



## Important Questions Pt 3: Do You Really Understand Salvation? CRCC Bible Study, Thursday June 15, 2017

Is there a more important question? Some recent events have prompted the question tonight. So under the heading of the title question, I'd like to walk you through the Scriptures in an attempt to answer four sub-questions:

- First, what is the Gospel?
- Second, how is one saved?
- Third, how do the saved manifest their salvation?
- Fourth, what is the end of salvation?

### **What is the Gospel?**

- One of the clearest statements of the Gospel in the NT: 1 Cor 15:1-4
- Another: 1 Pet 2:21-25

### **Our Gospel Statement...an attempt to achieve clarity:**

*Jesus Christ, the Son of God and God the Son, came to this earth through the virgin Mary, revealed the truths of God, lived the perfect life in our place, died on the cross to pay the penalty of sin that we might be brought into relationship with God. He rose again on the third day, and gives eternal life to those He has called, who believe in Him by His grace and through faith. Those who reject Him will spend eternity apart from Him in Hell. At a future date, He will return to complete the restoration of God's creation.*

- For more, review this recent message:

<https://www.crcchesapeake.org/sermons/2017/4/reading-ephesians-together-pt-3-the-unsearchable-riches-of-christ?rq=riches>

- Also, see *The Playbook* Chapter 4: *Reclaim the Gospel*

### **How is one saved?**

- Let's quickly move through the just the Gospels: Mark 1:15, John 1:12-13, John 3:15, John 3:16, John 3:18, John 3:36, John 5:24, John 6:35, John 6:40, John 6:47, John 7:38-39, John 11:25-26, John 20:31
- Salvation is by FAITH alone...through GRACE alone: Eph 2:8-9, Acts 16:31, Rom 10:9-10
- Why do some teach that other things are needed for salvation? Because, in my opinion, they misunderstand Scripture. Let's take Acts 2:38 as an example.

The preposition "for" can mean many things. The Webster's 1828 dictionary lists 31 definitions! Here, it means "because of or on account of" the remission of sins. Be wary of those who say it means "in order to obtain" the remission of sins, which contradicts the biblical truth that salvation is by grace through faith alone. For example, if your boss says "I'm giving you a raise FOR your performance," is he saying you are getting the raise "in order to get" your performance? Or is he saying you are getting the raise "because of" or "on account of" your performance? Obviously the latter!"

- The rest of the NT teaches the same thing: salvation by grace through faith.

**How do the saved manifest their salvation?**

- By joyful obedience to the imperatives of Scripture. Works don't save but the saved work! Jam 2:14, 17; 1 Pet 1:15-16; John 14:15; 1 John 2:3-6
- And SO many more passages. A true believer will manifest a love-based, humble obedience.

**What is the end of salvation?**

- 1 Thess 4:13-18; Rev 21:1-7! Praise the Lord! :)