

What The Bible Says About ---

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Part Seven

The Great Doctrines Of Salvation

PART ONE – CONVERSION

In this study, we will consider the following five great doctrines of salvation:

- Conversion
- Justification
- Regeneration
- Sanctification
- Reconciliation

Recent surveys have shown that most Pentecostal/Charismatic believers are not very familiar with most of these terms, YET THEY ARE THE FOUNDATION STONES OF OUR VERY SALVATION!

Romans 10:8-15

But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; [9] That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. [10] For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. [11] For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. [12] For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. [13] For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. [14] How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? [15] And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

It is a great part of the responsibility of a pastor to prepare the church body to be the Bride of Christ.

Rev. 19:6-9

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many

1 waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God
2 omnipotent reigneth. [7] Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the
3 marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. [8] And to her
4 was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine
5 linen is the righteousness of saints. [9] And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they
6 which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me,
7 These are the true sayings of God.

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9 Remember - the Marriage Supper of the Lamb is for Jesus, the eternal Groom. Our lives
10 on earth are our preparation of a "hope chest" to be presented at the feet of Jesus. Only
11 that which we do for Him is worthy of any merit whatsoever. A pastor, therefore, must
12 teach on this and prepare the flock for this momentous coming event. Any pastor who
13 does not take this charge seriously is in grievous trouble:

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15 Jeremiah 23:1-2

16 **Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith**
17 **the Lord. [2] Therefore thus saith the Lord God of Israel against the pastors that**
18 **feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not**
19 **visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the Lord.**

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21 Ephes. 4:11-12

22 **And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some,**
23 **pastors and teachers; [12] For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the**
24 **ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:**

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26 * Note in verse 12, our ministry is to be geared for the PERFECTING of the saints; not
27 the entertainment of them. So it is the pastor's duty to train the church and prepare it to
28 be Christ's Bride; then it is the duty of the church to EVANGELIZE.

29 30 **CONVERSION MEANS TO TURN YOURSELF TO GOD**

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32 The words of Jesus Himself: Matthew 18:2-3

33 **And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, [3] And**
34 **said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye**
35 **shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.**

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37 Conversion involves a person calling upon God to turn him or her around - reverse
38 directions - and allowing God to change that personal life. There are two primary
39 elements to conversion: Repentance and Faith.

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Repentance

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What is repentance? *Repentance is a sincere and thorough changing of the mind ...involving a sense of personal guilt and helplessness, apprehension of God's mercy, a strong desire to be saved from sin, and the VOLUNTARY ABANDONMENT of that sin.* 2 Chron. 7:14 **If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.**

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Without true repentance there is no true salvation. You can weep from now until doomsday, but unless you have truly repented, there is no foundation for salvation.

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JESUS: Matthew 4:17 **From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

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PETER: Acts 2:38 **Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

PAUL: Acts 26:19-20 **Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: [20] But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.**

THOSE IN HEAVEN: Luke 15:7 **I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.**

The Three Ingredients Of Repentance

1. The Intellectual Part Isaiah 1:18 **Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.**

The intellectual part means a change of view on my part and yours. How so?

1 • I now see sin AS GOD SEES IT

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3 • I recognize my sin as “my fault alone” David understood this fully: Psalm
4 51:1-4

5 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him,
6 after he had gone in to Bathsheba. **Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy**
7 **lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my**
8 **transgressions. [2] Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my**
9 **sin. [3] For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. [4]**
10 **Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou**
11 **mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.**

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13 • I accept God’s demand for righteousness

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15 2. The Emotional Part. This involves a “change of feeling.” It involves:

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17 • True sorrow for sin I have committed
18 • A desire for God pardon (Again David in Ps 51:1 - “Have mercy upon me, O
19 God”

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21 3. The Volitional Part. This implies a “change of the will.”

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23 • This implies a “change of the will.” YOU decide to TURN FROM SIN. 2 Cor.
24 7:10 (The Living Bible) **For God sometimes uses sorrow in our lives to help**
25 **us turn away from sin and seek eternal life. We should never regret his**
26 **sending it. But the sorrow of the man who is not a Christian is not the sorrow**
27 **of true repentance and does not prevent eternal death.**

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29 **WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE IN REPENTANCE AND PENANCE?**

Penance is considered a man-conditioned payment for our transgressions. But we are not saved FOR repenting; we are saved IF we repent. Repentance is not a satisfaction rendered to God....but a condition of the heart necessary before we can believe unto salvation.

