



Part 1 (Lesson 3)

An Understanding of Salvation: Part 1

I. Man's Sin

A. Romans 3:23 - Who has sinned? **(All)**

What result of sin do you see in this verse? **(We fall short of the glory of God)**

B. Romans 3:10 - How many are righteous? **(None)** _____

C. Isaiah 53:6 - What have we all done? **(All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way)** _____

D. In Genesis 2:16-17 what did God say would be the result of disobeying His commandment? **(Death – Spiritual Death which separation of our spirit from God)**

The term death means separation and does not always mean physical death, which is separation of our spirit from our body. Death may also refer to spiritual death, which is separation of our spirit from God. As we look at what happened to Adam and Eve in chapter 3 after they sinned, we can see that the immediate results of their sin was spiritual death rather than physical death, though physical death was also a result. Notice in Genesis 3:8 that now man was hiding from God. This shows the spiritual death (separation from God) that had taken place.

E. Romans 5:12 - What is the result of our sin? **(Death has come to all of us)**

F. If we are spiritually dead (that is our spirit is separated from God because of sin) then our names would not be written in the Lamb's book of Life. What is the result of this? (see Revelation 20:11-15) **(Judgment - The lake of fire)**

G. Can we save ourselves from this situation by striving to be a good person? (see Romans 3:20) **(No)** Why is that? (see Matthew 5:48)

God is perfectly holy and righteous. Our works and righteousness can never measure up to this.

So far we see a rather gloomy picture, but it is this desperate situation that makes the gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ so beautiful. We need to see and appreciate who Jesus is and what He has done for us.

II. Who Jesus Is and What He Has Done For Us

A. Look at John 1:1 and John 1:14. Who is Jesus? **(God the Son – The Word)**

Although Jesus is God the Son, He was willing to come to earth and become a man. He was born of a virgin. He lived a perfect and sinless life. He never stopped being God but He laid aside His ability to perform as God for a time and truly became a man. (See Philippians 2:5-8)

B. Why did Jesus come to earth and become a man?

1. John 1:28-29 **(To take away the sin of the world)**
2. John 10:10 **(To give us abundant life)**
3. John 3:16 **(So we would not perish, but have everlasting life)**
4. 1 Timothy 1:15 **(To save sinners)**

C. Jesus accomplished all that He came to do. In order to provide salvation for us He had to die on a cross. Our sin caused us to owe a debt to God's law. We could never pay our own debt. Jesus knew He would have to pay this debt for us. As Jesus hung upon the cross and breathed his last breath, He said (John 19:30) “ **It Is Finished.**” The Greek

text translated here in John 19:30 could also be translated, "The debt has been paid." Jesus was indication that He had finished paying the price for our sin.

D. Colossians 2:13-15 - What happened to our ordinances or certificate of debt against us?

(Jesus cancelled the certificate of debt that was against us. He took it out of the way by nailing it to the cross. He has disarmed the demonic spirits that once held this certificate of debt against us.)

E. In Matthew 26:28 what did Jesus say about His blood? **(It was poured out for many for the forgiveness of sin)** _____

F. Hebrews 9:24-28 - Jesus offered His blood as a sacrifice for our sin. Where did He do this? **(The true tabernacle in heaven)** How many times does He need to do this? **(One time to put away sin bearing the sin of us all)** _____

G. Hebrews 10:10-18 - What else do you see about Jesus' sacrifice for us?

(By the sacrifice of His own body He has sanctified and perfected us for all time. He has brought us into a new covenant with God in which God's laws are now written on our hearts and our sins are remembered no more.)

H. When Jesus died on the cross, what did He do to Satan? (Hebrews 2:14)

(He rendered him powerless!) (Compare with Colossians 2:13-15)

I. How many Saviors are there? (Luke 2:11, Acts 4:12) **(One)** _____

As you prayerfully meditate upon what you have studied in this lesson about our need for a Savior, about Who Jesus is, and about what Jesus has accomplished to provide salvation for us list a few things that stand out to you.
