

WHAT DO BAPTIST BELIEVE?
A Study of the Baptist Faith and Message

SALVATION (7)

What do Baptist believe about Salvation?

“Salvation is the process by which God redeems His creation through the life, death, and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ” (BFM Commentary, 66).

- 1. Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (Joel 2:32; Rm. 10:9, 13; Jn. 3:16).**
- 2. Jesus Christ by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer (Heb. 9:12; 9:22; Matt. 26:28).**
 - a. God’s righteous demands – God demands a pure sacrifice for sin (Rom. 3:21-25; 1 Jn. 2:2 - Propitiation).**
 - b. Mankind’s need (Gen. 6:5; Ps. 51:5; Isa. 59:1-2; 64:6; Jer. 17:9; Rm. 3:10-18, 23; Eph. 2:1; Jm. 4:17; 1 Jn. 3:4).**
 - c. Christ’s Atonement (2 Cor. 5:19; Mk. 10:45; Lk. 19:10; Jn. 1:29; Jn. 1:29; 1 Cor. 15:3)**
- 3. Regeneration is a work of God’s grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. Timothy George says, “Salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Jesus Christ alone” (John 14:6; Acts 4:12).**
 - a. Regeneration is spiritual birth (Jn. 3:3, 7; 2 Cor. 5:17; Tit. 3:5; 1 Pet. 1:3, 23).**
 - b. Grace is “the unmerited favor of God that provides salvation” (Eph. 2:8-9).**
 - c. Faith is “belief in and personal commitment to Jesus Christ for eternal salvation” (John 5:24; Acts 16:30-31; Rom. 10:9-10; Eph. 2:8-9; Heb. 11).**
 - d. Repentance is “a change of heart and mind resulting in a turning from sin to God” (Lk. 15:17-18; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30; 26:20; Rom. 2:4).**
- 4. Justification is God’s gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ (Rom. 3:21-26; 4:5; 5:1). “God’s declaration of a believer as righteous through the blood of Christ.”**
- 5. Sanctification is the process of every believer’s continually growth in grace through their faith (Phil. 1:6; Col. 1:9-10; Heb. 5:12-14).**
- 6. Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed (Rom. 8:17; 2 Cor. 4:17; 1 Jn. 3:2).**
- 7. Christians must proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world (Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; The Book of Acts).**

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