

**Why Salvation?**  
**My Salvation – Part 1**  
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*1 Thessalonians 5:9 (ESV) For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*Proverbs 14:12 (ESV) There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.*

*Acts 4:12 (ESV) And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”*

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ is our problem**

**1A. Giving in to \_\_\_\_\_ is sin**

*Genesis 3:4-5 (ESV) But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”*

*Genesis 3:6 (ESV) So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.*

**1B. Sin brings \_\_\_\_\_**

*Genesis 3:16 (ESV) To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”*

*Genesis 3:17, 19 (ESV) And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ... By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”*

**2. Everyone is \_\_\_\_\_ of sin**

*Romans 3:23 (ESV) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

**2A. No one is \_\_\_\_\_**

*Romans 3:10-12 (ESV) as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”*

**2B. All are \_\_\_\_\_ to God**

*Romans 3:19-20 (ESV) Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.*

**3. Sin \_\_\_\_\_ people**

**3A. People are \_\_\_\_\_ by sin**

*Ephesians 2:1-2 (ESV) And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—*

**3B. People are \_\_\_\_\_ with sin**

*Romans 1:28-29 (ESV) And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness.*

*Romans 1:32 (ESV) Though they know God’s righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.*

# Why Salvation? Study Guide

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Intro. How would you explain the concept of salvation to someone who had never read the Bible?

Intro. What does God desire for every person (1 Thessalonians 5:9)?

Intro. What kinds of ways seem right to people, but lead to death (Proverbs 14:12)?

Intro. Why does salvation come through Jesus alone (Acts 4:12)?

1A. What were the two basic elements of the serpent's temptation (Genesis 3:4-5)?

1B. What were the three things that attracted Eve to succumb to temptation (Genesis 3:6, 1 John 2:16)?

1C. How did the consequence of sin affect the woman (Genesis 3:16) and the man (Genesis 3:17-19)?

1D. How did the fall and the entry of sin affect our entire world?

2A. What does it mean to fall short of God's glory (Romans 3:23)?

2B. Why is no one righteous (Romans 3:10-12)?

2C. Why can no one be saved by obeying God's commands (Romans 3:19-20)?

2D. Why must a person be aware of their own sin before they can be saved? How can this happen?

3A. How does the involvement of Satan impact people being controlled by sin (Ephesians 2:1-2)?

3B. How does God give up people to a debased mind (Romans 1:28-29)?

3C. Why do sinners give approval to others who practice the same things (Romans 1:32)?

3D. Why is it important not to assume that people who seem to be good must be saved?