

Sin, Salvation, Service



"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves it is a gift of God - not by works so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

~ Ephesians 2:8-10



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Sin

When God created the world He made it perfect. The world became full of sin after the original sin of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

"Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life." ~Genesis 3:17b

Because of the fall into sin the whole world was affected.

"Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me." ~Psalm 51:5

We are all conceived and born into sin. Man is totally depraved. This means that every part of our being is sinful.

"My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favour and a good name in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." ~ Proverbs 3:1-6

Salvation

Since the fall into sin we have become dead in our transgressions. (Eph 2:1)

In order for us to be saved a perfect person was required to make the sacrifice for us. Since there is no way for a man to be perfect God had to send Jesus Christ to the world and make the ultimate sacrifice for us.

Christ Jesus came into the world to die on the cross for our sins and has made us alive. If we believe in Christ and serve Him then we will be saved. Our salvation is a gift of grace from God. It is not something that we can earn on our own because we are totally depraved. (2 Peter 2:19)

Service

Because of our deliverance from sin we have the obligation to follow the laws of God. Our obedience shows that we want to live a life of faith and it also shows our thankfulness to God for our salvation.

Faith and works go together but we need to understand that we are not saved because of our good works. We are saved because of the grace of God. Our works show who we are as children of God.

When studying the Christian faith you will always have questions. Sometimes it is difficult to find an answer that you can understand. I encourage you to study but also ask others if you have any questions. We can only know what God has revealed to us in His Word. He has given us all that is necessary for us to know for our salvation.