

SALVATION

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DISCIPLESHIP

IS THERE A DIFFERENCE?

STUDY GUIDE

YES!

The Bible teaches that salvation and discipleship are different.

SALVATION is a one time event. It happens the moment someone believes in Jesus for everlasting life.

DISCIPLESHIP is a life-long journey. It happens as a believer obeys Jesus' commands.

Not recognizing this simple distinction creates confusion. Not explaining the difference allows a mixed message to spread. Not knowing the difference between salvation and discipleship keeps many people from experiencing either one.

To help clear up the confusion, here are some of the many pairs of New Testament terms that show the distinction between salvation and discipleship.

SALVATION

Free

Romans 6:23; Revelation 22:17

Water

John 4:7-14

Believe in Jesus as Savior

John 4:41-42

Faith

Ephesians 2:8-9

Grace

Romans 11:6

Relationship with God

John 1:12

Born Again

John 3:3,6

Child of God

John 1:12

Believe in Christ

John 3:16

Know God

John 17:3

Faith in Christ for Eternal Life

John 6:47

Believe in Christ

John 3:18

DISCIPLESHIP

1

Costly

Luke 14:26-33

2

Food

John 4:28-36

3

Obey Jesus as Lord

Luke 6:46; Matthew 28:19-20

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Works

Ephesians 2:10

5

Works

Romans 11:6

6

Fellowship with God

I John 1:3,9

7

Grow

1 Peter 2:2; Ephesians 4:14-16

8

Friend of God

John 15:14-15; James 4:4

9

Love Christ

John 14:15,21

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Know God

Jn. 14:9; I Jn. 2:3; I Jn. 4:7-8

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Faith in Christ for Daily Life

Galatians 2:20

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Abide in Christ

Jn. 8:31; Jn. 15:5; I Jn. 3:24

SALVATION

Has Eternal Life

John 3:36

The Great White Throne Judgment

Revelation 20:10-15

Eternal Life

Revelation 22:17

Eternal Life as a Gift

Romans 6:23

Enter the Kingdom

John 3:5

Heirs of God

Romans 8:17

The Black Darkness

Jude 1:13

Positional Forgiveness

Colossians 1:13-14; I John 2:12

Take A Bath

John 13:8-10

Positional Sanctification

I Corinthians 1:2

Justified by Faith

Romans 3:20, 28; 4:5

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Eternal Life Abiding

I John 3:15

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The Judgment Seat of Christ

II Corinthians 5:10;
I Corinthians 3:10-15

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Eternal Rewards

Revelation 22:12; Matthew 6:20

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Eternal Life as a Reward

Mark 10:29-30; I Timothy 6:12,19

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Inherit the Kingdom

Galatians 5:19-21; Col. 3:23-24

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Fellow Heirs with Christ

Romans 8:17

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The Darkness Outside

Matt. 8:5-13; 13:37-40; 25:14-30

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Daily Forgiveness

I John 1:9; Matt. 6:12; Luke 11:4

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Wash Your Feet

John 13:8-10

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Practical Sanctification

II Timothy 2:21

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Justified By Works

James 2:21-24

SALVATION

Positional Righteousness

Romans 4:5

Spirit Baptism

I Corinthians 12:13; Gal. 3:27

Saved from Condemnation

John 3:17-18

Saved from the Wrath to Come

I Thess. 1:10; 4:16-18, 5:1-4, 9-10

Saved Without Works

Acts 16:30-31

Saved from Hell

Ephesians 2:8-9

Believe in Christ

John 11:25-26

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John 6:40

Believe in Christ

John 20:30-31

The Gospel of John

John 20:30-31

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Practical Righteousness

I Timothy 6:11

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Water Baptism

Matthew 28:19-20

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Saved from Wrath

Romans 1:16-18,24, 5:9-10

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Saved from Wrath

Romans 1:16-18,24, 5:9-10

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Saved with Works

James 1:21; 2:14-17; Phil. 2:12

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Saving the Life

Matthew 16:24-27

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Confess Christ

John 12:42-43; Luke 9:26; 12:8-9;
Matt. 10:32-39; Romans 10:9-10

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Call on the Name of the Lord

Romans 10:13-15; Acts 22:16

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Repent

Not found in The Gospel of John
Matthew 12:41; Jonah 3:10;
Revelation 2:1-5; Luke 24:47;
Acts 2:36-38; Hebrews 6:1-8

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The Entire Bible

II Timothy 3:16

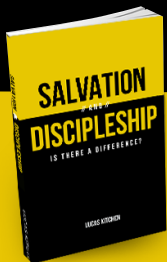
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