Sound Doctrine Part 2: Salvation

“Be a good servant of Christ Jesus, **constantly nourished** on the **words of the faith** and of the **sound doctrine** which you have been following.” 1 Timothy 4:6 NASB

“And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord **will be saved**.” Romans 10:13

Salvation is **God’s answer** to our sinfulness.

“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely **makes us right** in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he **freed us** from the **penalty for our sins**.” Romans 3:23-24 NLT

Sin is anything **outside** of God’s design.

“Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, **sin is lawlessness**.” 1 John 3:4 NIV

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

“For by grace you have been **saved** through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God… 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.” Ephesians 2:8,12-13 ESV/NLT

2. I was spiritually dead but now I’m spiritually alive.

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

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

“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.” Matthew 19:28 NASB

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

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” 2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV
5. I couldn’t do anything right but now I have the power of Christ.

“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.”
2 Corinthians 3:15-18 NIV84

6. I was cursed by sin but now I am blessed by God.

“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.” He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.” Galatians 3:13-14 NIV

7. I was eternally paying for my sin but now Jesus has paid for eternal life.

“‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ‘Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world… ‘Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ‘Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.’” Matthew 25:31-34, 41, 46 NIV

“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.” Romans 10:9-10 ESV

✓ Believe in your heart.
✓ Prayerfully confess Jesus to be your Lord and Savior.
✓ Repent and turn to God.

“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.” Acts 2:38-41 NLT