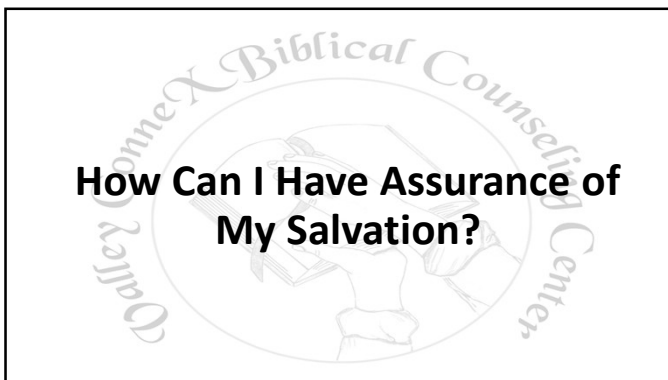


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Begin with a sound biblical understanding of salvation

- Salvation is God's work
 - God has provided the means of salvation
 - *"let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."* (Acts 4:10–12, ESV)

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Begin with a sound biblical understanding of salvation

- Salvation is God's work
 - God initiates our interest in salvation. John 6:44; Romans 3:10-11
 - Through the work of the Holy Spirit. John 16:7-11
 - Through the proclamation of the gospel. Ephesians 1:13-14; Romans 1:16

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- Salvation is God's work
 - God effects salvation Matthew 19:25-26; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-7

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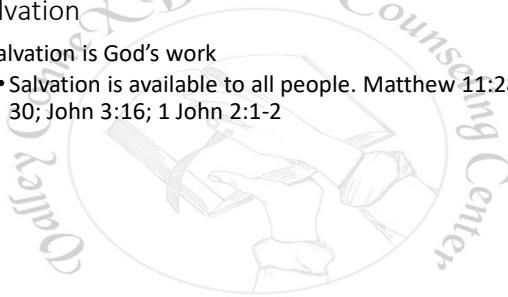
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- Salvation is God's work
 - Each person must respond to God's work of salvation. John 1:9-13; Acts 2:37-38; Acts 16:29-32; Romans 10:9-10

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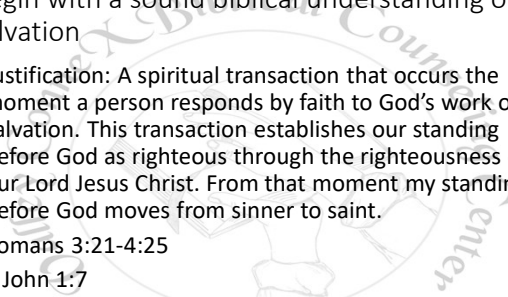
- Salvation is God's work
 - Salvation is available to all people. Matthew 11:28-30; John 3:16; 1 John 2:1-2



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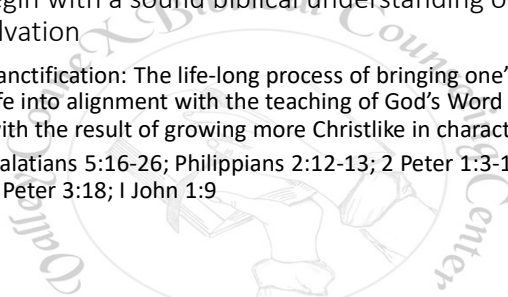
- Justification: A spiritual transaction that occurs the moment a person responds by faith to God's work of salvation. This transaction establishes our standing before God as righteous through the righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ. From that moment my standing before God moves from sinner to saint.
- Romans 3:21-4:25
- 1 John 1:7



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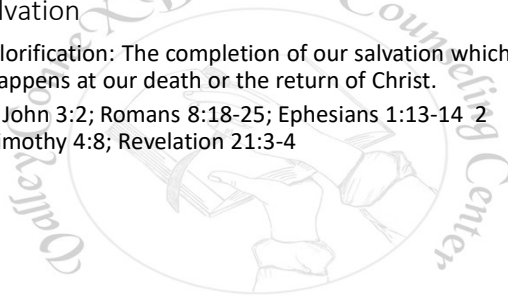
- Sanctification: The life-long process of bringing one's life into alignment with the teaching of God's Word with the result of growing more Christlike in character.
- Galatians 5:16-26; Philippians 2:12-13; 2 Peter 1:3-11; 2 Peter 3:18; 1 John 1:9



