

**“For God so loved
the world”**

Salvation

John 3:16

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**For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only
Son, that whoever believes in
him shall not perish but have
eternal life.**

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“Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.”

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God’s Righteous Demands

Romans 3:21-26

21 But now a righteousness from God, apart from the law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

25 God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished — **26** he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

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“God required a sacrifice for sin, but He also demonstrated His mercy by providing that sacrifice for sin-the only sacrifice that would meet the demands of His justice. This sacrifice is what the Bible means by propitiation. Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection frame the great events through which He purchased our salvation.”

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Our Need

Isaiah 64:6

All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

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Jeremiah 17:9

**The heart is deceitful above
all things and beyond cure.**

Who can understand it?

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John 3:18

**Whoever believes in him is not
condemned, but whoever does
not believe stands condemned
already because he has not
believed in the name of God’s
one and only Son.**

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Romans 3:23

**for all have sinned and fall
short of the glory of God,**

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Christ's Atonement

1 Corinthians 15:3

**For what I received I passed on
to you as of first importance :
that Christ died for our sins
according to the Scriptures,**

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Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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Hebrews 9:12

He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.

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Hebrews 9:22

In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

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The Only Way

John 14:6

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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Acts 4:12

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”

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**“God has had only one plan of
salvation for everybody
everywhere-by grace alone,
through faith alone, in Jesus
Christ alone.”**

Timothy George

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“Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart wrought by the Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace. Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Savior.”

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John 3:3-8

3 in reply Jesus declared, “ I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.” **4** “How can a man be born when he is not old?”

Nicodemus asked. “Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb to be born!”

5 Jesus answered, “ I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he his born of water and the Spirit.

6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. **7** You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’

8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

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Repentance

Acts 2:38

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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“Repentance from sin is godly sorrow for sin—a genuine turning away from what had once ensnared us. Christ’s saving work becomes evident in believers as they begin to hate the sin they had loved.”

Baptist Faith & Message

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Faith

“It [faith] involves an act of the will whereby one trusts in Christ commits one’s self to Him, to His will and way.”

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Romans 10:9-10

9 That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

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“Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ.

Justification brings the believer unto a relationship of peace and favor with God.”

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Romans 1:17

**For in the gospel a
righteousness from God is
revealed, a righteousness that
is by faith from first to last,
just as it is written: “The
righteous will live by faith.”**

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Romans 3:23-24

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

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Romans 5:17-19

17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

18 Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. **19** For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

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“Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life.”

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Hebrews 5:12-14

12 In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!

13 Anyone who lives on milk,
being still an infant, is not
acquainted with the teaching
about righteousness. **14** But
solid food is for the mature,
who by constant use have
trained themselves to
distinguish good from evil.

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Ephesians 4:11-15

11 So it was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, **12** to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. **15** Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

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**“Glorification is the
culmination of salvation and is
the final blessed and abiding
state of the redeemed.”**

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Philippians 1:6

**being confident of this, that he
who began a good work in you
will carry it on to completion
until the day of Christ Jesus.**

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2 Corinthians 4:16-17

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. **17** For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

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1 John 3:2

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Applications

- **Know the Word**
- **Serve the King**
- **Evangelize the world**

Final Thoughts

Romans 12:1-2

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship.

2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.