

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

The Teachings of Jesus – Part 4

Salvation

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies entitled The Teachings of Jesus. Our topic today: The teaching of Jesus about salvation.

Scripture Theme Song: “Let the word of Christ” –
Colossians 3:16

- 1) Salvation is a gift from God
 - a) John 3:16 – what two key verbs do you notice in the first part of this verse of Scripture?
 - b) How can we be certain of God’s love? 1 John 3:17-18
 - c) What is necessary in order to receive the gift of salvation? John 3:16b; Luke 18:9-14
- 2) Salvation: God’s Initiative
 - a) John 6:44
 - b) Luke 15:4-32 – The parable of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost sons. What do all three parts of the parable have in common?
 - c) Luke 19:10
- 3) The Lamb of God takes away the sins of the world
 - a) John 1:29
 - b) Isaiah 53:6-7
 - c) 1 Peter 2:24-25
 - d) Matthew 20:28
 - e) John 10:11
- 4) No longer slaves to sin
 - a) Luke 4:18
 - b) John 8:34-36
 - c) The apostle Paul gives his personal testimony about freedom in Christ in 2 Corinthians 5:17
- 5) Christ gives us eternal life
 - a) John 3:14-16 How does the story of the serpents in the wilderness illustrate the importance of looking in faith to Jesus for eternal life?
 - b) John 5:24
 - c) John 6:35, 47-51
 - d) John 10:10
 - e) 1 John 5:11-13
- 6) Discussion questions
 - a) Some suggest that it is not appropriate to say with confidence, “I know that I have eternal life through Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior?” What does the Bible teach on this important topic?
 - b) Why are some Christians reticent to embrace the assurance of salvation?
 - c) How has your Christian life changed since you found full assurance of salvation through faith in Jesus as your Savior and Lord?
 - d) If salvation is a gift, why are we encouraged to “strive to enter through the narrow gate”? - Luke 13:24