

Overview of the Bible (Lesson #10)

Today's topic: So Great a Salvation
Recommended Reading: Chapters 48 - 58 of Ryrie's *Basic Theology*

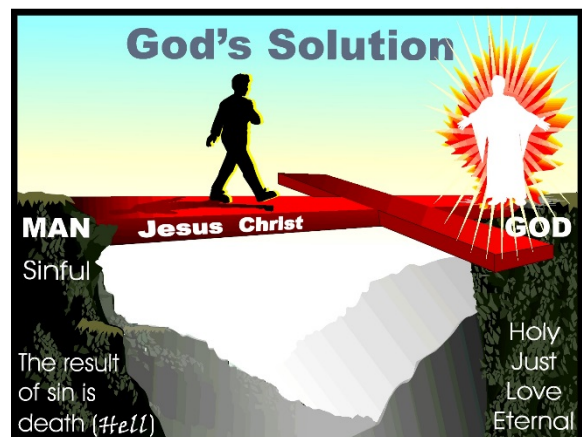
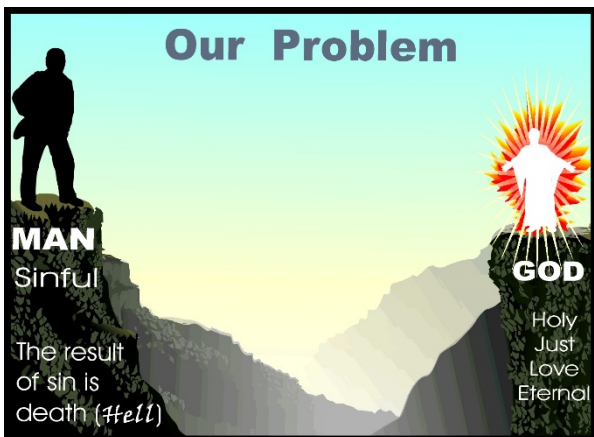
1. In today's study of our *Overview of the Bible* series we'll be in Lesson #8:

- Lesson #1: Basic overview and Authority of the Bible
- Lesson #2: A study of God and His Defining Attributes
- Lesson #3: The Bible: Inspired Word of God
- Lesson #4: Angels
- Lesson #5: The Devil
- Lesson #6: Demons
- Lesson #7: Mankind
- Lesson #8: Sin
- Lesson #9: Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior of the World
- **Lesson #10: Salvation overview (Justification, Sanctification, and Glorification)**
- Lesson #11: The Holy Spirit
- Lesson #12: The Church
- Lesson #13: End Time Prophecy
- Lesson #14: Wrapping it all up and putting it all together...

2. How does the "world" view salvation and what's required to have eternal life? Consider the average American in developing your answer.

*Of all the subjects we'll cover in this study, I would argue **salvation** is the most important of all. What we view about salvation impacts everything we think and do. When it comes to eternal life, we either believe we are "good enough" or we believe we are sinners in "need of a Savior".*

- ## 3. The *Romans Road* uses passages taken from the book of Romans to help us better understand how we can have a personal relationship with God through Jesus (see graphic on Page 3).
- a. God is holy and **we are all sinners**, so we are **separated from God** (Rom. 3:23).
 - b. God is just, we all will receive the **payment we deserve**, spiritual death (or Hell) (Rom. 6:23).
 - c. God is love so He sent His Son, Jesus, to **die in our place**. (Rom. 5:8).
 - d. The eternal God showed His power by raising His Son, Jesus from the dead, and **He will forgive us and give us eternal life** if we just **trust in His Son**, Jesus. (Romans 10:9, 10; John 3:16). — *like walking across a bridge.*



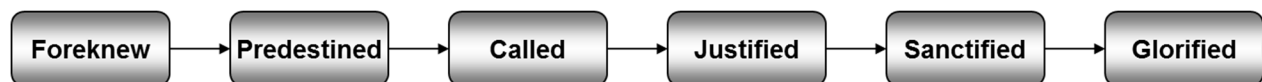
4. Most teaching on salvation does not distinguish between what can be called the “facets” (or phases) of salvation. Failing to make a distinction between these phases at best results in confusion when discussing salvation, while at worst creates a works-based salvation common among the cults.
 - a. Observe the graphic provided below and discuss what is presented.
 - b. Read the verses below and discuss how the three facets of salvation are presented.
 - i. Justification (Romans 5:1 and 8:33)
 - ii. Sanctification (2 Timothy 2:15-26)
 - iii. Glorification (John 12:12-16, Romans 8:30, 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12)



Figure 1: Understanding the three “facets” of Salvation

5. If you’re in church long enough with people who’ve studied the Bible, you’ll eventually get to the question – *Do we choose God or does God choose us?* While debates have raged for centuries and they will continue, I want to make sure we at least present some of the positions. The MAIN ISSUE that started the “famous” *Calvinism vs. Arminianism* debate was that of **Eternal Security**, discussed in Chapter 57 of Ryrie’s text. On page 381 Ryrie states, “Basically security is based on the grace of God and the fact that eternal life is a gift and it is eternal”. Read Ephesians 2:8-10.

The Salvation Continuum (Romans 8:28-33 | John 17:17,19)



6. So, what does this all mean for you and me? Here are the major take-aways for today:
 - a. What do you believe about salvation?
 - b. If you died today, where would you go?
 - c. If you’ve put your trust in Jesus, are you actively telling others about Him?

7. NEXT BIBLE STUDY: **Sunday, November 17**; we’ll study Section XI – *The Holy Spirit* (Chapters 59-68).

THE ROMANS ROAD

TO SALVATION

We are all sinners by nature and by choice.

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

We receive eternal life as a free gift!

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God demonstrated His love for us, His enemies.

Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

We must trust and surrender to Jesus as Lord.

Romans 10:9-10

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

A sinner's prayer for forgiveness

"Dear God, I know I'm a sinner. I know my sin deserves to be punished. I believe Christ is the Son of God, who died for me and rose from the grave. I want to turn from my sin and trust Jesus Christ alone as my Savior. Thank You for the forgiveness and everlasting life I can now have through faith in Jesus. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Our assurance of salvation through Jesus

Romans 10:13

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.



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