

HOW THE WORD CAN DELIVER YOUR LIFE (BASICS SERIES)

Salvation

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Justification

Past (Phase 1)

*I Have Been Saved From the
Penalty of Sin*

Free

Christian

Salvation

Sanctification

Present (Phase 2)

*I Am Being Saved From the
Power of Sin*

Costly

Disciple

Salvation

Glorification

Future (Phase 3)

*I Will Be Saved
From the
Presence of Sin*

Face to Face

Glorified Bodies

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.
Eph. 2:8-9

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.
Rom. 5:8-9

¹¹ And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed.
Rom.13:11

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James 1:14-15

Sin can be broken down into 3 groups:

Mental Sin

lusts of the heart

maliciousness

debased mind

vile passions

Overt Sin

disobedient to parents

violent

inventors of evil things

strife

Verbal Sin

backbiters

unforgiving

whisperers

boasters

MOV you away from God!

These 3 groups of **sin** fall into one of the 3 doors:

1. Satan - Tamperers with your relationship with God
2. **World** - H.V. vs. D.V.
3. **Flesh** - Biological drives

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Gk. σῶζω sōzō

**Suppose someone has faith but does not have works What then?
In other words Can faith save him?**

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The genuineness of a profession of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord is evidenced more by what a person does than by what he claims. A person who professes Christ but who does not live a Christ-honoring, Christ-obeying life is a fraud. In chapter 2, James twice describes such faith as being dead (2:17, 26). A person with dead faith does not and cannot produce works that are truly good and righteous, and the absence of such works is evidence of the absence of saving faith.

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Faith applied will demonstrate itself in love for others.

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1. **FAITH** HERE = **GODS'S WORD/Doctrine**

2. **FAITH** BRINGS A PERSON TO SALVATION/JUSTIFICATION(P1)

3. **God's word/bible doctrine (-)** works is /**dead/useless**. fc

4. **WORKS** BRINGS A PERSON TO **FAITHFULNESS/USEFULNESS**

5. **God's word applied** is /**alive/useful**

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POINTS OF OBSERVATION

The implanted word can save your soul/life

Soul is a metonymy for the whole person

Every time “save a soul” is used it is for saving a person from physical death

29 Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 And he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” 31 So they said, “**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved**, you and your household.”

Acts 16:29-31

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten **Son**, that **whoever believes in Him** should not perish but **have everlasting life**.

John 3:16

19 You **believe** that **there is one God**. You do well. Even the **demons believe** and tremble!

James 1:19

BELIEVE in this context is not salvific. It simply states that the demons believe that there is **only one God**
This is not referring to being regenerate/born again

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James 5:19-20

Death (in the Bible)

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(2) **Spiritual death** describes man's total separation from God (Rom. 6:23a; Eph. 2:1). Adam, the first man, was created spiritually alive—body, soul, and human spirit—but he lost his human spirit and became spiritually dead when he chose to sin in the Garden (Gen. 2:17; 3:6). Adam's original sin brought condemnation to all mankind (Rom. 5:12). Every human being, with the exception of Jesus Christ, is born physically alive but spiritually dead.

Death (in the Bible)

(3) Positional death refers to the Church Age believer's identification with Christ's spiritual death, physical death, and burial.

Death (in the Bible)

(4) **Carnal/temporal death** describes the believer's loss of fellowship with God in time, which is the result of personal sin and the control of his soul by the sin nature (Rom. 8:6; Eph. 5:14; 1 Tim. 5:6; James 1:15). First John 1:9 is the means of recovery from temporal death.

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(5) **Operational death** describes any form of Christian service produced apart from the filling of the Holy Spirit. When the believer is out of fellowship with God and hence under the control of the sin nature, he can produce only dead works, human good (1 Cor. 3:12–13; Heb. 6:1).

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(6) Sexual death describes loss of procreative ability, exemplified in Scripture by Sarah's barrenness and Abraham's inability to produce an heir (Rom. 4:17–21; Heb. 11:11–12).

Death (in the Bible)

(7) **Second death** is the perpetuation of spiritual death and separation from God into eternity. This occurs when the unbeliever is condemned to the lake of fire at the Last Judgment (Matt. 25:41; Heb. 9:27; Rev. 2:11; 20:14–15).

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