

BIG WORDS

Word 1: Salvation
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sal·va·tion |sal' vā sh ən|

noun Theology

Our spiritual rescue from the power and penalty of sin.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast.
— *Ephesians 2:8-9*

Salvation is...

By grace

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. — *John 3:17*

Through faith

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. — *1 Peter 1:8-9*

Not from ourselves

It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. He is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone. Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." — *Acts 4:10b-12*

A gift from God

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. — *Romans 6:23*

Not by works

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. — *Titus 3:4-5a*

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Salvation is the theme of heaven.

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." – *Revelation 7:9-10*

Salvation is God's hope for everyone.

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. – *2 Peter 3:9*

Next Steps

Attend Alpha: A Practical Introduction to Christianity starting this Monday evening, April 19 (full details on back of today's program). Alpha gives you a full picture of who God is, why Jesus had to die, and what God's plan is to help you live life on planet earth. Our goal at Alpha is for everyone to feel comfortable enough to ask any question and talk about things that are really important. Plus you get free dinner!

Para información en español, regístrate en el centro de conexión o llama por teléfono a Wendy 733-1337 x212.

On Your Way Home

Count the number of things you see that are designed to save you. For example, guard rails, speed limits signs, air bags, etc. What are they saving you from?

Small Group Discussion Questions



- 1) What is the biggest word that you use regularly? What does it mean?
- 2) What is the first thing you think of when you heard the word salvation?
- 3) Have you ever saved someone's life or been saved by someone else? What happened?
- 4) If we are saved by grace and not by works, what is the point of doing good things? Toss around some thoughts then read Ephesians 2:10 for guidance.
- 5) If someone asked you how to be saved, what would you say? Can you back it up from scripture?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?