

The purpose of Jesus Christ and His death on the Cross, was to take on the penalty of our sin which is death and make a way for reconciliation with God. Jesus has provided reconciliation for each individual to allow us eternal life with the Father, if we believe in Jesus Christ and accept Him as our Lord and Savior. If Jesus is our Lord, then He also speaks in our defense to the Father when we sin.

- Acts 4:12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”
- John 3:16 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 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
- Matt 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
- Heb 9:28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.
- Acts 3:26 To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one *of you* from your iniquities.”
- Col 1:22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—
- Acts 2:22-24 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.
- 1 John 2:1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Discussion Item 1: *Why is the work of Jesus Christ critical to our salvation?*

Discussion Item 2: *What do you feel when you think about how Jesus took on the penalties of your sin and about how He died?*

Life Application: *Think about what you experience when you confess your sin(s).*

Helpful Definition:

salvation – The redemption of man from the bondage of sin and the liability to eternal death, and the conferring on him of everlasting happiness. (*Webster*)

Notes:

Proverb 30:4 Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What *is* His name, and what *is* His Son's name, if you know?

Psalms 73:25 Whom have I in heaven *but You*? And *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire besides You.