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31 **Faith**

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33 Your life and mine are governed by what we believe! Your life will be lived in
34 accordance with the faith you have. Hebrews 11:6 **But without faith it is impossible**
35 **to please him:**

1 Why is our personal exercise of Faith so important to God?
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3 1. We are saved by faith. Acts 16:31 **And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus**
4 **Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.**

5 2. We are enriched by faith. Galatians 3:5 **He therefore that ministereth to you**
6 **the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or**
7 **by the hearing of faith? Galatians 3:14 That the blessing of Abraham might come**
8 **on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit**
9 **through faith.**

10 3. We are sanctified by faith. Acts 26:18 **To open their eyes, and to turn them from**
11 **darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive**
12 **forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is**
13 **in me.**

14 4. We are kept by faith. 1 Peter 1:5 **Who are kept by the power of God through**
15 **faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

16 5. We are established by faith. Isaiah 7:9 **If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not**
17 **be established.**

18 6. We are healed by faith. James 5:15 **And the prayer of faith shall save the sick,**
19 **and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be**
20 **forgiven him.**

21 7. We surmount difficulties by faith. Romans 4:18-21 **Who against hope believed in**
22 **hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was**
23 **spoken, So shall thy seed be. [19] And being not weak in faith, he considered not his**
24 **own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the**
25 **deadness of Sarah's womb: [20] He staggered not at the promise of God through**
26 **unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; [21] And being fully**
27 **persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.**

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29 Even further on this subject, Scriptures declare that faith:

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31 1. Pleases God. Hebrews 11:6 **But without faith it is impossible to please him:**

32 2. Makes us a constant blessing to others. John 7:38 **He that believeth on me, as the**
33 **scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.**

34 3. Causes us to make an effort on behalf of others. Mark 2:3-5 **And they come unto**
35 **him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. [4] And when they**
36 **could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was:**
37 **and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy**
38 **lay. [5] When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins**
39 **be forgiven thee.**

40 4. Induces perseverance in service to the Lord. Matthew 15:28 **Then Jesus**

1 answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as
2 thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.
3 5. Obtains help for others. Acts 27:24-25 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be
4 brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. [25]
5 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was
6 told me.

SOME EXTRA THOUGHTS ABOUT FAITH

1. Faith is more than hope. Hope is only for the future, while faith includes past, present and future.
 2. It is more than belief: Satan believes in God and he certainly does not please the Creator.
 3. Faith is even more than the Hebrews teaching (chapter 11) that “faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” (How I love that word substance! Faith is not mere positive thinking.)
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10 There are three key elements to faith:

11 I. THE INTELLECTUAL ELEMENT

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13 This includes belief in the revelation of God in nature and in the historical facts of
14 scripture - the doctrines taught therein as to man’s sinfulness, the redemption provided in
15 Christ, the conditions to salvation and all the blessings promised to God’s children. IT IS
16 THEREFORE FAITH BASED ON THE BEST OF EVIDENCE!
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20 *Personal note: I can only be in the ministry because of my strong and unshakeable
foundation of faith based on the intellectual element. I am not relying on emotion
because emotion is too flimsy and shaky. Paul wrote, “I KNOW whom I have*

21 II. THE EMOTIONAL ELEMENT

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23 Emotion is needed in all of this, but the emotion is based on something SOLID. The
24 emotional element means the awakening of the soul to its personal needs and to the
25 personal application of the redemption provided in Christ. Often those who have an
26 undue amount of emotion in their faith tend to backslide and to feel the need to be saved
27 over and over again.
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1 III. THE VOLUNTARY ELEMENT

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3 This one is simple: the person who accepts the revelation of God and His salvation as
4 true, and believes in it with all his heart, should logically go on to appropriate it himself
5 or herself. As a result, Jesus is indeed made Lord of my life.
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7 Here is the fact of your potential in Christ: you can have as much of God as you want!
8 John 1:12 **But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons
9 of God, even to them that believe on his name:**

10 John 4:14 **But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never
11 thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up
12 into everlasting life.**

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14 The Result of Faith

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16 1. The blessed assurance of your salvation. Luke 10:20 **Notwithstanding in this
17 rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your
18 names are written in heaven.**

19 2. Good works. Matthew 5:16 **Let your light so shine before men, that they may
20 see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**

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23 PART TWO - JUSTIFICATION

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Justification is the reversal of God's attitude toward the sinner because of the sinner's
new relationship with Christ. It is JUST-AS-IF-I'D never sinned in the first place.
Justification is something declared of man by God Himself.

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27 Romans 5:12-19 (The Living Bible)

28 **When Adam sinned, sin entered the entire human race. Adam's sin brought death,**
29 **so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. [13] Yes, people sinned even**
30 **before the law was given. And though there was no law to break, since it had not yet**
31 **been given, [14] they all died anyway—even though they did not disobey an explicit**
32 **commandment of God, as Adam did. What a contrast between Adam and Christ,**
33 **who was yet to come! [15] And what a difference between our sin and God's**
34 **generous gift of forgiveness. For this one man, Adam, brought death to many**
35 **through his sin. But this other man, Jesus Christ, brought forgiveness to many**
36 **through God's bountiful gift. [16] And the result of God's gracious gift is very**
37 **different from the result of that one man's sin. For Adam's sin led to condemnation,**

1 but we have the free gift of being accepted by God, even though we are guilty of
2 many sins. [17] The sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over us, but all
3 who receive God's wonderful, gracious gift of righteousness will live in triumph over
4 sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.

