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# MODULE 2 – NON-NEGOTIABLES OF THE CHRISTIAN WALK

**Week 1 (11<sup>th</sup> April 2024): Salvation & Water Baptism**

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# Salvation

*(Referring the Book by Herbert Lockyer, titled  
“All the DOCTRINES of the Bible”)*

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**SALVATION IS FOUND IN JESUS ALONE!**

**Why did Jesus come?**

1. To save sinners (1 Tim 1:15)
2. To seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10)

**1 Timothy 1:15**

*New Living Translation*

This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—and I am the worst of them all.

**Luke 19:10**

*New Living Translation*

For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”

**Matthew 1:21**

*Amplified Bible*

She will give birth to a Son, and you shall name Him Jesus (**The LORD is salvation**), for He will save His people from their sins.”

There is a promise of deliverance from the guilt of sin and the bondage of sin.

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- Know what the Bible teaches about salvation
- The only divinely provided remedy for sin
- Without this we are helpless and hopeless
- By accepting this Blood-bought salvation, which is offered to us for free, we, the sinners, can experience:
  - Freedom from the past with all its failure
  - Victory in present days from sin's oppression
  - Hope of escape from hell
- There is no other way out

## Slide 4.1 Acts 4:12

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And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among people by which we must be saved [for **God has provided the world no alternative for salvation**].”

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### What happens if we do not have this salvation?

If this salvation is neglected and finally rejected, there can be no escape from the righteous judgements of God.

2 Thessalonians 1:7b-10a

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<sup>7b</sup> ...when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in a flame of fire, <sup>8</sup> dealing out [full and complete] vengeance to those who do not [seek to] know God and **to those who ignore *and* refuse to obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus [by choosing not to respond to Him]**. <sup>9</sup> These people will pay the penalty *and* endure the punishment of everlasting destruction, **banished from the presence of the Lord** and from the glory of His power, <sup>10</sup> when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day [that is, glorified through the changed lives of those who have accepted Him as Savior and have been set apart for His purpose],...

Hebrews 2:3a

*Amplified Bible*

how will we escape [the penalty] if we ignore such a great salvation [the gospel, the new covenant]?

It is also imperative to know all the Bible teaches about salvation, seeing it contains the only divinely provided remedy for sin. Without such a provision, the Sinner is both helpless and hopeless. Accepting this blood-bought salvation so freely offered, the sinner can experience freedom from the past with all its failure; victory in present days from sin's oppression; and hope of escape from sin's full reward in hell. All who are lost are shut up to God's perfect, peerless salvation. There is no other way out of the gloom and despair of sin. "There is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we may be saved" (Acts 4:12). If this salvation is neglected and finally rejected, there can be no escape from the righteous judgements of God (2 Thessalonians 1:9; Hebrews 2:3).

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### 8 Reasons why Salvation is Great!

#### 1. Salvation is Great because of its Divine Author

Romans 5:8

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But God clearly shows *and* proves His own love for us, by the fact that **while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

Ephesians 1:4

*Amplified Bible*

just as **[in His love] He chose us in Christ** [actually selected us for Himself as His own] **before the foundation of the world**, so that we would be holy [that is, consecrated, set apart for Him, purpose-driven] and blameless in His sight.

*In love*

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#### 2. Salvation is Great because of the Price Paid to Procure it

Matthew 20:28

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just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to **give His life as a ransom** for many [paying the price to set them free from the penalty of sin]."

2 Corinthians 5:21

*New Living Translation*

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, **so that we could be made right with God through Christ.**

1 Peter 1:19

*Amplified Bible*

but **[you were actually purchased] with precious blood**, like that of a [sacrificial] lamb unblemished and spotless, ***the priceless blood of Christ.***

Heb 2:14-15

Acts 20:28

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### 3. Salvation is Great because of its Agency

Acts 16:30-31

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<sup>30</sup> and after he brought them out [of the inner prison], he said, “Sirs, **what must I do to be saved?**”

*The Jailer Converted*

<sup>31</sup> And they answered, “**Believe in the Lord Jesus [as your personal Savior and entrust yourself to Him] and you will be saved, you and your household [if they also believe].**”

It is the Holy Spirit who makes possible the actual work of salvation in the heart of the believing sinner. He is the One who applies the valuable Blood.

The terms of salvation are so simple that a child can understand them.

