

One of the most important habits to get into that will help you grow as a new Christian is memorizing Bible verses. In **Psalm 119:11** the Bible says, **“I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You.”**

Memorizing Bible verses and doing what they say will help you to fight against temptation and instruct you to do what is right. Here, Jesus is our example. How did he respond when tempted by Satan? By quoting Scripture!

I encourage you to memorize the verse below to give you a better understanding of the topic of **salvation**.

John chapter 3, verse 16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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Salvation

John 3:3 “In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

Our Lord Jesus Christ commanded us saying, "You must be born again."

This session we should understand:

1. Why we need to be saved.
2. How God has provided for our salvation.
3. How we can have that salvation personally.

Before you start, pray. Ask God's Holy Spirit to open your heart to receive His Word and to show you how to apply it in your life. Do not copy the scriptures, but answer the question briefly and in your own words.

Sin is the failure to obey any of God's commandments or laws.

1. How does the Bible describe sin?

I John 3:4

2. What is the result of sin?

Romans 6:23

James 1:15

As a result of man's sin, God placed the curse of death on the entire human race.

To better understand the effects of sin, think of death as SEPARATION.

1. Spiritual death -- Your sins have **separated** you from God.
2. Physical death -- It **separates** the spirit, or soul, from the body.
3. Eternal death -- If you remain lost in your sins, they will **separate** you from the mercy of God forever. (This is the greatest punishment, which is Hell.)

The Bible is clear that God cannot stand sin, he cannot even look at it; He is an absolutely Holy being (Rev. 4:8, Is. 6:3). Since He is holy, He cannot, and will not ignore sin-this relates another of God's characteristics-He is Just. Righteousness and justice are the very foundation of His throne (Psalm 89:14). The truth which arises from the fact that God is both holy and just is that sin **MUST** be punished! This means that if we are to see God we must be 100% clean of sin, or righteous.

To be **RIGHTEOUS** means "to do right: to be totally innocent before God in regards to obeying His commandments."

3. How many of us are righteous? (Romans 3:10); what does the Bible say about our righteousness? (Isaiah 64:6)

4. How many of us have sinned? (Romans 3:23)

5. What word explains why God would send His only Son to die for us? (John 3:16)

6. Does He love us as sinners or do we have to reach a level of goodness for God to love us? (Romans 5:8)

7. Read each of the verses below and indicate if we are saved by Jesus only or if God allows another way for salvation.

I Timothy 2:5

Acts 4:12

John 14:6

God's Word says sin causes death. Jesus took that penalty upon Himself in our place.

8. How did Jesus take the penalty of sin for us? (I Corinthians 15:3)

9. What must we do to have Him save us from the penalty of sin?

Galatians 3:26-27

Romans 10:9

Acts 2:38

BELIEVE means "to cling to, trust in and rely on."

CONFESS means "to admit guilt or acknowledge one's sin," and in terms of salvation means to "proclaim Christ as Lord and Savior."

BAPTISM is something that we are commanded to do and is symbol of our death to our old way of life and resurrection to a new life with Christ as our Lord, and a way for us to publicly confess Christ.

10. The Bible uses several words to show the contrast between "works" and "faith." Next to each of the following scriptures write the words that describe how we are saved.

Ephesians 2:8

Titus 3:5

11. Why does the Bible say we are not saved by our works?

Ephesians 2:9-10

JUSTICE is getting what we deserve. If God were only a just God, we would all perish. MERCY is not getting what we deserve. It is by His mercy He can forgive us. GRACE is getting something we don't deserve at all. By God's grace (not our own merit) He sent us His Son.

We cannot earn our salvation, but there is something expected of us.

REPENTANCE means "a change of mind." It is a change in the hearts of men, away from sin and toward God. Jesus said that we will, "I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." (Luke 13:3) At the heart of repentance is a hatred of sin; instead of loving sin you hate it. Some hate the punishment that comes from sin, but not the sin itself. This is not repentance. It is not enough to just outwardly avoid sin, one must not continue to enjoy or treasure even the thought of sin in their heart. After all, sin is what sent Jesus to the cross in the first place! You know you are repentant when you feel remorse for having committed sins against God.

13. Who preached repentance?

Matthew 3:2
Matthew 4:17
Mark 6:12
Acts 2:38
Acts 17:30

14. What are characteristics of true repentance?

2 Corinthians 7:9-10
Luke 18:9-14
1 Thessalonians 1:9

14. When we repent, what happens in Heaven?

Luke 15:10

Have the angels rejoiced over you? Wherever you are in your walk with Jesus we would like to help! Do you believe? Have you repented? Have you confessed Him as your Savior and Lord? Have you been baptized? Let us know how we can assist you, you can contact me so that we may talk about your commitment, what we do now, and rejoice in what God has done!

From memory, write out your memory verse for this sessions.

How have I repented and trusted in Christ?

Want to be a part of a Life Group? Want to get connected with other Christians? Tell us!!

If you have any questions about Salvation or anything you would like us to pray about- write a note!