

*Jesus Chapel*



FOUNDATION BIBLE COURSE - WEEK 3

## Salvation/Baptism

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### We all need salvation

•Salvation means to be saved. We are all in need of saving from the consequences of sin.

•This includes death both spiritual and physical which robs us from living a fulfilled life. (Romans 6:23)

Jesus Christ came into the world to restore life to us. (John 10:10)

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### Salvation is a three step process

•Belief (faith) that Jesus is the Christ and through Him is salvation

•Confession that we are sinful and cannot restore ourselves

•Baptism as an outward sign of our decision

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# 1. BELIEVE

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## What is it that we need to believe?

- That Jesus is God in the form of man and has come to save us from sin.
- That we are sinners and that by confessing this, Jesus can forgive us (1 John 1:9).
- That He died and rose again defeating the curse of sin (Romans 6:9) and brings us into a relationship with God (Jude 1:24).

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He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. Mark 16:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

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**This initial step is a step of  
faith**

- We make a conscience choice to believe, but it is God that truly reveals to us that Jesus is the Christ. (Matthew 16:13-16)
- For this belief we are commended John 20:29
- Without this initial belief, it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:16)

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**2. CONFESS**

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•We live in a sinful world and we have all sinned (Romans 3:23, 1 John 1:10).

•Sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:2)

•If we confess our sins, God is able to forgive us (1 John 1:9) and present us before God (Jude 1:24) With confession must come repentance (Luke 13:5)

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## What is sin?

- Sin is to fall short, or to miss the target.
- The target is to live a life of perfect holiness so that we can have a relationship with God. If we are not perfect, then we are sinful.
- We live in an imperfect world, we live therefore in a sinful world.
- This is not the life that we were created to live in. God created us to be in relationship with Him and so He put in place a solution to break us from our sin.

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## Jesus Christ - the answer

- In the Old Testament a sin offering had to be an animal with blemish.
- In the same way, Jesus had to be without blemish (perfect) in order to be a sacrifice for our sins (1 Peter 1:19) because without the shedding of blood there can be no forgiveness (Hebrews 9:22).
- No man is perfect, only God himself could give Himself as a sacrifice.

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- Jesus Christ took away the sins of the world. We have redeemed (been bought back) from the curse of sin which was death (Romans 6:23)
- This gift of God has been given to us but we need to accept it.
- When we believe and then confess, we take in faith the gift that God has given us.
- Through Jesus Christ, we can come to God as sons having been called to be holy and blameless (Ephesians 1:3-5, Galatians 3:26)

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### 3. Be Baptized

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What has baptism to do with it?

- Baptism is an outward showing of what we have believed in our hearts and confessed with our mouths.
- It is part of the initial salvation process (Mark 16:16) and in the early church quickly followed repentance.
- We display that we also buried our old self with Christ and are raised as new men (Romans 6:4).
- Belief (faith), confession (repentance) and baptism all go together as a demonstration of salvation.

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Discussion points

- Why can we not be born Christians?
- Why is there biblically a problem with infant baptism?
- Why can't God have a relationship with us if we are still sinful?

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