

# Christian Doctrine

## Salvation (Part 5)

### The Offer of Salvation

#### *Understanding the Offer of Salvation*

In God's offer of salvation, mankind receives all the benefits of what Christ accomplished on the cross. So, what is required to receive this offer of salvation? What exactly must a person do in order to be saved? Let's answer this by looking at what Scripture says about salvation. Salvation is:

#### ➤ **A Free Gift**

Salvation is considered a gift we receive from God:

- It is offered free of charge ([Rom. 3:24](#), [5:15-16](#); [6:23](#)).
- Nothing can be done to earn it ([Gal. 2:16](#); [Eph. 2:8-9](#)).

#### ➤ **Based on Christ's Work**

The basis of our salvation is Christ's work on the cross:

- He accomplished everything we needed ([Rom. 5:6-11](#)).
- Good works do not earn us merit with God ([Titus 3:5](#)).

#### ➤ **Received through Faith Alone**

Salvation is by God's grace and received through faith:

- It is given by God's grace ([Rom. 4:2-5](#), [16](#); [Titus 2:11](#)).
- We receive it through faith in Jesus Christ ([Rom. 3:21-22](#); [4:5](#); [5:1](#); [Eph. 2:8](#)). Faith entails:
  - > Knowing the truth of the gospel - who Christ is and what He did ([John 20:31](#); [I Cor. 15:3-4](#)).
  - > Recognizing our own need for salvation ([John 3:7](#); [Rom. 3:23](#); [Gal. 3:22](#)).
  - > Placing our trust completely in Christ ([John 3:14-16](#); [14:6](#); [Acts 16:30-31](#)).

The heart of salvation is realizing that Christ is our only hope. Note these biblical terms that are linked to salvation:

- Repentance: means "a change of mind." It refers to a person turning from whatever may be preventing them from coming to Christ ([Acts 17:30](#); [19:4](#); [20:21](#)).
- Lordship: placing one's self under the lordship of Christ. This is the natural result of seeing Christ for who He is and being set free from our sin ([Rom. 6:22](#)).