

Bible Salvation

Bible Review

- External evidences
- Internal evidences
- The Bible contains two primary covenants between man and God.
- Covenants are law

What does a Covenant Do?

- Bible covenants do 5 primary things:
 - 1. Identifies sin
(Rom. 3:20; 7:7; 4:15; I Jn. 3:4).
 - 2. Restrains sin (I Tim. 1:9-10).
 - 3. Reveals to man his need for forgiveness
(Isa. 59:1-2; I Jn. 1:5-7).
 - 4. Reveals instructions that man may receive forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38 etc.).
 - 5. Leaves man with hope (Rom. 5:1-11).

Why Does Man need to be Forgiven of Sin?

- Bible covenants are God's law (Jer. 31:31ff).
- Sin is a violation of God's law (I Jn. 3:4).
- There are consequences to face when one sins.
 - Separation from God (I Jn. 1:5ff).
 - Spiritual death (Eph. 2:1ff).
 - I become subject to God's wrath (Rom. 1:18; Eph. 5:6).
 - The one who dies in his sins will be subject to an eternity of punishment (Rev. 14:10).
 - All will be raised from the dead and all will be judged by the Law of Christ (not "the OT Law") (John 5:28-29; 12:48; Acts 24:15).

How Does One Receive the Forgiveness of Sins?

- Can I find forgiveness through “the law” (of Moses)? (cf. Gal. 5:1-4).
- Note that the forgiveness of sins is equivalent to salvation (cf. Acts 13:23-39).
- Man’s salvation (the forgiveness of sins) is made possible by Jesus alone (Acts 4:2, 12; Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 8:8ff).
- Jesus’ body was sacrificed (as a lamb) that our sins would be forgiven (Heb. 7:22-28; 9:11-14).

What Must I Do to be Forgiven of My Sins?

- First, understand what sin is and know the consequences of sin. Such knowledge ought to motivate one to seek out truth.
- Believe the gospel message through such seeking (Rom. 10:17).
- Repent of your sin (Lk. 13:3; Acts 17:30).
- Confess Jesus as the Lord (Rom. 10:9-10)
- Be baptized for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16).
- When you sin again, ask the Lord to forgive you (Acts 8:22; I Jn. 1:9).

Living in Hope

- We have proven the reality of God and His law through internal and external evidences. We have seen that God's Laws reveal that all mankind will be resurrected from the dead and spend eternity in either heaven or hell.
- The forgiven sinner (Christian) is one who lives in the hope of an eternal heavenly home with the Father (cf. I Thess. 4:16-18).