“What must I do to be saved? Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:30-31). Repentance toward God and faith in Christ form the channel of salvation. John 1:12, Acts 20:21

How grateful we should be for the simplicity of the Gospel. Here, then, are the keywords of salvation: repent, call, receive, believe (Titus 3:5-8)

Repentance toward God and faith in Christ form the channel of salvation.

Acts 20:21 (*Amplified Bible*)

solemnly [and wholeheartedly] testifying to both Jews and Greeks, urging them to **turn in repentance to God and [to have] faith in our Lord Jesus Christ [for salvation].**

John 1:12

*New King James Version*

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

Titus 3:5-8

*Amplified Bible*

<sup>5</sup> He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we have done, but because of His own compassion *and* mercy, by the cleansing of the new birth (spiritual transformation, regeneration) and renewing by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom He poured out richly upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that we would be justified [made free of the guilt of sin] by His [compassionate, undeserved] grace, and that we would be [acknowledged as acceptable to Him and] made heirs of eternal life [actually experiencing it] according to our hope (His guarantee). <sup>8</sup> This is a faithful *and* trustworthy saying; and concerning these things I want you to speak with great confidence, so that those who have believed God [that is, those who have trusted in, relied on, and accepted Christ Jesus as Savior,] will be careful to participate in doing good *and* honorable things. These things are excellent [in themselves] and profitable for the people.

Titus 3:5-8

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### 4. Salvation is Great because of its Universality

- ❖ God so loved the world...
- ❖ He wills all men to be saved.
- ❖ Irrespective of nationality, position, condition, age or need, God's salvation is for all.

1 Timothy 2:3-6

*New Living Translation*

<sup>3</sup> This is good and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> **who wants everyone to be saved** and to understand the truth. <sup>5</sup> For, There is one God and **one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus.** <sup>6</sup> He gave his life to **purchase freedom for everyone.** This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time.

## 1 Timothy 4:10

*Amplified Bible*

It is for this that we labor and strive [often called to account], because we have fixed our [confident] hope on the living God, who is the <sup>[a]</sup>Savior of all people, especially of those who believe [in Him, recognize Him as the Son of God, and accept Him as Savior and Lord].

## Slide 9.1 1 John 2:2

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And He [that same **Jesus**] **is the propitiation for our sins** [the atoning sacrifice **that holds back the wrath of God** that would otherwise be directed at us because of our sinful nature—our worldliness, our lifestyle]; and not for ours alone, but also for [the sins of all believers throughout] the whole world.

*Propitiation means: the act of gaining or regaining the favor or goodwill of someone or something*

1 Tim 4:10

1 John 4:14

Because God so loved the world, and through the finished work of His Son, provided salvation for all the world, He wills all men to be saved. Alas, however, multitudes will not come to Him that they may have life! Irrespective of nationality, position, condition, age or need, God's salvation is for all (John 3:16; 1 Tim 2:3-6, 4:10; 1 John 2:2, 4:14)

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Universality does not mean Universalism.

*Universalism is a false system of religious teaching that believes all men are to be saved ultimately.*

The word “perish” (John 3:16) – doesn't mean extinction, but eternal banishment from the presence of God.

Luke 16:19-31 (Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus)

Such a universality does not mean Universalism, a false system of religious teaching that believes all men are to be saved ultimately. Jesus declared that all who fail to accept Him as Saviour must “perish” (John 3:16) – a word meaning not extinction, but eternal banishment from the presence of God. Our Lord's teaching on the finality of hell also proves the falsity of Universalism (Luke 16:19-31).

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### 5. Salvation is Great because of the Blessings it Bestows

- ✚ Liberation from the bondage of sin, and from all its eternal consequences
- ✚ Deliverance from the powers of darkness, from the curse and condemnation of sin
- ✚ Provides us with a perfect standing before God through the merits of the Saviour
- ✚ Brings us into the fellowship of our Deliverer
- ✚ We become His property (1 Cor 6:19-20)
- ✚ We also receive satisfaction with our salvation, power as well as pardon, joy as well as justification.

What constitutes this unique salvation which prophets and apostles wrote about? On the negative side, it offers liberation from the bondage of sin, and from all its eternal consequences. Its principal elements are deliverance from the powers of darkness, from the curse and condemnation of sin. On the positive side, salvation provides us with a perfect standing before God through the merits of the Saviour. It brings us into the fellowship of our Deliverer, with whom we are made one forever. Once saved, we become His property.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

*Amplified Bible*

<sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is within you, whom you have [received as a gift] from God, and that **you are not your own [property]**? <sup>20</sup> **You were bought with a price [you were actually purchased with the precious blood of Jesus and made His own]**. So then, honor *and* glorify God with your body.

