

**What is Salvation?
Christian Basics**

What do people think?

- Problem of Christianese!
- Historical context in the west
- The postmodernist mindset



**Take a moment to think what
Salvation actually means!**

Salvation

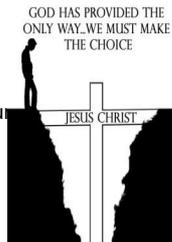
1. preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss.
"they try to sell it to us as economic salvation"
synonyms: lifeline, preservation, conservation, means of escape "she clung to that conviction, knowing it was her salvation"
2. THEOLOGY
deliverance from sin and its consequences, believed by Christians to be brought about by faith in Christ.
"the Christian gospel of salvation for all mankind"
synonyms: redemption, deliverance, saving, help, reclamation "we are here to bring you to salvation by way of repentance"

A Biblical Perspective

- Clear moral code given in the Bible
- 10 Commandments – guideline for all societies
- Moral code given throughout OT and NT
- Man has fallen away from the Moral Code
- Original Sin or failing followed by a separation between man and God
- Guilt before God we are away from God
- Most religions suggest a way to regain the lost connection with God

The Problem - SIN

- Man is separate from God
- We know there is a God but we are not with him
- We need to do something to repair the broken relationship
- It doesn't seem to work
- So God has done something to repair our broken relationship
- He became man and suffered the punishment we deserve



God is **LOVE, RIGHTEOUS, HOLY**

The Solution

Salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ

- Our pitiful state is that we cannot rescue ourselves
- We are limited in what we can do
- So God provided a way for us!
- He became one of us – took our punishment on him



Salvation

- 166 Entries in the whole Bible (NKJV)
- 122 OT
- 44 NT
- **יְשׁוּעָה** - jesha (deliverance, salvation, rescue, welfare, safety)
- **σωτηρία** – soteria (deliverance, salvation)

Bible concept:

- Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits **sin** is a slave of **sin**. Joh. 8:23
- Therefore if the Son makes you **free**, you shall be **free** indeed. Joh.8:36
- To give knowledge of **salvation** to His people By the remission of their sins, Luke 1:77
- Nor is there **salvation** in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

Summary

- Our salvation now in and through Faith
- Our final salvation when this is all over
- The beginning of our Christian live
- Salvation from the power of sin, the clutches the legal stranglehold of the devil over us.
