



Section 3: Concerning Man (Cont.)

Question 7: How can a man attain salvation?

Answer 7: A man can only be saved by grace, through faith, in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Memory Verse: **Ephesians 2:8-9**

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Support Verses: **Romans 5:1**

1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

1 Peter 1:9-10

9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.
10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Discussion Points:

1. To whom does salvation belong?

- One truth that must be established is that salvation is of the Lord.
- Man has, from the beginning attempted to set the terms of Salvation, and God, from the beginning has made it abundantly clear that salvation is on his terms.
- Consider Cain and Able. (Genesis 4:3-5)
- It is clear from the beginning that God has not hid his requirements for atonement from man.
- Upon meeting those requirements, man acknowledges the truth that he is completely at the mercy of an all powerful God.
- Consider Psalm 68:20.
- So many clear examples of this truth in the scripture, but two stand out, namely, the thief on the cross, and the publican. (Luke 23:42-43 & Luke 18:10-14)

2. Salvation is found in Jesus Christ alone.

- All aspects of salvation are possible only in the person of Jesus Christ.
- That is, complete salvation, of the body, soul, and spirit is a work done by Jesus Christ.



- Man is incapable of contributing in any way to attain salvation.
- In fact, any attempt on the part of man to attain salvation according to his own merit, is an offence to God.
- Salvation is a gift of God based on the work he has done.
- It is an offer of grace.
- The Lord Jesus is the provision of grace that would come according to the prophets. (John 1:14-17)
- And He is the fulfillment of all righteousness on behalf of the believer. (Matthew 3:15)

3. How can a man attain the salvation God offers?

- God establishes the means for man to attain salvation by giving every man a measure of faith. (Romans 12:3)
- God makes himself the provision by becoming the object of man's faith.
- That is, our faith must acknowledge, and believe that it is God alone, in the person of Jesus Christ that can save.
- So therefore, what the faith that God has given you produces ("end of your faith") is the salvation of your soul.
- You have the ability (God given) to exercise that faith unto salvation.
- Consider this truth made abundantly clear in John 1:12.
- The power to become a recipient of the salvation He offers was given to you by God Himself.
- And this, all on the basis of His grace, for man is truly undeserving of this gift.

Notes:

Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs:

- "Thank You, Lord" (Hymn #266 - Rejoice Hymns)
- "Grace Alone" (Hymn #128 - Rejoice Hymns)