



Journal

Chapter 3: SALVATION

Personal Study

Last week you took a look at your beliefs about how God is involved in your daily life. Perhaps you were able to reflect on how God really does care about your daily activities. Maybe you were able to see how God has been at work in your life, even in difficult times. This week read *Believe, Chapter 3: Salvation*. Then spend some time allowing the Scripture to take root in your heart and considering what salvation through Jesus means to you.

Read

Read Believe Chapter 3. Salvation and answer the following questions.

1. Describe the common patterns found in these chapter.

2. As you read this chapter, what thoughts, ideas, or concerns came to mind?

3. What did you read that surprised you? Confronted you? Interested you? Confused you?

Confronted you? _____

Interested you? _____

Confused you? _____

4. Throughout the Bible we see stories of lives being saved through the shed blood of a substitutionary sacrifice (i.e., the ram in place of Isaac, the blood over the doorframes in Egypt). How is what Jesus did on the cross similar? How is it different?

How is it different? _____

5. Although Jesus' sacrifice on the cross has the power to save all of mankind, why is it that some will not receive the gift of salvation?

6. What must someone do to receive this gift?

Evaluate

Based on your reading from Believe, Chapter 3: Salvation, evaluate your level of confidence in the statements below, using a scale of 1–6 (1 = no confidence, 6 = complete certainty).

_____ I believe I will inherit eternal life because of what Jesus has done for me.

_____ I believe nothing I do or have done can earn my salvation.

_____ I believe salvation comes only through Jesus.

_____ I believe people are saved because of what Jesus did, not because of what they do.

Take Action

Memorizing Scripture is a valuable discipline for all believers to exercise. Spend a few minutes each day committing this week's Key Verse to memory.

Key Verse: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8–9)

Recite this week's Key Idea out loud. As you do, ask yourself, does my life reflect this statement?

Key Idea: I believe a person comes into a right relationship with God, by his grace, through faith in Jesus Christ.

Answer the following questions to help you apply this week's Key Idea to your own life.

1. How would this belief-in-action express itself in your life?

2. What visible attributes can be found in someone who has received the gift of salvation?

3. If you haven't confessed with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believed in your heart that he has risen from the dead, what is keeping you from doing so?

4. Is there someone in your life who needs to know about salvation by grace through faith in Jesus? What's stopping you from having that conversation?

Journal

Bring this study guide with you to church and use the following space to take notes from the pastor's or teacher's message.

