

7. SALVATION

Purpose

To Understand God's Plan of Salvation

Q: When were your sins forgiven? Baptised? Saved? Receive the Holy Spirit? - Write a personal timeline of the major spiritual events in your life.

1 Peter 2:9-10

Only two places exist spiritually (no grey area, middle ground, no purgatory).

LIGHT	DARKNESS
People of God	Not a people of God
Received mercy	Not received mercy
(Forgiveness)	(No forgiveness)
Royal priesthood	
Holy nation ¹	

Q: Do you believe you are in the light or darkness?

John 3:1-7

- » **No one can see the Kingdom of God unless they are born again** - Because of our sin, we need a new birth...a second chance.
- » **Born of water and the Spirit** - This new birth happens with water and the Spirit.

Q: Why born of water?

Q: Where does this new birth happen?

Matthew 26:27-28

- » **This is my blood of the covenant** - Jesus shed his blood on the cross. This sacrifice allows us to enter a covenant relationship with God.
- » **Is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins** - Jesus' blood CAN forgive our sin.

Q: According to this passage, is everyone's sin forgiven?

This would include Hitler, Stalin, Idi Amin, etc.

The important question: How do we receive the forgiveness offered by Jesus' blood?

¹ God's vision for his people in [Exodus 19:5-6](#) was for them to be a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.

Romans 6:1-7

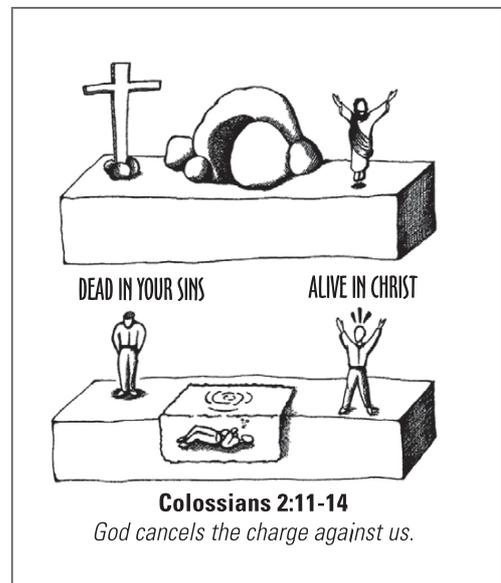
- » **We were buried with him through baptism into death** - We bury our old life in the waters of baptism.
- » **Just as Christ was raised from the dead we too may live a new life** - We resurrect to a new life just as Jesus was raised from the dead.

Colossians 2:11-14

- » **Raised through your faith** - This has to be our personal decision. (See diagram)

Acts 2:36-41

- » **What are they told to do?**
 - Repent
 - Be baptised
- » **Why are we baptised?**
 - Forgiveness of sin
 - Receive the Holy Spirit
 - The Greek word baptizo (baptizo) means to dip, plunge, immerse.
 - Let's return to our questions from [John 3](#).



Q: Why are we to be born of water?

Q: Where does our new birth happen?

Q: And what gift are we given as our sins are being washed away?

1 Peter 3:18-22

- » **This water (the flood) symbolizes baptism** - God saved Noah through the flood-waters.
- » **Baptism now saves you also** - We are saved through the waters of baptism.
- » **Pledge of a clear conscience toward God** - When we get baptised, we are pledging a clear conscience to God. We need to have dealt with our sin before we get baptised!

Titus 3:4-6

- » **He saved us because of his mercy** - Our salvation is a gift from God.
- » **He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit** - This passage summarizes where we began...to be saved we need to be reborn through water and the Holy Spirit.

WHEN WE GET BAPTISED

1. We are pledging a clear conscience to God.
2. Our sins are washed away (forgiven).
3. We receive the Holy Spirit.
4. Our old, sinful life is buried and we resurrect to a new life.
5. We enter the kingdom of God.

Q: If you look at your timeline and compare it to the Biblical plan for Salvation, is it the same?