

What do you expect from the class?

What is salvation?

The basic idea behind the Biblical words in both OT and NT is, broadly, *deliverance*; context must determine what the danger is, from what and unto what the saved one is delivered

What does the word mean, according to Scripture?

Here's some help with the words for *salvation* in both Old and New Testaments:

Hebrew: *ya sha'* (verb, approx 205 times; [Exo 14:30](#)); *ye su' ah* (noun, approx 78 times; [Exo 14:13](#)) - having the idea of relieving of burden, oppression or danger; primarily designating God's acts of help already experienced (from *Vine*)

Greek: *sōdzō* (verb, and in compound, approx 110 times; [Mat 8:25](#)); *sōtēria* (G4491 noun, approx 45 times; [Joh 4:22](#)) - also having the broad idea of deliverance

Scofield note @ [Rom 1:16](#)

What do you know about it?

"*Salvation is of the Lord*" ([Jon 2:9](#)). Therefore it is in every aspect a work of God in behalf of man, and in no sense a work of man in behalf of God." (*L. S. Chafer*)

Theo-centric (God centered), this simple statement is profound in its reach, meaning God planned it, devised and executed it. He warrants it and guarantees its effectiveness. Because of His central involvement, *it is flawless in its every provision*.

Take a look at a watershed in the narrative of God's dealing with Israel:

"*What mean these stones?*" [Jos 4:1-24](#).

What central truth do you take from this?

Have there been watersheds in your life? Jot down a few

Is Scripture specific about it?

Much will depend upon the immediate context but one thing is certain, the serious student will need to know how to ask the right questions if he or she is to discover answers from Scripture.

Scripture is very specific about the absolute necessity to be saved from the just penalty for sin. This will be increasingly clear as our study develops.

How would you explain it to someone your age?

What experiences have you already had with this? Would you communicate it the way it was first explained to you? Be prepared to discuss this with the class.

How would you explain it to a child?

Should explanations differ with adults and children?

Can children be saved? If so, at what age?

Be prepared to discuss your answer with the class, with Scriptural support

Mat 18:3-5; Mat 19:13-14; Mar 10:13-15; Luk 18:16-17;

Does God have just one "way" of salvation for mankind today? Are you sure?

Act 4:12; Rom 1:16; 2Co 6:2; Eph 2:8-9

These references, as well as a host of others, make plain the only way to experience salvation, "...by grace, through faith."

What about the "lost?"

The overwhelming Scriptural case for salvation really answers this question:

Rom 1:18-32; Rom 3:10-23; Rom 6:23; Eph 2:1-5

Yes, the lost are really lost?

This is certain to provoke class discussion!

What questions have you had about salvation that have gone unanswered?

We'll be happy to discuss questions with the class, as well as help find answers to the tougher ones

What words would you like to have explained?

Here are some important ones (we'll discuss them in class)

* saved: discuss Act 4:12; cp Rom 1:16; 1Ti 2:4; 2Ti 1:9

* faith: *belief* (**pistis**) discuss; see author's notes on Grace: 2a) It's a Spiritual Matter
Heb 11:1

* gospel: "good news" (**euangelion**); cp 1Co 15:1-4

* conversion: "turn; turn from" compounded (**strephō**); Mat 18:3; Jas 5:19-20; Mat 13:15,
cp Act 28:27; Act 3:19; 1Th 1:9

* repentance: "change of mind" (**metanoēō**), Luk 17:3-4; Rev 2:5; "change of mind," with
regret (**metamelomai**), 2Co 7:8; Heb 7:21

* heaven: cp Mat 3:2; Joh 6:31-33; Act 1:10-11; Act 7:55-56; 2Co 12:2-9

Your turn: *Try your hand at defining the following terms according to Scripture, but without a Bible dictionary or study help* (it's okay to get help after you've given it a decent effort). Be sure to pay attention to the Scripture passages.

believe ([Joh 8:24](#); [Rom 13:11](#); [1Co 14:22](#))

gospel ([Rom 1:16](#); [Rev 14:6-7](#); [1Co 15:1-4](#); [Rom 16:25-26](#))

How about this question: "Does saved always mean the same thing in the Bible?"
[Mat 10:22](#); [Mat 8:25](#); [Mat 14:30](#); [Rom 13:11](#)

Discussion of this with the class will be very interesting, *guaranteed!*

Now just for "practice," write out your experience of conversion

It will be good practice for you, and well worth keeping to review in the future!

Hey, here's some help!

<http://www.keizercommunitychurch.com/bsn.html>

<http://www.e-Sword.net/>