

SALVATION - FOR *SINNERS!*

➤ **GOD HAS PROVIDED SALVATION FOR:**

- ~~Religious people, especially religious leaders~~
- ~~“Good” people; the “righteous”~~
- ~~The rich, powerful, famous; the scholars and elite~~
- ~~People who do lots of good things, especially high-profile, well-known good deeds~~
- ~~Only the Jews, His “chosen” people~~
- ~~People from modern nations, like the U.S., where there are lots of churches for people to attend often~~
- ✓ **Wretched, wicked, spiritually dead SINNERS**
- ✓ **Enemies of God!**

Yes! Salvation is provided for sinners. We are saved while still sinners; when we are spiritually dead, enemies of God; wicked and wretched in His sight; objects of wrath. Spiritual life is provided by God alone; according to His grace and mercy, because of His great love for us.

NOTE: For a more complete understanding of the truths presented here, it is suggested that you first review the separate studies entitled [“Sinners All”](#), [“God’s Separation from Sin and Sinners”](#) and [“The Certain and Necessary Judgment of God.”](#) See also the study entitled [“God’s Salvation Plan.”](#)

Sinners; enemies; wicked

Mk 2:15-17 While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the "sinners" and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" ¹⁷On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Rom 5:6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

- Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- Rom 5:10 For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!
- 1Ti 1:15-16 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life.
- Rom 4:5 (However, to the man who does not work but trusts God) who justifies the wicked, (his faith is credited as righteousness).

Once lost, now found; once separated, now included in Christ

- Lk 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."
- Lk 15:32 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."
- Eph 2:12-13 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

Spiritually dead; made alive by His grace, love and mercy

- Col 2:13-14 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.
- Eph 2:1-5 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ²in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. ⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-it is by grace you have been saved.
- Rom 6:13a Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life;
- Rom 7:24-25 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God-through Jesus Christ our Lord!
- Rom 9:16 It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy.