



## What is Salvation? Christian Basics

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## What do people think?

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



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

### Salvation

- 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"
- 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"

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## Secular Mindset in 21<sup>st</sup> Century

- Problem of sin does not exist
- God is vague
- Being average is good enough
- Truth is relative – no absolute truth
- Sin is only sin if you feel guilty
- Moral standards are defined by society or consensus
- Immorality is ok as long as no one gets hurt



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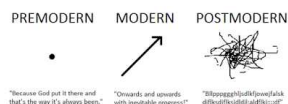
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## Post Modern Morality

- Saving energy
- Global warming
- The worship of nature
- Vegetarianism
- Political Correctness
- Universal acceptance of every vice
- Shift in morality "SIN" old fashioned and irrelevant



**“What do we need to get saved from?”**

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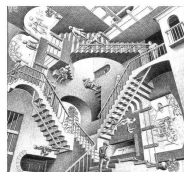
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## PC Fascism

- Break the rules of Political Correctness and you will suffer
  - Loose your job
  - Be accused and sued for hate speech
  - Suffer censorship
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## 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

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## 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**



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## 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



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## Salvation

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

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## 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

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## 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.

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