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### 6. Salvation is Great because it is Eternal in its Duration

Is 45:17, 51:6 (God said "My salvation will be forever")

John 10:28

Hebrews 5:9 (*New Living Translation*)

In this way, God qualified him as a perfect High Priest, and he became the source of **eternal salvation for all those who obey him**.

Hebrews 9:12

*Amplified Bible*

He went once for all into the Holy Place [the Holy of Holies of heaven, into the presence of God], and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, **having obtained *and* secured eternal redemption** [that is, the salvation of all who personally believe in Him as Savior].

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### 7. Salvation is Great because it is Incomparable

There is no other way God can clear and deliver the guilty save through the sacrifice and meditation of His beloved Son. The sinner in his need is shut up to God's provision. Did not Jesus Himself say, "No man comes to the Father, but by Me" (John 14:6)? Man's own worth or works are useless as avenues of salvation or of justification in the sight of God. The lost have to come just as they are, without one plea, and depend upon Divine Mercy for salvation (Eph 2:7-10).

John 14:6

*New Living Translation*

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

Ephesians 2:7-10

*Amplified Bible*

<sup>7</sup> [and He did this] so that in the ages to come He might [clearly] show the immeasurable *and* unsurpassed riches of His grace in [His] kindness toward us in Christ Jesus [by providing for our redemption]. <sup>8</sup> **For it is by grace** [God's remarkable compassion and favor drawing you to Christ] **that you have been saved** [actually delivered from judgment and given eternal life] through faith. And **this [salvation] is not of yourselves [not through your own effort]**, but it is the [undeserved, gracious] gift of God; <sup>9</sup> **not as a result of [your] works [nor your attempts to keep the Law]**, so that no one will [be able to] boast *or* take credit in any way [for his salvation]. <sup>10</sup> For **we are His workmanship** [His own master work, a work of art], **created in Christ Jesus [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, ready to be used]** for good works, which God prepared [for us] beforehand [taking paths which He set], so that we would walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us].

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### 8. Salvation is Great because it Came to us Personified

We are prone to forget that salvation is not something, but SOMEONE. "The Lord Jehovah... is become my salvation" (Isaiah 12:2; Psalms 27:1, 62:2). If salvation is treated as an intangible something we must struggle in order to keep, then there will be a constant fear that we may lose it. But our salvation is not a mere it but HIM, even the Saviour Himself, and it is ridiculous to try and keep Him when He is Saviour and Keeper combined. He is able to keep what He has committed unto us, seeing that what He committed was Himself.

Salvation is not something, but SOMEONE

Isaiah 12:2

*New King James Version*

Behold, **God is my salvation,**

I will trust and not be afraid;

'For YAH, the LORD, *is* my strength and song;

**He also has become my salvation.'** "

Psalms 27:1, 62:2

**Slide 15****Tenses of Salvation**

<b>COMPLETED BY JESUS</b>	<b>PROCESSING BY HOLY SPIRIT</b>	<b>ASSURED BY THE FATHER</b>
JUSTIFY	SANCTIFY	GLORIFY
I am saved	I am being saved	I will be saved
2Timothy1:9. 1Corinthians6:11. Titus3:4-5. Titus2:11.	1Corinthians1:18. 2Corinthians2:15. Philippians2:13. Hebrews2:1.	Romans 5:9. Ephesians 1:14. 1Thessalonians 5:8. Philippians 3:21
Past	Present	Future
Aorist Tense	Present Tense	Aorist Tense
Completed in past	Happening now	Completed in past
The Blood	The Cross	The Glorification
A New SPIRIT	A Renewing SOUL	A New BODY
Free from penalty of sin	Free from power of sin	Free from presence of sin
Righteousness	Temperance	Judgement
FOR US	IN US	TO US
Yesterday's Sin	Today's Temptation	Tomorrow's Reward
Secured from Sin	Trained to Reign	Crowned to Rule
Faith in Justification	Hope in Sanctification	Love in Glorification
From Wrath	For Purpose	To Glory

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### A Past Salvation

Salvation is a gift we receive the moment we accept Christ as our Saviour.

