

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Understanding Salvation — Part 2
Titus—Week 11

ICEBREAKER: What lesson did you have to learn the hard way?

OVERVIEW: The word “salvation” means to cure, to provide recovery, to rescue, to deliver. It is often used in the Bible to refer to someone being rescued from physical danger, but most of the time, especially in the New Testament, the word “salvation” is used in a spiritual sense to refer to **deliverance or rescue from sin and all of its consequences and restoring us to a right relationship with God.** This week we will finish up our study on the doctrine of salvation in Titus 3:3-7.

1. **Read Titus 3:3-7.** What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday’s message?)
2. Titus 3:5 says, that salvation means regeneration, which means a new birth, or a radical new beginning. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says that when a person gets saved they become a new creation, or a new creature. Have you noticed a change in your life since you got saved? Explain.
3. In your Home Group, have you noticed a change in anyone’s life since they got saved? Explain.
4. Read Jeremiah 32:39-40, and Ezekiel 36:26-27. These Old Testament prophets described the New Covenant which would be initiated by the coming messiah. They are describing regeneration, which did not happen to OT Jews. According to these passages, what happens to a person when they get saved? Have you noticed God performing these works in your own life?

5. Titus 3:6 says that salvation means the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. How does it make you feel to know that God lives within you?
6. Read Romans 8:9. What does this verse say about the Holy Spirit?
7. Titus 3:7 says that salvation means we are justified by grace. Justification means that God declares us legally righteous in His sight. Practically this means that when we die God will not punish or condemn us for our sins. Romans 8:1 says, “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus.” How does it make you feel that you are justified and have been rescued from God’s wrath at the final judgment?
8. Read Romans 3:24 & 28. What do these verses teach about justification?
9. Titus 3:7 says that salvation means eternal life. The Greek word for “hope” means “a desire for something with the absolute assurance and certainty that it will happen.” Do you strongly desire heaven? Explain. Do you have absolute assurance that you will go to heaven? Explain.
10. How can a person be sure of their eternal destiny?

The Last Word: “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will place my Spirit within you and cause you to follow my statutes and carefully observe my ordinances.” Ezekiel 36:26-27