

Salvation

**For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,
that wosoever believeth in Him should not
perish, but have everlasting life.
John 3:16**

You may have some questions about why this topic should be discussed for dealing with the sin of homosexuality. Before we attempt to cover that, here are some questions for you to consider.

Have you already blown it so badly that you have no hope of a better life now or after you die?

Why should God let you into heaven?

What do you have to do with your life to deserve a place in his kingdom?

Is there any advantage to a biblically based ex-gay ministry?

Suppose that you will never commit a sexual sin or any sin again in your life. As hard as that might be, would that earn your way into heaven? If you went to a program that used a "higher power" to help you stop, would that make your earthly life better? Probably. But would that power be able to help you after this life? THAT is why we talk about salvation in the Rainbow Cross Ministry. Frankly, we are so concerned for your eternal welfare that there is no way we could consider not looking at it.

Maybe you have decided that you have gone too far, that there is no way God would be able to forgive you for all that you have done. Many people feel that way, but here is the advantage of a Christ-centered ministry: there is hope for anyone - even you!

DAY ONE

When the religious leaders of Jesus day questioned Him regarding the people He chose to keep company with, Jesus gave the following answer:

"I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." **Luke 5:32**

Does this answer give you hope in your current situation? _____ Why? _____

To repent literally means to "go in the opposite direction," or "make a 'U-turn.'" Is this a decision you are willing to make in your current state of life? _____

Write out **John 3:18** _____

Salvation means, "to be delivered or rescued" when you believe in Jesus Christ and confess Him as your Lord and Savior. What does the bible teach that you can be saved from? _____

Do you desire salvation for yourself? _____

Scripture Memory: This week's passage will be **John 3:16-17**. Review it several times each day, and by the end of the week you'll have it memorized. If your Bible is a different version than the New King James Version, please memorize it according to your Bible's translation.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

John 3:16-17 NKJV

DAY TWO

The word salvation means to be delivered or rescued (as mentioned previously). It literally is to be rescued from our sins and the judgment from our sins. Pray, write out the following verses and answer any questions following the verse.

Galatians 5:19-21 _____

How can this apply in your current life ? _____

In response to the same passage in Galatians, what can you expect if you do not receive salvation? _____

2nd Corinthians 7:10 _____

What leads you to salvation? _____

1st Timothy 1:15-16 _____

Are you beyond the hope of salvation? _____

Scripture Memory: Fill in the missing words below, by memory if possible. Review the passage several times today.

“For God so _____ the world that He _____ His only begotten Son, that whoever _____ in Him should not perish but have _____ life. For God did not send His _____ into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be _____.” **John 3:16-17** NKJV

DAY THREE

The word salvation is used in the New Testament when speaking of deliverance from dangers and apprehension of things in this world and is also used to speak of spiritual and eternal deliverance. The focus for today's lesson is on spiritual and eternal salvation, since that is your greatest need.

Do you think you're "good enough" to get into heaven and avoid eternal judgment on your own? _____

Pray, write out the following verses, answer any questions, and describe what the following verses say about the requirements for spiritual salvation in the space provided:

Matthew 5:20 _____

Requirement for salvation _____

Matthew 5:48 _____

Requirement for salvation _____

How close to perfect do you think you are? _____

Isaiah 64:6 _____

What does God say about your "perfection," that is, your "good deeds"?

Do you still think you're "good enough" to stand on your own before the holy and perfect God? _____

Romans 3:23 _____

Romans 6:23 _____

What do the above verses say about us? _____

Scripture Memory: "For God so _____ the world that He _____ His only begotten _____, that whoever _____ in Him should not perish but have _____ life.

For _____ did not send His _____ into the world to _____ the world, but that the world through Him might be _____." **John 3:16-17** NKJV

DAY FOUR

Pray, write out the following verse and answer the questions following.

John 10:10-11 _____

What is it that the thief (Satan) has come to do? _____

In what way have you seen him attack your life like this? _____

What kind of life is promised that Jesus will give you? _____

Is this a life that would interest you? _____

What else does Jesus say He (the Good Shepherd) would do for you (His sheep)? _____

In contrast, Satan comes to destroy and kill you, but Jesus came to give you an abundant life, and instead of killing you, He laid down His own life.

After examining the above questions and answers, what decision is your reasonable response:

To trust Christ for salvation or the continue life apart from Christ.

Scripture Memory: "For _____ so _____ the _____ that He _____ His only _____, that whoever _____ in Him should not _____ but have _____ life. For _____ did not send His _____ into the _____ to _____ the world, but that the _____ through Him might be _____." **John 3:16-17** NKJV

DAY FIVE

Maybe you think you have sinned too much, or your sins are too great to receive salvation. If that were the case, then the sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross would have been insufficient to save. However, He was able to pay for all of your sins. His grace and love are greater than all of your sins. He defeated the enemy, Satan, on the cross and offered salvation to you and to me.

Do you think your sins are too great to be forgiven? Don't give up. Write out the following verses and answer the following questions.

John 3:16 _____

1st Timothy 1:15 _____

1st John 2:2 _____

Who did Jesus die for? _____

There is not a person on the planet that has not sinned (**Romans 3:23**), and if you sin in one area, you have fallen short of God's standard. Therefore, no matter how great or how small you may think that your sins are, you are guilty. However, salvation is available to all the sinners of this world.

John 1:12-13 _____

John 5:24 _____

Romans 10:9-10 _____

What do you need for salvation?_____

Scripture Memory: "For _____ so _____ the _____ that He _____ His _____
_____, that _____ in Him _____ not _____ but have
_____ life. For _____ did not send _____ into the _____ to _____
the _____, but that the _____ through _____ be _____."

John 3:16-17 NKJV

DAY SIX

As mentioned earlier, there is no way you can be "good enough," There is no way you can earn your salvation.

Pray, write out the following verses and answer the questions following.

Ephesians 2:8-9_____

How are we saved?_____

Who is this "gift" from?_____

What does not save us?_____

Many people have appeared throughout history claiming to have a better way of life and a path to heaven. All of them have depended on human effort.

John 14:6_____

Romans 1:16_____

Ephesians 1:7

How many ways did Jesus say there were to heaven? _____

What is that way? _____

For whom is the "power of God" spoken about in these verses? _____

In whom is our forgiveness and salvation? _____

Scripture Memory: " _____
_____, _____
_____.
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John 3:16-17 NKJV

Is salvation something you desire? _____ If so, please say the following prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner. I believe that You died for my sins. Right now I turn from my sins and open the door of my heart and life and I receive you as my personal Lord and Savior. Thank You now for saving me. Amen.

If you prayed this prayer and meant it, call someone in this ministry and let them know.

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