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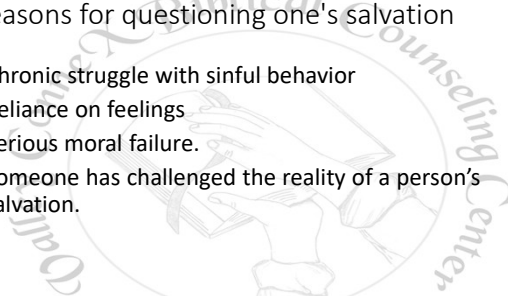
- Glorification: The completion of our salvation which happens at our death or the return of Christ.
- 1 John 3:2; Romans 8:18-25; Ephesians 1:13-14 2 Timothy 4:8; Revelation 21:3-4



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Reasons for questioning one's salvation

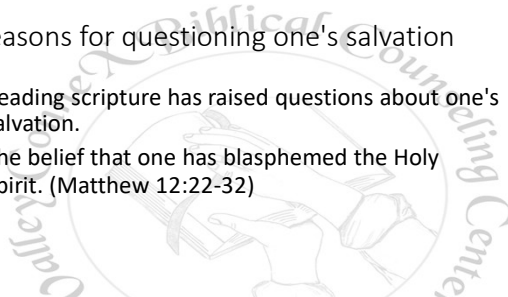
- Chronic struggle with sinful behavior
- Reliance on feelings
- Serious moral failure.
- Someone has challenged the reality of a person's salvation.



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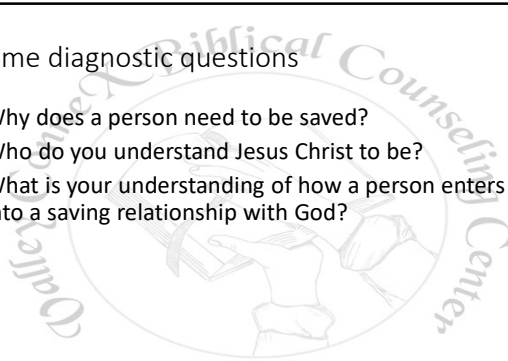
- Reading scripture has raised questions about one's salvation.
- The belief that one has blasphemed the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 12:22-32)



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Some diagnostic questions

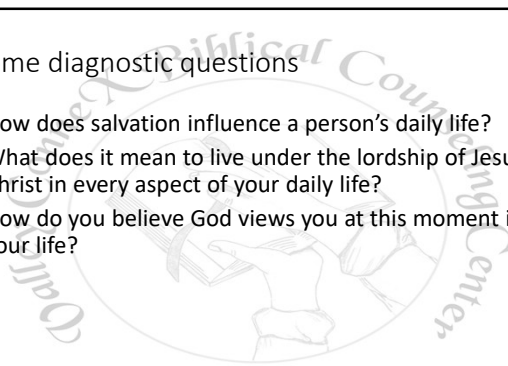
- Why does a person need to be saved?
- Who do you understand Jesus Christ to be?
- What is your understanding of how a person enters into a saving relationship with God?



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Some diagnostic questions

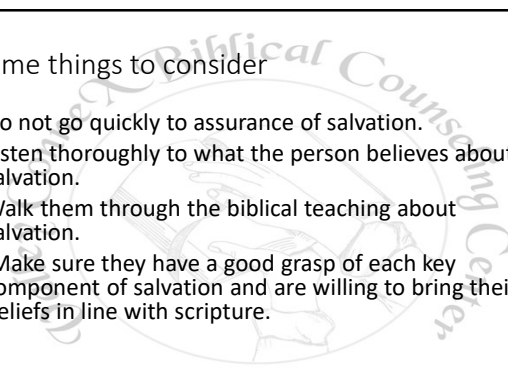
- How does salvation influence a person's daily life?
- What does it mean to live under the lordship of Jesus Christ in every aspect of your daily life?
- How do you believe God views you at this moment in your life?



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Some things to consider

- Do not go quickly to assurance of salvation.
- Listen thoroughly to what the person believes about salvation.
- Walk them through the biblical teaching about salvation.
- Make sure they have a good grasp of each key component of salvation and are willing to bring their beliefs in line with scripture.



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Some things to consider

- If one comes to the understanding that they are not a Christ follower or they do not have assurance, lead them to consider making a commitment to Christ now and then begin to teach them how to live that out.
- In cases where a person has yielded to serious sinful behavior, help them understand the meaning of confession and repentance in the context of sanctification.

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Some things to consider

- For those who have not been diligent about living under the lordship of Christ help them see how a life of obedience gives assurance of salvation. 2 Peter 1:10-11

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