

=BIBLE DOCTRINES=

Lesson 3

The Freeness of Salvation

**INTRODUCTION:** The lesson for this week is the freeness of salvation—that is, it is free to all men. By that we mean, it costs nothing to be saved and all men may be saved. The words “God” and “good” come from the same root word. The word “gospel” comes from the same root word, which means it is a good-spel, a God-spel, and a gospel. The word “spel” means “news,” which means it is “good news.” It is “God’s news,” and it is “go” news! This means we are to go and tell God’s good news!

**POINT OF CONTACT:** Since salvation is free, as is a gift, take a gift-wrapped package to the class Sunday and use the gift all throughout the lesson as an example of the freeness of salvation.

I. **SALVATION IS FREE TO ALL.** For this first point, let us emphasize the fact that all may be saved. The Jew thought his was the race. The Germans said they were the master race. The British-Israel theory says the Anglo-Saxons were God’s chosen ones. However, the Bible teaches that salvation is free to everybody.

1. **Everybody has sinned.** See Romans 3:10, 12, 23; I John 1:8, 10; and Isaiah 53:6.
2. **All are condemned.** Compare Revelation 20:15; Psalm 9:17; Romans 5:12; and Romans 6:23.
3. **Everybody may be saved.** Read II Peter 3:9; John 3:15, 16; 1:12; Romans 10:13; Revelation 22:17; and Isaiah 55:1.
4. **The rich and the poor may be saved.** In the Bible the Gospel was offered to the rich Nicodemus, wealthy Zacchæus, well-to-do Matthew, businessmen Peter, James and John, and other well-to-do people. On the other hand, the Gospel was offered to the poor such as the woman at the well, the blind Bartimæus, the demon-possessed man, Mary Magdalene, the thief on the cross, and others.
5. **The Gospel is for the good and the bad.** Nicodemus was a good man in John 3, and yet, he needed the Gospel. The woman at the well in John 4 was a bad woman; she too needed the Gospel. Mary the mother of Jesus was a good woman and yet, she called herself a sinner. She needed the Gospel. Mary Magdalene was possessed of seven devils, and she also needed the Gospel. (Isaiah 1:18) The Lord says in so many words, “Let’s sit down and talk this thing over. Reason with Me for a minute. Let’s use good logic.” Then He says, “...though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”

II. **SALVATION IS FREE TO ALL.** Though the wording sounds the same in the first point, this point is to emphasize the fact that everyone is not saved, but everyone may be saved. The obligation is up to us. It is free to us, but it is not forced upon us. Some people say, “When God wants me, I will come.” Others say, “When my time comes, the Lord will tell me.” However, the time never comes unless we take advantage of accepting God’s plan.

1. **Some Scriptures to teach:**

- 1) **Matthew 11:28,** “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Notice the command is for us to come. If we do not come, we will not be saved.
- 2) **John 6:37b,** “...him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out.” If we do not come, He will not accept us.
- 3) **John 1:41a,** “He first findeth his own brother.” John 1:42a, “And he brought him to Jesus.” Andrew found his brother and brought him to Jesus, but Peter had to come.
- 4) **John 5:40,** “And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.” Salvation is free, but we must, in an act of faith, accept it.

2. **Bible examples.** Noah built the ark, but he was not saved because he built the ark. He was saved by coming into the ark that was built. Lot was saved from the destruction of Sodom by the little city of Zoar. However, if he had stayed in Sodom, he would have perished with all the others. The other city provided the safety, but he had to go to that city. When the Israelites were bitten by fiery serpents, looking at the brass serpent on the pole saved them. Had they not looked, they could not have been saved. When the Jews offered a lamb, the lamb bore their sins, but they had to place their hands upon the head of the lamb. In other words, salvation is free, to be sure. Anyone may be saved. God does all of the saving and all of the providing. Ours is the act of faith. A meal can be

prepared, but we must eat it. Water may be provided for us, but we must drink it. Salvation is all of the Lord, but we must apply it by faith.

### III. SALVATION IS FREE TO ALL.

1. Salvation is the gift of God. (Romans 6:23)
2. “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above. (James 1:17a)
3. “...stir up the gift of God.” (II Timothy 1:6b)
4. “Neglect not the gift that is in thee.” (I Timothy 4:14a)
5. “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.” (Ephesians 2:8)
6. “Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.” (II Corinthians 9:15) You will notice from all the above Scriptures that salvation is a gift. (Teacher, now use the gift package with your class. Offer them the gift. If it is not taken, then it is not valid. The gift is salvation. You might even write these words on a piece of paper to put inside the box: “salvation,” “eternal life,” “freedom from Hell,” “Holy Spirit’s presence,” “peace,” “joy” and other things. Have these inside the box. All of these are inside the box. We can have them if we accept the gift and open it.)
7. Notice these things about a gift:
  - 1) It must be paid for by another. Salvation is free to us, but it is not free of cost because Jesus paid for it.
  - 2) A gift cannot be earned. If anything is done to receive a gift, it ceases to be a gift and becomes “wages.”
  - 3) A gift cannot be taken back. Here is the security of the believer.
  - 4) A gift is not deserved. It is given from the heart of the giver.
  - 5) A gift must be taken.

### FILL IN THE BLANKS:

1. II Peter 3:9, “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that \_\_\_\_\_ should perish, but that \_\_\_\_\_ should come to repentance.”
2. Isaiah 53:6, “\_\_\_\_\_ we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his \_\_\_\_\_ way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us \_\_\_\_\_.”
3. Isaiah 55:1a, “Ho, \_\_\_\_\_ that thirsteth, come ye to the waters.”
4. John 1:12, “But as \_\_\_\_\_ as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.”
5. Romans 3:23, “For \_\_\_\_\_ have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”
6. Romans 3:10, “As it is written, There is \_\_\_\_\_ righteous, no, not \_\_\_\_\_.”
7. Romans 10:13, “For \_\_\_\_\_ shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”
8. Revelation 20:15, “And \_\_\_\_\_ was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”
9. Revelation 22:17c, “And \_\_\_\_\_ will, let him take of the water of life freely.”

### MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS:

1. True or false: Everyone is a child of God.
2. Salvation is a (wage) (bonus) (gift).
3. (All men) (Most men) (Just Jews) may be saved.
4. Name some poor people in the Bible who were saved.
5. Name some well-to-do people in the Bible who were saved.

MEMORY VERSES: John 3:14-16, “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”