

# SALVATION

Article 4—part 1

## **IV. Salvation**

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer.

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In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

## **God's Righteous Demands**

“You hate all workers of iniquity”  
(Psalm 5:5).

“The wrath of God is revealed from  
heaven against all ungodliness”  
(Romans 1:18).

## **The Question:**

How can God be justified in justifying people who are unjust?

The Cross meets God's own demands for justice, so that He can justly show mercy. (Romans 3:26)

## **Our Problem**

1. Sin is lawlessness (1 John 3:4); transgression (Leviticus 16:21); despising God (2 Samuel 12:10); defiance (Numbers 15:30).
2. Sin is universally entrenched in the soul of every human (Romans 3).
3. Sin causes alienation from God, and places people under condemnation.

## **Our Need**

1. We need cleansing from our sin.
2. We need pardon for our offenses.
3. We need reconciliation with God.
4. We need new hearts that will love God.
5. We can't solve this problem.
6. We are facing God's righteous wrath without hope.

# **Christ's Atonement**

Atonement refers to making restitution for our sins by paying a price.

- Substitutionary—Romans 5:6
- Penal—He paid the penalty for our sins—1 Peter 1:18-19
- Price—The blood of Christ—Hebrews 9:11ff

## The Atonement Is...

- Expiation—He did away with our sins (Hebrews 9:26-28).
- Propitiation—satisfied God’s wrathful judgment (1 John 4:10).
- Reconciliation—(1 Peter 3:18).
- Redemption—to buy back by paying the debt (Mark 10:45).

(See John Frame’s *Systematic Theology*, pp. 902-903).

## **Jesus—The Only Way**

Salvation is offered freely to all who accept Jesus as Lord and Savior (Romans 10:13).

Salvation comes only to those who repent of sinfulness and trust completely in Jesus as Savior and Lord (Acts 4:12; John 14:6).

# Conclusion

- Sin has caused a multi-faceted problem for humans.
- Humanity cannot solve its sin problem.
- Jesus Christ is the one and only atonement that answers every salvation need for humans.