

# **Outline of the Course on Salvation**

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## ***UNIT 1: UNDERSTANDING SALVATION AND THE WORK OF CHRIST***

### **Lesson One: An Introduction to Soteriology**

Topic 1: Importance of the Study

Topic2: The Fall and Sinfulness of Man

Topic 3: The Biblical View of Salvation by Grace through Faith

Topic 4: Augustine's Influence on the Church's Understanding of Salvation

### **Lesson Two: The Atoning Work of Christ**

Topic 1: Salvation for Old Testament Believers

Topic 2: The Old Testament Expectation of Messiah's Atoning Work

Topic 3: The Work of Christ on the Cross

Topic 4: The Extent of the Atonement

### **Lesson Three: Alternative Views of Salvation**

Topic 1: Salvation in Roman Catholic Theology

Topic 2: Salvation in Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Theology

Topic 3: Non-Christian Cults: Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses

Topic 4: The Islamic Concept of Heaven and Acceptance by God

## ***UNIT 2: THE ROLE OF GOD AND THE ROLE OF MAN IN SALVATION***

### **Lesson Four: The Role of God in Choosing and Drawing People to Christ**

Topic 1: Background to the Debate

Topic 2: Various Ways that Election and Predestination are Understood

Topic 3: Romans 9 in Light of Its Context

Topic 4: God's Choosing and Predestining People

Topic 5: God's "Drawing" of People to Himself

Topic 6: Conclusions and What Believers Should Agree On

### **Lesson Five: The Role of Man in Salvation**

Topic 1: God's Grace and the Gift He Offers

Topic 2: A Biblical Understanding of Saving Faith

Topic 3: The Issue of Works in Relation to Salvation

Topic 4: The Question of Water Baptism

### **Lesson Six: Repentance and Its Relation to Saving Faith**

Topic 1: Various Views on the Role of Repentance

Topic 2: Key Lexical Terms to be Considered

Topic 3: A Biblical View of Repentance

Topic 4: The Importance of Proclaiming the Gospel Clearly

### ***UNIT 3: SALVATION AND THE BELIEVER'S NEW STANDING WITH GOD***

#### **Lesson Seven: The Effects of Salvation**

- Topic 1: Justification by Faith
- Topic 2: Regeneration and the New Nature
- Topic 3: Baptism of the Spirit and Union with Christ
- Topic 4: Eternal Forgiveness of Sins

#### **Lesson Eight: Eternal Security and the Assurance of Salvation**

- Topic 1: Introduction to the Debate
- Topic 2: A Defense of Eternal Security: Part 1
- Topic 3: A Defense of Eternal Security: Part 2
- Topic 4: The Practical Importance of Eternal Security and Assurance

#### **Lesson Nine: Problem Passages for Eternal Security Considered**

- Topic 1: Problem Passages in the Gospels
- Topic 2: Problem Passages in Paul's Epistles
- Topic 3: Problem Passages in the General Epistles

### ***UNIT 4: THE CHRISTIAN LIFE AND THE BELIEVER'S FUTURE***

#### **Lesson Ten: Sanctification & Discipleship in Respect to Salvation**

- Topic 1: The Three Tenses of "Salvation"
- Topic 2: Not Sinless Perfection but Progressive Sanctification
- Topic 3: Discipleship in Distinction from Salvation
- Topic 4: The Importance of Spiritual Growth to Maturity

#### **Lesson Eleven: Future Judgment in Light of the Believer's Salvation**

- Topic 1: Christ's Promise of Eternal Life
- Topic 2: Bodily Resurrection for Believers
- Topic 3: The Judgment Seat of Christ for Believers
- Topic 4: The Great White Throne Judgment and Eternal Hell

#### **Lesson Twelve: Submission to the Lordship of Christ and Kingdom Rewards**

- Topic 1: Salvation and the Lordship of Christ
- Topic 2: The Cost of Discipleship: Part 1
- Topic 3: The Cost of Discipleship: Part 2
- Topic 4: The Cost of Discipleship: Part 3
- Topic 4: Faithfulness to Christ and Kingdom Rewards