

This Is That Part 1: Salvation

(Acts 2:12-16 NIV) Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel.

(Acts 2:17-18 NIV) 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

(Acts 2:19 NIV) I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

(Acts 2:20 NIV) The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

(Acts 2:21 NIV) And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Salvation

Salvation is God's answer to our sinfulness.

(Luke 19:9-10 NLT) Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Sin is anything outside of God's design.

(Romans 3:23 NLT) For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

1. I was far from God but now I'm close to Him.

(Ephesians 2:12-13 NLT) In those days you were living apart from Christ... You lived in this world without God and without hope. But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.

2. I was spiritually dead but now I'm revived.

(John 3:3 NIV) Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

3. I was stuck in my past but now I have a fresh start.

(Matthew 19:28 NASB) And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

4. I was broken but now I'm brand new.

(2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

5. I couldn't do anything right but now I have the power of Christ.

(2 Corinthians 3:15-18 NIV84) Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

How Do I Get Saved?

(Romans 10:9-10 ESV) If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

✓ Believe in your heart.

✓ Prayerfully invite Jesus to be Lord & Savior.

✓ Change your direction completely.

(Acts 2:38-41 NLT) Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God." Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!" Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.