

What is Salvation? #1

Ascent

Spring Session, Lesson 3

Introduction/Review

Anthropology (Study of Mankind), leads to...

... Hamartiology (Study of Sin), which leads to ...

... Soteriology (Study of Salvation)

Definition: God's amazing rescue mission

The Old Testament sets the stage

Genesis 3:15, the Protoevangelium, the "He"

Genesis 22, the near-sacrifice of Isaac

Exodus 12, the Passover Lamb

Leviticus 16, the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)

Jeremiah 31:31-34, the New Covenant

In the New Testament, Jesus fulfills it all!

Scriptural terms that explain salvation

Grace – God's unmerited favor bestowed on the one who trusts Jesus for salvation.

Common grace

Special grace

Atonement: What was Jesus doing on the cross?

The Ransom to Satan theory

The Moral Influence theory

The Christus Victor theory

The Penal Substitution theory

Propitiation – salvation through the eyes of a priest

Definition: The act of divine love whereby Jesus, by His voluntary sacrifice, accomplishes the complete satisfaction of God's wrath against sin and the sinner.

Redemption – salvation through the eyes of a slave

Definition: God's purchase of believers from the slave market of sin.

Adoption – salvation through the eyes of an orphan

Definition: The legal act whereby God brings the believer into His family, granting all of the privileges due to a natural child.

Inheritance – salvation through the eyes of an heir

Reconciliation – salvation through the eyes of the estranged

Definition: The removal of the alienating barrier of sin that separates God from mankind, and the restoration of relationship with those who follow Jesus.

Justification – salvation through the eyes of a judge

Definition: The judicial declaration by God that the believer is as righteous as Christ Himself, since Christ's righteousness has been credited to the sinner's account.

Digging Deeper:

"Soteriology" <https://bible.org/article/soteriology-doctrine-salvation>

"Questions about salvation" <https://carm.org/questions-about-salvation>