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A Quiz on the Doctrine of Salvation

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Questions

1. After Adam and Eve fell into sin, God immediately determined He would save sinners True False
2. God's work of salvation depends upon all three persons of the Trinity True False
3. The Father, rather than the Son or Holy Spirit, chose the people He would save True False
4. The Father sent the Son to reconcile God with sinners True False
5. Every person has been born a sinner at conception, except one - Jesus True False
6. Every person born, except Jesus, needs to be saved from the wrath of God True False
7. With time and effort, and through the sacraments, we could be made worthy to be saved True False
8. Every person who makes a decision for Christ will be saved True False
9. A sinner must pray 'the sinner's prayer' to be saved True False
10. Persuading a sinner to believe the Gospel is primarily the work of the preacher or the evangelist True False
11. A person is born again (regenerated) by (a) God's action alone (b) by man's believing alone (c) by both God and man, God acting upon man's belief

'Indeed this is one of the great mysteries in the world - namely that a righteousness that resides with a person in Heaven should justify a sinner on earth'. (John Bunyan)

'Each of us will stand before God one day, some sooner than others. We will have only two options. Either we must offer him the righteousness of a perfect sinless life that we have lived or we must find someone who will offer that to him on our behalf. The good news of the Gospel is that Christ is that someone. Only when we can affirm with the hymn writer, 'Nothing in my hands I bring, simply to thy cross I cling', can we stand before God clothed in the royal, righteous robes of Christ. And then, and only then, are we to be acceptable to God, for we are then 'accepted in the beloved'.

'Justification By Faith Alone' by Don Kistler

15. **False.** Faith alone without works is what gives the imputation of righteousness by God for the believer to be justified (Rom.4:2-6)

16. **False.** Sinners are never made righteous in themselves. The people God justifies are ‘*ungodly*’ (Rom.4:5). The righteousness God gives upon belief is Christ himself in Heaven (Jer.23:6; 33:16). God’s righteousness is legally, forensically declared, ‘*imputed*’ (‘*credited*’) as righteousness, not an actual righteousness (Phil.3:9; Rom.3:19-25; 4:3,5,6; Westminster Confession, Ch.11, Sect.1)

17. **True.** Sinners are justified as Christ has propitiated (satisfied) the Father with a sacrifice for sins (Is.53:10,11; Rom.3:24,25; 1Jn.4:10; Westminster Confession, Ch.11, Sect.1,3,4)

18. **True.** Believers are being ‘created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness’ (Rom.8:29; Eph.4:23,24; Phil.2:12,13; 1Thess.4:3,4; 2Thess.2:13,14).

19. **False.** The Spirit’s work within is both of the Spirit and of the person themselves. Sanctification involves us ‘working out’ and submitting to God (Phil.2:12-13).

20. **False.** Romans chapter 1 does not save, but *condemns*, because there is no excuse to not see God in creation. All are left ‘*without excuse*’ (ch.2); and the ‘*whole world is found guilty*’ (3:19).

All unbelievers are ‘*condemned already*’ (Jn.3:18,19). God’s plan of salvation must be heard and understood for a person to come to salvation (Rom.10:14). No one can come to the Father unless it is through Jesus Christ (Jn.10:9; 14:6; Acts 4:12)

21. **True.** 1Cor.15:51-53.

12. Only those whom God imputes their sin to Christ and imputes God’s righteousness to them, will be saved True False

13. A sinner must repent of their sins to be saved True False

14. Saving faith always results in good works True False

15. The sinner’s justification is their faith and works True False

16. In justification, God makes sinners righteous True False

17. For God to justify sinners, his just wrath against them must be satisfied True False

17. Justification includes the forgiveness of sin. True False

18. After sinners are reborn and justified, the Spirit continues to work within them to conform them to be like Christ - in the process of sanctification. True False

19. Becoming holy in the process of sanctification is letting go of all effort and letting the Spirit do His work within. True False

20. God’s plan of salvation is sufficiently revealed in creation that all can come to salvation. Those who have never heard Christ or the Gospel can still be saved by the light they have been given in creation (Rom.1:19,20). True False

21. God’s work of salvation will be completed when Christ comes again and all believers - those who have died and those who remain alive - receive their resurrection bodies True False

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A Quiz on the Doctrine of Salvation - Answers

1. **False.** Before creation, God's plan to save was already in place (1Pet.1:19,20; Eph.1:4,5,11)

2. **True.** The Father plans and directs the Trinitarian work of redemption, the Son accomplishes it, and the Spirit applies it. There are many scriptures for this...(Jn.6:37,39,44 and Eph.1:4,5...)

3. **True.** The Father gives to the Son those He has chosen (Jn.6:37,39,40,44,65; Eph.1:4; 2Thess.2:13,14)

4. **True.** God reconciled sinners to himself through the death of Christ (2Cor.5:18,19)

5. **True.** Everyone is born a sinner (Ps.51:5; 58:3; Rom.3:23) except Jesus, who is human like us, 'yet without sin' (1Pet.2:22; Heb.4:15)

6. **True.** We are all 'children of wrath' by nature (Eph.2:3) and because of our own sins (Rom.3:20, 22-24) - except Jesus, who was without sin (1Pet.2:22; Heb.4:15)

7. **False.** 'Not of ourselves' can we ever make ourselves worthy, but on the contrary we daily sin in the flesh (Eph.2:8,9; Tit.3:5; Ps.130:3; 1Jn.1:10)

8. **False.** There will be 'many' who will have made decisions for Christ who will not be saved because they were not truly regenerated and Christ did not 'know' them; or they have believed in vain (Matt.7:21-23; Jn.3:3; 1Cor.15:2,14,17; James 1:26; 2:20; Matt.13:18-22...)

9. **False.** A sinner must believe who Christ is and what He has done for them. '*The principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification and eternal life*' (Acts 16:31; Westminster Confession Ch.14, Sect.2)

10. **False.** Because unsaved man is 'dead in sins' ((Eph.2:1,5; Col.2:13), it is primarily the work of God to regenerate. No one can be saved unless God and His Spirit act first (Jn.6:44; Acts 16:14; Eph.1:17-19; 1Cor.2:14).

11. **(A)** A person is born again by God's action alone. In the unsaved state man is '*dead in sins*' (Eph.2:1,5; Col.2:13) and unable to do anything towards his salvation (Rom.8:7; 1Cor.2:14). The Greek for 'born again' is literally '*born*' and '*from above*'. It is a 'heavenly' new creation by God (Jn.3:12; 2Cor.5:17); and '*not of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God*' (Jn.1:12,13). The Greek 'voices' in the scriptures for being 'born again' are always *passive* on man's part. The classic example is Lydia '*whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul*' (Acts 16:14). Jesus himself described this mystery work of the Spirit as like the wind (Jn.3:8).

12. **True.** 2Cor.5:18,19,21 state that only believers will not have their sins imputed to themselves (Rom.4:6,7). Instead, the believer's sins will be imputed to Christ and God's righteousness imputed to them (vs.21).

13. **True.** Saving faith includes both repentance and faith (Acts 20:21)

14. **True.** These good works are the result of grace through faith and are '*ordained*' from the beginning by God (Eph.2:10; James 2:20).