - Cut to the heart: What shall we do?
- Once the people **HEAR** and **BELIEVE**, what do they do? [Acts 2:38-42](#)
 - **REPENT** (Greek = to turn after feeling "cut to the heart")
 - **BE BAPTIZED** (Greek = to be immersed)

BAPTISM

- Baptism is the sharing (a participation) in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ (more than just a symbol) [Romans 6:1-4](#)



- The point in time people are saved is when their sins are forgiven
- Holy Spirit given to each who responded, power to live as God commands

The Spirit

- The **indwelling** Holy Spirit is received at baptism (Acts 2:38)
- The Spirit is in us after baptism [John 14:16-17](#)
 - The Spirit can be 'with' you, but the Spirit is not 'in' you until after baptism
- The Spirit keeps our hearts and consciences convicted about sin [John 16:5-13](#)
- We live by the Spirit, not by the sinful nature [Romans 8:5-8](#)
 - Living by our sinful nature is against living by the Spirit
 - Living by the Spirit, is **not** living by our own emotions, opinions or desires
- The Spirit we receive at baptism is the Spirit of Christ [Romans 8:9](#)
- The Spirit calls us to be like Jesus: "...Christ is in you" [Romans 8:10](#)
 - What would Jesus think, feel, perceive and do? Disciples live by a higher call, the general principle: **What would be in the Spirit of Christ?**
- By the Spirit, we have the power of the resurrection in us! [Romans 8:11](#)
- We need to be led by the Spirit, not our sinful nature [Romans 8:12-14](#)
- We have the Spirit of sonship to present us as God's children [Romans 8:15-17](#)
- ◆ The Word is the sword of the Spirit [Ephesians 6:17](#)
 - Living by the Spirit means living by God's Word
- ◆ The Holy Spirit transforms us with increasing glory [2 Corinthians 3:17-18](#)
- After baptism, we are defined by Christ, not our sinful nature [Galatians 3:26-27](#)
- We have the Spirit of Christ in our hearts [Galatians 4:6-7](#)
- With the Spirit in our hearts, we truly desire righteousness [Galatians 5:16-17](#)
- We crucify the sinful nature in order to live by the Spirit [Galatians 5:19-21, 24](#)
- Living by the Spirit is never against living by God's law [Galatians 5:22-26](#)
 - Keeping in step with the Spirit produces the fruit of the Spirit, love, joy, etc.

Plan of Salvation Review (also preview "Baptism and False Doctrines" study)

- **HEAR** (Romans 10:17)
- **BELIEVE** (Romans 10:9 Hebrews 11:6)
- **REPENT** (Acts 2:38, Luke 13:3)
- **CONFESS JESUS IS LORD OR BE A DISCIPLE**
(Romans 10:9, 1 Timothy 6:12, Matthew 7:21-23, Matthew 28:18-20)
- **BE BAPTIZED** (Acts 2:38, 1 Peter 3:21)