Romans 1:16

In the moment of our surrender to His claims, we experience His Gospel to be the power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16).

No matter how sinful we were in the past, in a moment of time the red blood of Jesus makes the black heart whiter than the snow (Is 1:18).

As to the nature of this initial grade of salvation, Scripture proclaims it to be – **A Common Salvation** (Jude 3a).

### **A Common Salvation**

Jude 3a

*Amplified Bible*

Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our **common salvation**,

The word “common” suggests something for all, universal. None are excluded from the pale of mercy, except by their own fault. God, not willing that any should perish has provided a salvation adapted to all and needed by all.

2 Peter 3:9

*Amplified Bible*

The Lord does not delay [as though He were unable to act] *and* is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is [extraordinarily] patient toward you, **not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.**

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### **A Personal Salvation.**

What is universal must also be personal if it is to be of any practical value. Each of us can take this blood-bought salvation and say, “This is my salvation” (Ps 25:5, 35:3). Further, no one can act for us in this all-important matter.

Romans 10:9

*Amplified Bible*

because **if you acknowledge *and* confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord** [recognizing His power, authority, and majesty as God], **and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.**

## **A Powerful Salvation.**

Because God is mighty to save, there is no case He is not able to cope with. The blood of Christ can make the vilest clean (Luke 1:68-69; Romans 1:16).

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### **A Present Salvation**

Too many who have been saved are ignorant of the fact that their salvation covers the journey between their conversion and death or the return of Christ.

Because He continues His ministry in glory, Christ's salvation is unailing (Hebrews 7:24-25). Paul had this aspect of salvation in mind when he wrote Romans 5:10.

Hebrews 7:24-25 (*Amplified Bible*)

<sup>24</sup> but, on the other hand, **Jesus holds His priesthood permanently** *and* without change, **because He lives on forever.** <sup>25</sup> Therefore **He is able also to save forever** (completely, perfectly, for eternity) **those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to intercede** *and* **intervene on their behalf** [with God].

Romans 5:10 (*Amplified Bible*)

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, *it is much more certain*, having been reconciled, that **we will be saved** [from the consequences of sin] **by His life** [that is, we will be saved because **Christ lives today**].

Here we have a double salvation – one by the death of Christ, and the other by His life. “Reconciled to God by the death of His Son” – this is past salvation. But Paul said “much more”. Is there something more than being saved? The apostle says there is – “being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”

The reference to “His life” does not apply to the earthly life of Christ. There is no salvation through the life He lived among men, even although there are those who teach salvation by imitation. Live like Jesus, imbibe His teachings, emulate His example, and all will be right. But Christ after the flesh is not a Saviour. Paul, then, had in mind the present life of Christ, His risen, glorified throne-life. He ever lives to keep us saved, to provide us with a day by day salvation from the power of sin, as well as its penalty: from sin’s government as well as its guilt. This is the grade of salvation we are to exhibit, and represent salvation from the habit and dominion of sin (Philippians 2:12-13; 2 Cor 3:18).

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Philippians 2:12-13

*Amplified Bible*

<sup>12</sup> So then, my dear ones, just as you have always obeyed [my instructions with enthusiasm], not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence, **continue to work out your salvation** [that is, cultivate it, bring it to full effect, actively pursue spiritual maturity] with awe-inspired fear and trembling [using serious caution and critical self-evaluation to avoid anything that might offend God or discredit the name of Christ]. <sup>13</sup> For it is [not your strength, but it is] God who is effectively at work in you, both to will and to work [that is, strengthening, energizing, and creating in you the longing and the ability to fulfill your purpose] for His good pleasure.

2 Corinthians 3:18

*Amplified Bible*

And we all, with unveiled face, *continually* seeing as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, **are progressively being transformed into His image** from [one degree of] glory to [even more] glory, which comes from the Lord, [who is] the Spirit.

The question of supreme importance is, are we being saved? Have we daily victory over the flesh? Do we reign in life by Christ Jesus? Are we more than conquerors? Is ours the overcoming life? Or can it be that, although we can look back and think of the day we were saved from our guilty past, we are miserably defeated in the present?

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### A Prospective Salvation

Paul must have had the future in mind when he gave us this third aspect or tense of salvation.

Romans 13:11

*Amplified Bible*

Do this, knowing that this is a critical time. It is already the hour for you to awaken from your sleep [of spiritual complacency]; for **our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed** [in Christ].

