

Salvation
Essentials: Live Like You Believe
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1. Salvation is a miraculous gift of God.
2. Repent and believe.
3. We are justified through Jesus alone.
4. Adoption is God's design.
5. Becoming more like Jesus is a process.

Questions for Personal Reflection & Group Discussion

1. Read Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 5:6-11, and Colossians 1:19-22.

What do these verses tell you about salvation?
Look up the word 'reconcile' in a dictionary. What does it mean?
How are we reconciled to God?
What is the purpose of reconciliation? (Col. 1:22)

2. Read Mark 1:14-15, Romans 10:9-13 and James 2:19.

Jesus' words in Mark 1 are His first sermon. What was His message?
What does it mean to repent?
Why are both belief and repentance necessary for salvation?

3. Read Romans 3:23-28 and John 14:6.

What price was paid to reconcile us to God?
Do most people you know take sin seriously? Do you take sin seriously? Why or why not?
Is it difficult for you to reconcile God's righteousness and justice with His mercy and grace? Explain your answer.
In what way do some people try to justify themselves?
What does Paul say in Romans 3 about how we are justified?

4. Read Galatians 4:1-7, John 10:28-29, Ephesians 4:30, and Romans 8:35-39.

How does adoption into the family of God take place?
What change of status occurs for the one adopted?
Have you ever felt disconnected from your Heavenly Father?
What do these verses tell you about your security as a child of God?

5. Read Romans 6:1-18, Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 4:17-24, Philippians 1:6.

What do these passages tell you about the process of growing and becoming more like Jesus?
In what area do you need to work to become more like Him?
What step of obedience will you take this week?