

Salvation

TEXT: Ephesians 2:1-8; 1 John 1:9

SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 45:22; John 3:16; 1 Timothy 2:1-4; Revelation 22:17

KEY VERSE: For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.
— Ephesians 2:8

RESOURCE MATERIAL: Tract No. 30 — The New Birth

After a person has been convicted of his sins and is truly repentant, he must believe that the Lord will save him. He will then receive an experience of Bible salvation, an act of God's grace by which he receives forgiveness of sins. This is not just a mental assent or a hope-so or guess-so type of Christianity, but His Spirit will witness with that one that he is a child of God. See Romans 8:16.

1. Give the meaning of the word *quicken*ed, as used in the first verse of our text. Review the last two lessons which deal with conviction and repentance. How do these two words relate to the word *quicken*ed?

2. Explain in your own words what walking "according to the course of this world" might mean.

3. Peter tells us that our salvation has been purchased through the shedding of the Blood of Jesus on Calvary. He speaks of this as redemption, and explains that this was God's plan for our salvation before the world was created. These words are precious to us when we consider that Jesus gave His own life to be our Redeemer. *Redemption* means literally, "the buying back and freeing of our souls from sin and its penalty, death," which was brought upon the world by Adam's transgression. Jesus paid the ransom price in the only way possible to satisfy God's justice, by the shedding of His innocent Blood. How can this great salvation be obtained, and why is it necessary?

4. If after one has been converted he then returns to sin, is that person still a Christian? Using Ezekiel 33:12; 2 Peter 2:20,21; and 1 John 3:8,9; 5:18, explain your answer.

5. Our text states that God is merciful and has great love for us. Do you think He might overlook just a little sin in our lives? Explain.

6. Who is the prince of the power of the air? What influence does he have in the lives of sinners? How does he attract the Christian?

7. Who are the children of disobedience? Who are the children of wrath?

8. Tell in your own words the meaning of verses 6 and 7 of our text.