5 [18] Yes, Adam's one sin brought condemnation upon everyone, but Christ's one
6 act of righteousness makes all people right in God's sight and gives them life. [19]
7 Because one person disobeyed God, many people became sinners. But because one
8 other person obeyed God, many people will be made right in God's sight.

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10 Here is the King James version of verse 18: Romans 5:18 **Therefore as by the**
11 **offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the**
12 **righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.**

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14 In Part One tonight we started the series with the subject of CONVERSION, which
15 means: "a sincere changing (a thorough changing) of the mind and disposition in regard
16 to sin, involving a sense of PERSONAL guilt and helplessness, apprehension of God's
17 mercy and a strong desire to escape - or be saved from sin, and VOLUNTARY
18 ABANDONMENT OF SIN.

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20 Conversion is followed by JUSTIFICATION. Here is the scenario:

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22 1. Before conversion and justification, God considers you and me as a transgressor and
23 an eternal criminal.

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25 Romans 3:23 **For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**

26 Romans 5:6 **For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for**
27 **the ungodly.**

28 Col. 1:21 **And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by**
29 **wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled:**

30 Titus 3:3 **For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived,**
31 **-serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one**
32 **another.**

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34 THE PENALTY FOR THIS IS DEATH. Romans 6:23 **For the wages of sin is**
35 **death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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37 Therefore....if you and I are to be saved, truly saved, this death penalty has to be removed.
38 This was accomplished by the death of Jesus on the cross:

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40 Isaiah 53:5 **But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our**

1 **iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are**
2 **healed.**

3 1 Peter 2:24 **Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we,**
4 **being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.**

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6 Jesus bore my penalty of death on the cross: Therefore God now remits that penalty if I
7 believe on His Son. This is what forgiveness of sins is based on.

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9 2. Now sin not only causes death, but it causes the sinner to lose the favor of God.

10 John 3:36 **He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth**
11 **not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.**

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13 The wrath of God? Really? How often do we hear today about His anger? Well, note
14 the scripture: Romans 1:18 **For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against**
15 **all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;**

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17 Now....remission of the penalty for sin is one thing; but restoration to favor is quite
18 another. A pardoned criminal may be restored to his civil rights so far as the penalty is
19 concerned, but he is not necessarily reconciled to society. JUSTIFICATION
20 RESTORES THE FAVOR - AS WELL AS REMOVING THE PENALTY. Galatians
21 3:26 **For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.**

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23 3. Justification also imputes righteousness. The sinner must not only be pardoned for
24 his past sins, but also supplied with a positive righteousness before we can have
25 fellowship with God.

In the New Testament, Paul asked the wealthy landowner, Philemon, to "reckon" the debt of his runaway slave Onesimus to him (Paul). As far as Philemon was concerned, he then imputed the goodness of Paul to his errant slave. So far as God is concerned, it is not MY goodness at all - for I have none, but rather "Christ in me" the hope of glory.

27 The righteousness of Christ is the wedding garment worn by the bride, the church, to the
28 Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Matthew 22:11-14 **And when the king came in to see**
29 **the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: [12] And he**
30 **saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?**
31 **And he was speechless. [13] Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and**
32 **foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping**
33 **and gnashing of teeth. [14] For many are called, but few are chosen.**

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2 How can I be justified? That was the question asked so long ago by Job: Job 25:4
3 **How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean that is born of a**
4 **woman?**

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6 • It is by the grace of God. It is not by our works or goodness but only by the
7 mercy of God. God:
8 A) Realizes our lack of righteousness
9 B) Realizes inability to ever be righteous in ourselves
10 C) Provides a righteousness for us
11 D) Was under no moral obligation to do this for us, but "He so loved the world"
12 that He did it

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14 • It is by the blood of Christ. Romans 5:9 **Much more then, being now**
15 **justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.**

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17 • It is by faith. Romans 5:1 **Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace**
18 **with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:** Faith is the means by which we
19 appropriate justification

20 21 The Results of Justification

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23 1. Remission of the penalty

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25 2. Condemnation is gone

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27 3. There is peace with God

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29 4. The believer is now clothed in Christ's righteousness

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31 5. The believer is now an heir of God Titus 3:7 **That being justified by his grace,**
32 **we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.**

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34 6. Justification results in righteous living. 1 John 3:7 **Little children, let no man**
35 **deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he (Christ) is**
36 **righteous.**

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38 7. The believer is assured that he will be saved from the coming wrath of God.

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41 **Next week:** The great doctrines of salvation will be continued: Regeneration -
42 Sanctification and Reconciliation