

# SESSION 3

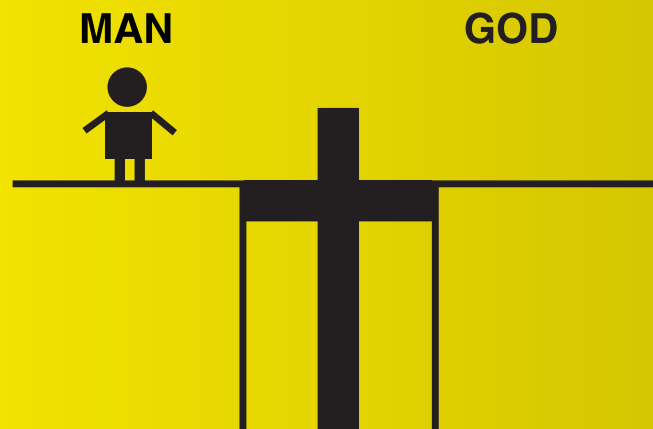
## SALVATION THRU CHRIST

### Session #3 Teaching: Salvation ONLY Thru Jesus Christ

As discussed in Session #2, Romans 3:23 says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Yet God loves you and wants to save you from sin, to offer you a new life of hope. John 10:10 says, "I have come that they may have life and have it in abundance." To give you this gift of salvation, God made a way through His Son, Jesus Christ. Romans 5:8 says, "But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." You receive this gift by faith alone. Ephesians 2:8 says, "For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—not from works, so that no one can boast."

### How Do We Receive God's Son?

Because of what Jesus Christ accomplished for us on the cross, the Bible states "He that has the Son has life." We can receive the Son, Jesus Christ, as our Savior by personal faith, by trusting in the person of Christ and His death for our sins. John 1:12 says "But to all who have received him--those who believe in his name--he has given the right to become God's children" and John 3:16-18 is a famous passage that states, "For this is the way God loved the world: he gave his one and only Son that everyone who believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world should be saved through him. 18 The one who believes in Him is not condemned. The one who does not believe has been condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the one and only Son of God." This means we must each come to God the same way: (1) as a sinner who recognizes his sinfulness, (2) realizes no human works can result in salvation, and (3) relies totally on Christ alone by faith alone for our salvation.



Faith is a decision of your heart demonstrated by the actions of your life. Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." If you trust that Jesus died for your sins and to receive new life through Him, pray a prayer similar to this to express your repentance and faith in Him:

*"Dear God, I know I am a sinner. I believe Jesus died to forgive me of my sins. I now accept Your offer of eternal life. Thank You for forgiving me of all my sin. Thank You for my new life. From this day forward, I will choose to follow You."*

If you have trusted Jesus for salvation, share your decision with us here at Purcellville Baptist Church at [churchoffice@purbap.org](mailto:churchoffice@purbap.org). We hope you will join us to start your journey and take your next steps, so you can worship and grow in your faith. Following Christ's example, ask to be baptized by immersion as a public expression of your faith.

*To learn more about baptism review Session #4.*

### **Discuss or Ponder and Review Scripture:**

#### **•What must we do to be saved?**

*It's important to keep in mind that salvation encompasses what God has done for us, not what we can do for Him. God has taken the initiative in His plan of redemption, reaching out to us through Christ. Hence, the answer regarding the question of salvation as given by Paul and Silas is, "Believe in the Lord Jesus ..." (Acts 16:31 NIV). The Greek word translated "believe" in the passage is *pisteuo*, meaning "to believe, put one's faith in, trust, with an implication that actions based on that trust may follow." Belief, then, encompasses more than just knowing about Jesus. One must also act on this knowledge, combining faith and trust and acting on it.*

#### **•Who is Jesus Christ?**

*Jesus is the eternal Son of God, the Savior of the world. Fully divine, he took on our human nature, died on the Cross for our sins, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and now rules as Lord and King over all creation. (Numbers 21:4–9; Psalm 110; John 3:13–15; Philippians 2:5–11; Colossians 1:15–20)*

#### **•Is there any other way of salvation?**

*No. The apostle Peter said of Jesus, "There is salvation in no one else" (Acts 4:12). Since Jesus is God, He is the only one who can save me and reconcile me to God. (Psalm 2; Isaiah 42:1–4; John 14:5–6; 1 Timothy 2:5–6)*

**•By what means will God transform you into the image of Jesus Christ?**

*The first Christians “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42).*

*Following this pattern, I will be transformed within the life of the Church through reading Scripture and receiving the sacraments, through worship and prayer, and through fellowship with God’s people and loving witness to the world. (Deuteronomy 6:1–9; 2 Chronicles 7:1–3; Psalm 1; Acts 2:42–47; Hebrews 10:23–25)*