

“The Doctrine Of Salvation”

Acts 2:40

There are many theological terms that describe the doctrine of salvation (i.e. soteriology). Each of these terms implies a specific change that takes place in the life of a believer. These changes come from a re-birth and complete transformation. Consider seven of these terms and the changes they bring.

- I. Salvation involves REPENTANCE: a Change of MIND!
 - A. Matthew 3:8 “bring forth fruit in keeping with repentance.”
 - B. Acts 26:20 “Repent and turn to God, performing deeds appropriate to repentance.”
- II. Salvation involves REGENERATION: A Change of HEART!
 - A. John 3:3,5 Jesus said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”
 - B. Titus 3:5 “He saved us...according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.”
- III. Salvation involves CONVERSION: A Change of LIFE!
 - A. Matthew 18:3 “...unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.”
 - B. Acts 3:19 (KJV) “...repent and be converted, so that your sins may be wiped away...”
 - C. II Corinthians 5:17 “...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature, the old things passed away; behold new things have come.”
- IV. Salvation involves ADOPTION: A Change of FAMILY!
 - A. Romans 8:14-17 (esp. v. 15) “...you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, Abba! Father!”
 - B. I John 3:1 “See how great a love the Father had bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are.”
- V. Salvation involves JUSTIFICATION: A Change of STATE/CONDITION!
 - A. Romans 3:24 “being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.”
 - B. Romans 5:1 “...having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
- VI. Salvation involves SANCTIFICATION: A Change of BEHAVIOR!
 - A. Hebrews 10:14 “For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.” (i.e. “being sanctified”)
 - B. I Peter 1:15 “but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior.”
- VII. Salvation involves GLORIFICATION: A Change of PLACE!
 - A. John 14:3 “If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.”
 - B. John 17:24 “Father, I desire that they (us) also, whom you have given me, be with me where I am, so that they may see my glory...”
 - C. I Corinthians 15:49 “Just as we have borne the image of the earthly, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.”

God’s miraculous salvation afforded us by His grace through our faith changes everything. Therefore, we “proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light” (I Peter 2:9).