This is also the grade of salvation of which Peter speaks, as being “ready to be revealed in the last times”.

1 Peter 1:5 (*New Living Translation*)

And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power **until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day** for all to see.

“Nearer than when we believed?” Did we not receive salvation when we believed? Yes! Do we not receive salvation as we keep on believing? Yes! Then what brand of salvation did Paul refer to when he said it is “nearer” than it was in the initial hour of faith?

### **Slide 20.1** What brand of salvation did Peter refer to?

It is a salvation from the presence of sin, just as the past salvation delivered us from the penalty of sin, and a present salvation delivers us from the power of sin. We need salvation from the presence of sin within, and from the presence of sin around us in the world.

### **When will this salvation take place?**

When Jesus comes! He is our “Salvation,” and as such is nearer than when we believed. Returning, He will save us from sin within, giving us an unsinning nature like unto His own.

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1 John 3:1-2 (*Amplified Bible*)

<sup>1</sup>See what an incredible quality of love the Father has shown to us, that we would [be permitted to] be named *and* called *and* counted the children of God! And so we are! For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are [even here and] now children of God, and it is not yet made clear what we will be [after His coming]. We know that **when He comes *and* is revealed, we will [as His children] be like Him**, because we will see Him just as He is [in all His glory].

He will also save us from the presence of sin around, for when caught up to meet Him in the air, we shall be saved to sin no more. With the redemption of the body (Romans 8:23; 1 Corinthians 15:51-54), the seat, source and seductiveness of sin will be removed.

Romans 8:23 (*New Living Translation*)

And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for **we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering**. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us.

1 Corinthians 15:51-54 (*Amplified Bible*)

<sup>51</sup> Listen very carefully, I tell you a mystery [a secret truth decreed by God and previously hidden, but now revealed]; we will not all sleep [in death], but we will all be [completely] changed [wondrously transformed], <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at [the sound of] the last trumpet call. For a trumpet will sound, and the dead [who believed in Christ] will be raised imperishable, and we will be [completely] changed [wondrously transformed]. <sup>53</sup> For this perishable [part of us] must put on the imperishable [nature], and this mortal [part of us that is capable of dying] must put on immortality [which is freedom from death]. <sup>54</sup> And when this perishable puts on the imperishable, and this mortal puts on immortality, then the Scripture will be fulfilled that says, “DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory (vanquished forever).

This last aspect of salvation will bring us to the entire conformity to Christ. At the Rapture, the Church will be saved to sin no more.

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### Can we Lose Our Salvation?

We can lose our salvation if we choose to walk out of this relationship with God.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God; No one can snatch us from His hand – the only thing that can do this is “Our Free Will”.

God doesn't take back His gift of salvation that He gave us, but we despise it and go away from Him, thereby leaving our salvation behind.

We still remain His children but lose our position. **In salvation, our position matters!**

Just like the prodigal son, if we continue to live in the pig pen, even though our Father is our Father and is waiting and longing for us, we can never reach there or enjoy the benefits of being His son/daughter. We have to make a choice to get back to Him and walk towards Him. Our God is a just God, and if that means to put us in hell if we don't have salvation, He will do that. He did not spare His Son and forsook Him when Jesus was carrying the sins of this world, He won't spare us. But the way He raised Jesus from the dead and placed Him in the heavenly places seated on the Throne, He will do the same with us if we continue to work out our salvation by entrusting our lives into the hands of Jesus, the Holy Spirit and our Heavenly Father – and do what they tell us to do!

Continue to work out your salvation by entrusting your lives into the hands of Jesus, the Holy Spirit and our Heavenly Father – and do what they tell you to do!

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# Water Baptism

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- ✓ Water Baptism follows Salvation
- ✓ Believer's Baptism
- ✓ Physical act expressing a spiritual truth
- ✓ Share with Christ in His death and resurrection
- ✓ In this, we don't die literally like Jesus
- ✓ Public testimony of declaring that we apply the work of the cross
- ✓ Symbolically we die to sin
- ✓ Immersion symbolizes burial of old sinful nature
- ✓ Symbolically we rise up to a new life in Jesus when we come out of the water
- ✓ **Slide 24.1** Public declaration of our salvation –

Galatians 2:20

*Amplified Bible*

I have been crucified with Christ [that is, in Him I have shared His crucifixion]; **it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.** The *life* I now live in the body I **live by faith [by adhering to, relying on, and completely trusting] in the Son of God,** who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

We willingly, gladly and with joy associate ourselves with the redemptive work of Calvary.

