

# Bible Salvation

## Introduction:

Peter and John were arrested and put on trial by the Sanhedrin Council in Acts 4 because they “*taught the people, and proclaimed in Jesus the resurrection from the dead*” (Acts 4:2). The knowledge that all men would be raised and judged by God motivated Peter to continue preaching Jesus for, “*in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved*” (Acts 4:12). This lesson shall examine the idea of Bible salvation.

### I. Why Does Man need to be Forgiven of Sin?

- A. Consider the fact that Bible Covenants are God’s Laws (Jer. 31:31ff).
- B. Sin is a violation of God’s Law (I Jn. 3:4).
- C. There are consequences to face when one sins:
  - 1. Separation from God (I Jn. 1:5ff).
  - 2. Spiritual death (Eph. 2:1ff).
  - 3. Un-forgiven sinners are subjects of God’s wrath (Rom. 1:18; Eph. 5:6).
  - 4. He who dies in sin will be subject to an eternity of punishment (Rev. 14:10).
  - 5. Fact: All will be raised from the dead and then judged by the Law of Christ (Jn. 5:28-29; 12:48; Acts 24:15).

### II. How Does One Receive the Forgiveness of Sins?

- A. Note: Forgiveness of sins is equivalent to salvation (Acts 13:23-39).
- B. Can one receive salvation (forgiveness of sins) through “the Law” (OT Law)? (cf. Gal. 5:1-4; Heb. 7:18-19; 8:7; 10:1-4).
- C. Salvation (the forgiveness of sins) is made possible through Christ alone (Acts 4:2, 12; Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 8:8ff).
- D. Jesus went to the cross as a sacrifice for the sins of mankind (exactly the same way animals were sacrificed to appease God under the Mosaic Law). The Lord’s sacrifice does not merely appease God, but it provides reconciliation through the remission of sins (Col. 1:22; Heb. 7:22-28; 9:11-14).

### III. What Must I Do to Receive the Forgiveness of My Sins?

- A. Understand what sin is and know the consequences of such practices.
- B. Hear and believe the saving message of the gospel (Rom. 1:16; 10:17).
- C. Repent of your sins after they have been pointed up to you (Acts 17:30).
- D. Confess Jesus as Lord (Rom. 10:9-10).
- E. Be Baptized for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16).
- F. When you sin again, repent and ask the Lord to forgive you (Acts 8:22; I Jn. 1:9).

## Conclusion:

The forgiven sinner is called a Christian. Such a one lives in hope rather than dread. The Christian believes in the reality of Jehovah God and understands, by faith, that he or she will

be resurrected from the dead and judged by the Word of God. Such thoughts give one purpose and hope in this life.