

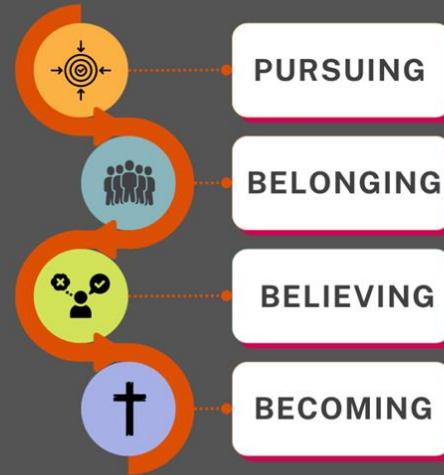
SALVATION & ME

Christian Knowledge & Living

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MY NEXT STEPS



PURSUIT CHURCH

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Growth in Christ

Christian Knowledge

This is about knowing what God has revealed to us about who he is and what is important to him and how he revealed himself in Jesus Christ.

Christian Living

This is about how we are to respond to God's presence in our lives. How to know him, pray, use his word, and worship him

Christian Training

This is about the how to's: How can I share the gospel with others?; How can I be hospitable? The answers to these questions will change as culture changes, but, we need to "be prepared to make a defense for the hope that is us" when God gives the opportunity.

Christian Serving

This is about serving and doing and practicing what we have learned. It is about how do we work together in the church to do God's will.

Starter Questions

- How am I saved?
- What happens when I am saved?

How am I saved?

- God elects (predestines) us in Christ:
 - ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ **even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and blameless before him. **In love ⁵ he predestined us^[b] for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,** ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:3-6 ESV

How am I saved?

- God makes those He has elected alive in Christ (regeneration):
 - **And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked**, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body^[a] and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.^[b] ⁴**But^[c] God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.** ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2: 1-10 ESV

How am I saved?

- God calls the elect to receive Christ through the proclamation of the gospel (effectual calling):
 - For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ **And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.**

Romans 8:29-30 ESV

- But you are a **chosen race**, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who **called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

1 Peter 2:9 ESV

In Summary

- God chooses us in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world to be saved
- Those whom God has chosen; He makes alive in Christ Jesus
- God calls all who are to believe in Him through the proclamation of the gospel
- We respond to this gift of God through obedience and repentance (our responsibility)
 - **For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**

Ephesians 2:8-10 ESV

What happens when I am saved?

- We are declared righteous before the Father by faith alone (justification):
 - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ **and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,** ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, **to be received by faith.**

Romans 3:23-25 ESV

- **For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.**

Romans 3:28 ESV

- Therefore, **since we have been justified by faith,** we^[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1 ESV

What happens when I am saved?

- We are adopted into the family of God:

- But to **all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,**¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, **but of God.**

John 1:12-13 ESV

- **See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.** The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

1 John 3:1 ESV

- **For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.**³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Romans 8:29-30 ESV

What happens when I am saved?

- God begins a process in our lives of conforming us into the likeness of Jesus (sanctification):
 - For those whom he foreknew he also predestined **to be conformed to the image of his Son**, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Romans 8:29 ESV

- And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, ^[e] **are being transformed into the same image** from one degree of glory to another. ^[f] For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV

- Therefore, my beloved, **as you have always obeyed**, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.**

Philippians 2:12-13 ESV

What happens when I am saved?

- We have a blessed assurance that God will preserve us and keep us in Him (perseverance of the saints):
 - I give them eternal life, **and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.** ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, ^[a] is greater than all, **and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.**

John 10:28-29 ESV

- **And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.**

Philippians 1:6 ESV

- No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, **nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Romans 8:37-39 ESV

In Summary

- When we believe in and receive Christ, He justifies us; declaring us righteous (legally) before the Father
- When we believe in and receive Christ, we are adopted in the family of God as His sons and daughters
- When we believe in and receive Christ, God begins the process of sanctifying us and making us more like Jesus
- When we believe in and receive Christ, we have the promise that God will complete His work in us and preserve us until He calls us home
- **For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**

Ephesians 2:8-10 ESV

Discussion Questions

- How are we justified? What is the significance of this?
- If you are a Christian, how does it make you feel to be a part of God's family? What specific blessings come from this relationship?
- What is our role in sanctification? What is God's role? What are some specific ways in which you can walk in obedience to your sanctification in the coming week?
- What is the significance of perseverance of the saints? How does this influence how you live your life?



Upcoming Sessions!

11/10/24	10	Salvation and me	What happens when I am saved?	Christian Beliefs Ch 13-15	Bryan Rosenbaum
11/17/24	11	What is the church?	How do we live with other believers?	Christian Beliefs Ch 17	Steve Shenk
	12	Action Step			
11/24/24	13	Can I be sure that I am saved?	Having assurance of your salvation	Growing in Christ, Ch 1	Bryan Rosenbaum
12/1/24	14	Assurance of answered prayer	How to pray	Growing in Christ, Ch 2	Tony Guzman
12/8/24	15	Assurance of Victory	God promises to help	Growing in Christ, Ch 3	Isaac Tuckey