

Discipleship Class(Week 1)

"The Doctrine of Salvation"(Notes)

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other:for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

The 'Baptist Basics'(The things that distinguish us from other denominations and belief systems.)

B - Bible Authority

A - Autonomy of the Church

P - Priesthood of the Believer

T - Two Ordinances(Baptism/Lord's Supper)

I - Individual Soul Liberty

S - Separation(Personal/Ecclesiastical)

T - Two Offices of the Church(Pastor/Deacon)

- Everything that we teach and preach at CBC is not the philosophy or opinion of man, but of God! That is, the teaching that God has given to us through _____!

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, (Doctrine - Teaching) for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

* The Bible, God's Word, is the foundation of our Faith!

Psalms 11:3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

1. The Fundamental Definition of Salvation

Quote: "It has been observed that among the many thousands of English words, the three most difficult words are 'I was wrong', the two most delightful words are 'check enclosed', and the single most dynamic word is 'Salvation'. - Harold Wilmington

Salvation(Defined) - To effect successfully the full delivery of someone or something from impending danger.

This definition implies 2 things:

A. That someone/something needs to be _____.

* Only a Sick Person needs a Doctor.(Isaiah 1:6/Matthew 9:12)

* Only an Accused Person needs a Lawyer.(Romans 3:10-19)

* Only a Drowning Person needs a Lifeguard.(Psalm 69:1-2)

- In order to have a proper understanding of this *Fundamental Doctrine*, we must understand the *Fundamental Definition*.. we must understand that mankind stands in desperate 'need' of _____.

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

B. That someone is able and willing to _____.

- After the admission that Salvation is necessary, additionally, there must be a realization that a Savior is necessary.

* The Savior must be Able to Save (Ephesians 3:20/2 Timothy 1:12)

Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

* The Savior must be Willing to Save (1 Timothy 2:3-4/2 Peter 3:9)

Titus 2:13-14 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

- Jesus, Our Savior, saw our need, and being the only one able to save us from our peril, was willing to give himself that we might be SAVED! Hallelujah!

2. The False Doctrines of Salvation

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,

rightly dividing the word of truth.

- What are some of the false teachings that are being taught today:

Catholics: (From Catholic.com) "One who dies in the state of friendship with God (the state of grace) will go to heaven. The one who dies in a state of enmity and rebellion against God (the state of mortal sin) will go to hell."

Scriptures Response:

"It is not friendship that secures our Salvation, but a _____."

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Additional References:

John 1:12-13/1 Peter 1:23/Romans 8:15-17

United Methodist: (From umc.org) "God freely grants us new birth and initiates us into the body of Christ in baptism."

United Church of Christ: (From ucc.org) "We believe that all of the baptized 'belong body and soul to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.'"

Scriptures Response:

"Good Works are the result of Salvation, but not a requirement for Salvation."

Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Additional References:

Galatians 2:16/Ephesians 2:8-9/Acts 13:39/2 Corinthians 5:17

Presbyterians: (From pcahistory.org) "Because Salvation is clearly not given to every man (although we know not why) Presbyterians therefore believe in.. the eternally lost condition of those not elect."

Scriptures Response:

"Everybody will not accept the free gift of Salvation, but this gift is _____ to all who will receive it."

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us- ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Additional References:

2 Corinthians 5:14/Revelation 22:17/Romans 10:13

- I put some of these beliefs concerning salvation on your page tonight, so that you might understand that we are not 'all teaching the same thing', as some might lead you to believe. But, I would say this, *It is not so important to know what other denominations teach, as long as you know what _____ says about Salvation!*

Scripture says:

A. Salvation is a Gift (Ephesians 2:8-9): A Gift is Not Earned/A Gift is already Paid for/A Gift only has to be _____

B. Salvation is Guaranteed (John 5:24): Once we accept the gift of Salvation, We have been given a guarantee of '_____ life'. Everlasting (Defined) - Without End; Never to Cease

C. Salvation is General (1 Timothy 1:15): Jesus came to save one group of people. A group that is 'all-inclusive'.. _____!

Quote: "The life of Christianity consists of possessive pronouns. It is one thing to say, 'Christ is a Saviour'; it is quite another thing to say, 'He is my Saviour and my Lord.' The devil can say the first; the true Christian alone can say the second."—Martin Luther

Conclusion:

We need to know what we believe!

Ephesians 4:14-15 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

Quote: "Let my heart gracious God, be so effected with Your glory and majesty, that I may fulfill these weighty duties which You have required of me. I have called upon You to pardon me of my sins. Thank You for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, offered on the cross for me. You gave Your Son to die for me and have given me assurance of salvation."—George Washington

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