Water baptism is a **Believer's Baptism** and it is a physical act expressing a spiritual truth. In water baptism we are saying, in effect, that we share with Christ in the fact of His death and resurrection. Obviously the person baptised is not dying for sin as did Jesus, but rather he is making a public testimony to the fact that he is availing himself of Christ's work. As Christ died for sin, so he is now symbolically dying to sin. As he goes into the water and is completely immersed, the burial of the old sinful nature is symbolised. This nature is left

under the water and the person is then symbolically raised up to new life in Jesus. He is declaring that he will live for Jesus as His disciple. "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me." (Galatians 2:20). The person being baptised is literally agreeing with God that he is dead in Christ to the principles of sin and death and he is now alive in Christ to God. We willingly, gladly and with joy associate ourselves with the redemptive work of Calvary.

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### (i) Why full immersion?

1. The Greek word for 'baptism' is 'baptizo' which means 'to dip' or 'immerse'. The word was used to describe the immersion of a cloth in a dye.
2. John the Baptist baptised in the Aenon River because there was much water there which indicates full immersion (John 3:23).
3. The main reason is that only full immersion can properly symbolise burial (i.e. a watery grave) (Roman 6:4; Col 2:12).

Romans 6:4

*Amplified Bible*

We have therefore **been buried with Him through baptism into death**, so that **just as Christ was raised from the dead** through the glory *and* power of the Father, **we too might walk *habitually* in newness of life [abandoning our old ways]**.

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### (ii) Why should a person be water baptised?

1. It is a command of Jesus (Matthew 28:19).
2. It is the pledge of a good conscience towards God (1 Peter 3:21).
3. Because Jesus Himself was baptised (Matthew 3:13-17).

Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires...  
...for this is the fitting way for us to fulfill all righteousness

4. **Slide 26.1** It is a kind of circumcision (Col 2:11-12).
5. It was a foundational doctrine of the early church (Acts 2:41, 10:47-48).
6. Water baptism symbolises washing or cleansing (Acts 22:16). This is only a symbol as, in fact, we are washed clean by the blood of Jesus (Revelation 1:5) and we are cleansed by the Word of God

(John 15:3). However, our washing or cleansing from sin is symbolised and testified to in water baptism.

7. It is an outward confession of what happened within. It expresses our identification with Jesus (Romans 6:1-11).

## Romans 6:1-11

*Amplified Bible*

### Believers Are Dead to Sin, Alive to God

<sup>1</sup> What shall we say [to all this]? **Should we continue in sin *and* practice sin as a habit so that [God's gift of] grace may increase *and* overflow?** <sup>2</sup> **Certainly not!** How can we, the very ones who died to sin, *continue to* live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup> Or are you ignorant of the fact that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup> We have therefore been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory *and* power of the Father, we too might walk *habitually* in newness of life [abandoning our old ways]. <sup>5</sup> For if we have become one with Him [permanently united] in the likeness of His death, we will also certainly be [one with Him and share fully] *in the likeness* of His resurrection. <sup>6</sup> We know that **our old self [our human nature without the Holy Spirit] was nailed to the cross with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin.** <sup>7</sup> For the person who has died [with Christ] has been freed from [the power of] sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live [together] with Him, <sup>9</sup> because we know [the self-evident truth] that Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has power over Him. <sup>10</sup> For the death that He died, **He died to sin [ending its power and paying the sinner's debt] once and for all;** and the life that He lives, He lives to [glorify] God [in unbroken fellowship with Him]. <sup>11</sup> Even so, **consider yourselves to be dead to sin [and your relationship to it broken], but alive to God [in unbroken fellowship with Him] in Christ Jesus.**

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### (iii) Baptism in water is a multi-confession to:

- heaven (of our belief in the death and resurrection of Jesus, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4).
- the church (that we are a part of it) [Acts 2:41].
- the world (that we are finished with it).
- the devil (that we are finished with him and we have changed over to God's side).

- ✚ In water baptism we identify with the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.
- ✚ In water baptism we are symbolising that in our lives we have died to our old natures and now live in the life and new nature that Jesus has made available to us by the Holy Spirit.