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**The Baptist Faith and Message  
Salvation**



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## Preface

It is fitting that today, Valentine's Day 2024, that we look at our Baptist Faith and Message and what it says about Salvation.

Salvation is God's expression of both love and judgment. Love in that he gave his One and only Son as the sacrificial payment for our sins. John 3:16–17 (ESV): 16 *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

Salvation is God's gift of eternal life. Yet, it is also the expression of God's judgment. God is holy; and because he is God, he must judge sin. God does this by declaring the sinner banned from his presence. Sin, by its nature, requires a payment, a satisfaction for the violation of God's holiness by my sinful behavior and my sinful nature. God's Son, Jesus paid the price of my sinful violation, and upon my repentance and faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord, God accepts his Son's payment as if I have paid the sin debt.

Today is the day we display our love for those who are special in our lives. God's love was displayed in Christ and it should always be foremost in our hearts and minds as we celebrate his love for us. So, let us review the Fourth article of our Baptist Faith and Message (BFM): Salvation.

## **Our Baptist Distinctives:**

### **4. Salvation**

*BFM: 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. In its broadest sense, salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification.*

*There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.*

**A. BFM: Regeneration:** *or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart wrought by the Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace. Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Saviour.*

*John 3:3–6 (ESV): 3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.*

*6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

It is only by God's grace that we can be born again – Meaning saved, delivered out of sin and death and into life and God's kingdom.

The phrase “born again” is another way of saying regenerated. A person who is regenerated is one who is made alive. According to scripture, we were dead in our trespasses and sins. Dead to God, dead to righteousness, dead to all things pertaining to eternal life. Yet, God by his mercy, (not getting what we deserve) extended his grace towards us (receiving what we do not deserve), and by his Spirit, we were able to turn from our sin and put our faith in his work, which we call salvation.

**B. BFM: Justification:** *is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ. Justification brings the believer unto a relationship of peace and favor with God.*

After regeneration and God's wonderful gift of eternal life, God does something for us that is formal and legal. He acquits us of all wrong. Yes, that is correct. Picture a courtroom where you stand accused and face eternal judgment. Yet, in that courtroom there is One who stands with you, if you have by turned from sin and by faith have trusted God's promise in Jesus Christ.

Now, picture yourself standing there accused, and you know that you are completely guilty before the Judge,

who now moves from his lofty position as judge, jury, and executioner, to advocate. He steps down next to you and declares your innocence, the penalty is paid and you are now justified to stand in the presence of God without fear of retribution or retaliation. There is now peace with God.

Romans 5:1 (ESV): *5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**C. BFM: Sanctification:** *is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life.*

The process of sanctification is what God uses to refine our faith, shape our lives, and make us look more like his Son. Sanctification is God using all of life after our salvation and justification to soften us where we are hardened. He shapes us where we are unfit for his service and then molds us into the likeness of sons of God by making us look like Jesus.

Romans 8:28–30 (ESV): *28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.*

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*30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

The process of sanctification leads to our glorification. That is our conformity to the image of the Son of God.

**D. BFM: Glorification:** *is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.*

*1 Corinthians 15:51–54 (ESV): 51 Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. 53 For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. 54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality. . .*

There is coming a day when this mortal body will rid itself of its limitations. Just as the Son of God took upon himself humanity, we too will take upon ourselves, by God's sovereign will, immortality. God will forever change us and give us a glorified body that will never again be capable of sin.

*1 John 3:2 (ESV): 2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.*



Philippians 3:20–21 (ESV): 20 *But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,* 21 *who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.*

### **Additional Scripture:**

*Genesis 3:15; Exodus 3:14-17; 6:2-8; Matthew 1:21; 4:17; 16:21-26; 27:22-28:6; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:11-14,29; 3:3-21,36; 5:24; 10:9,28-29; 15:1-16; 17:17; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 15:11; 16:30-31; 17:30-31; 20:32; Romans 1:16-18; 2:4; 3:23-25; 4:3ff.; 5:8-10; 6:1-23; 8:1-18,29-39; 10:9-10,13; 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18,30; 6:19-20; 15:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 2:20; 3:13; 5:22-25; 6:15; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-22; 4:11-16; Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:9-22; 3:1ff.; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; 2 Timothy 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 2:1-3; 5:8-9; 9:24-28; 11:1-12:8,14; James 2:14-26; 1 Peter 1:2-23; 1 John 1:6-2:11; Revelation 3:20; 21:1-22:5.*