

This study consists of three key questions:

- I. What separates us from God? Sin
- II. What cleanses us from our sin? Blood
- III. What is the time of salvation (God's forgiveness)? Baptism

I. What separates us from God?

Genesis 1: 27,31

God created us in His own image, and when He saw what He had made, He knew it was good.

God created all of us. You are good.

Genesis 3:6-7

Man and woman separated themselves from God by eating the forbidden fruit.

Ezekiel 18:18-20

You are responsible for yourself. It doesn't matter what kind of family you are from. Your own actions will you into heaven or hell.

Matthew 18:1-4

To be great to God, we have to become humble and innocent like a little child.

James 4:17

If you know what is right and don't do it you are sinning.

Romans 6:23

The penalty for sin is eternity in hell. The free gift of God for being in Christ is eternity in heaven.

Isaiah 59:1-2

We separate ourselves from God when we sin, and He cannot help us.

II. What cleanses us from our sins?

Ephesians 1:7

Redemption - to buy back.

Jesus has bought us back by shedding His blood on the cross.

Romans 5:9

We are saved from the wrath of God by Jesus's blood, and we are justified as though we have not sinned.

Hebrews 9:14, 1 John 1:7

The blood of Christ cleanses us daily.

If we walk in the light His blood continually cleanses us.

Revelation 1:5

We are released from our sins by Jesus' blood. Without Jesus, we are still in bondage to our sins.

John 19:30-34

Jesus died on the cross shedding both water and blood.

Romans 6:3-7

How do you get that blood through the water? We are buried with Christ through baptism into His death. Just as Christ rose from the dead, we also rise at baptism to walk in a new life.

1 Corinthians 10:13

We are no longer slaves to sin. This does not mean that we will not sin or will not be tempted by sin. But God will provide a way to escape temptation.

III. What is the time of salvation (God's forgiveness)?

Acts 2:38

When the crowd realized they were separated from God, they asked what they could do to get right with God.

Baptism does two things:

- 1) Removes our sin.
- 2) Gives us the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16

Paul realized he was wrong about Jesus. He was told to be right with God that he should "be baptized, and wash your sins away, calling on His (Jesus') name".

Acts 4:12, John 14:6

Jesus is the only way to obtain salvation.

Ephesians 1:3

We are blessed through Jesus.

Galations 3:26-27

Being sons and daughters of God comes through Faith in Jesus and Baptism into Jesus.

Mark 16:16

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.

We need both Faith (Belief) and Baptism.