

The Gospel

Gospel-good news
For
UNBELIEVER

Under
Penalty of Sin

In need of
Salvation or deliverance

By God Alone

According to
Grace

FAITH ALONE

In the one sent by God for this purpose
His Son, Jesus Christ

Results in salvation or deliverance in:

Eternal Life
Regeneration
Eternal Satisfaction
In the Eternal Plan of God
Reconciled with God
Deliverance from the Power of Darkness
In the Love of God

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In the one sent by God for this purpose
His Spirit, the Holy Spirit

Results in salvation or deliverance in:

Spiritual Life
Rejuvenation of Spiritual Life
Temporal Satisfaction
In the Temporal Plan of God
In Fellowship with God
Walking in the Light
Loving as Jesus Christ Loves

The Gospel or Good News for **THE NON-CHRISTIAN**

Condition of the one who needs to be saved from the penalty of sin

The Bible tells us that the human race needs to be saved from the penalty of sin. You are said to be lost or condemned and separate from God. God tells us that **there is none righteous, not even one. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.** The Bible also reveals that there is nothing you can do to be saved from the penalty of sin. Your only hope is to completely depend upon God for His saving and grace.

The Gospel or Good News for **THE CHRISTIAN**

Condition of the one who needs to be saved from the power of sin

The Bible also tells us that the Christian needs to be delivered from the power of sin. This is because of the presence of the sin nature that remains a part of the Christian after salvation. When you sin, you are similar to when you were unsaved. You are in a state of unrighteousness, and therefore, not in fellowship with God. Even though you are now a Christian, you can do nothing to be delivered from the power of sin. Your only hope is to completely depend upon God for His saving power and Grace

The Non-Christian

God's Love Desires your Salvation
From The Penalty Of Sin

The non-Christian must be saved or delivered from the penalty of sin. You must have a personal relationship with God. However, there is nothing that you can do to make things right between you and God. But, God loves us and desires this relationship with each and every one of us, including you. He desires it so much that He provided the way for us to be saved.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that Whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.”
(John 3:16)

See also Mathew 18:14; Romans 5:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:9; and 1 Corinthians 15:22

The Christian

God's Love Desires Your Salvation
From The Power Of Sin

The Christian must also be saved or delivered from the power of sin that has temporarily separated him from God's power. Again, there is nothing that you can do to make things right between you and God. But God loves us and desires that we walk in His power. And, He has provided the way.

“...But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.”
(Galatians 5:16)

See also Romans 7:24 & 25; 1 John 1:3, 1:6; and Galatians 3:1-5

The Non-Christian

Salvation Is Of God Alone From The Penalty of Sin

Salvation must be of God alone. Every aspect of your salvation is beyond human power and strength. Because you are helpless under the penalty of sin, you cannot save or deliver yourself. You must depend totally upon God.

“For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”
(1 Corinthians 1:18)

See also Romans 1:16; Acts 4:12; Isaiah 43:11; 44:6-8; and 59:16.

The Christian

Salvation Is Of God Alone From The Power Of Sin

It is equally true that the Christian is helpless to deliver himself from the power of sin. Now that you are a Christian, every salvation is just as much a deliverance as when you were a non-Christian. You cannot save or deliver yourself from the power of sin anymore that you could save yourself from the penalty of sin. You must depend totally upon God.

“Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?”
(Romans 7:24)

See also Galatians 5:16; Philippians 2:13; and Romans 8:2.

Salvation Is Only By And Through The Cross From The Penalty Of Sin

God has already solved the problem of the penalty of sin by sending His Son to die on the Cross. Jesus Christ took upon Himself the Penalty of your sins so that God would be free to save you eternally. By Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, God is now free to save us.

“...and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.”
(1 Peter 2:24)

See also 2 Corinthians 5:14&15; Isaiah 53:4-5: and Romans 5:8-11

Salvation Is Only By And Through The Cross From The Power Of Sin

It is by the same pattern of salvation that God is free to deliver or save every Christian after he has committed personal sins. Jesus Christ has died for all sins – past, present and future. Because of this, God is now free to deliver you from the power of sin and to deliver you into His power.

“...knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, that our body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin;”
(Romans 6:6)

See also Romans 6:10, 8:2 & 3; 1 Peter 3:18; and 1 John 1:6.

The Non-Christian

Salvation Is By Grace Alone From The Penalty Of Sin

Since you as a non-Christian cannot do, say, or experience anything to save or deliver yourself, you must totally depend upon God's grace. Grace is God providing everything necessary without any merit or work from man.

‘For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.’ (Ephesians 2:8 &9)

See also Romans 6:23.

The Christian

Salvation Is By Grace Alone From The Power Of Sin

Again, since you as a Christian are rendered helpless due to personal sins, your salvation or deliverance from the power of sin must be by grace. It cannot be by anything you do, say, or experience while under the power of sin.

‘But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.’ (Romans 11:6)

See also 1 Corinthians 15:10, Romans 6:14, 7:24;
and 2 Corinthians 12:9.

The Non-Christian

Salvation Is By Faith Alone From The Penalty Of Sin

Salvation that will deliver you from the penalty of sin and reconcile you with God can only be a work of God. The only way you can receive what God has done for you is by your faith in the one whom God has sent – that is His Son, Jesus Christ. This salvation is yours by a simple act of faith in Jesus Christ.

“...knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ, and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified.” (Galatians 2:16)

See also Ephesians 2:8 & 9; Galatians 3:26; Acts 16:30 & 31; and John 6:29, 1:12.

The Christian

Salvation Is By Faith Alone From The Power Of Sin

Salvation or deliverance from the power of sin is equally a work of God. Again, the only response that the Christian who has sinned can have towards God to receive this deliverance is *faith* in the one whom God has sent – that is the Deliverer, the Holy Spirit. Non-Christians are not saved until they trust the Savior and Christians are not saved or delivered until they trust the Holy Spirit. God has made both of these salvations possible through the work of Jesus Christ on the cross. Salvation from the power of sin must be claimed by an act of faith.

See also Galatians 3:1-3; Romans 1:17; John 6:29; 1 Corinthians 2-5; and Romans 7 & 8.

Saved by it! Restored by it! Live by it!

Now that you are a Christian by faith in Jesus Christ, the Bible encourages you to live in same manner by which you were saved, that is by faith. Just as your faith in Jesus Christ freed Him to save you, so your faith in the Holy Spirit frees Him to pour into you the love of Christ and all the fruit of the Spirit. He will guide you. He will give you a righteous life. He will reveal the “truth” of the scriptures. And, He will transform you into the image of Christ. Therefore, the great battle in the life of the Christian is the battle of faith. As Paul said to Timothy...

“Fight the good fight of faith.”

(1 Timothy 6:12)