

When Church-Age believers receive Christ as personal Savior (Acts 16:31; John 1:12), what is the result? What did Christ accomplish and give to every Church age believer? Where do we stand with God? What does the Bible say?

## **OUR GREAT SALVATION**

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1). Forgiveness; Freedom; Redeemed; Delivered from the kingdom of Satan (Colossians 1:13a; 2:15); Transferred into God's Kingdom (Colossians 1:13b). Purchased; from the slave market of sin (Acts 20:28; Romans 3:24; Galatians 5:1; Ephesians 1:7, 14; 4:32; Colossians 1:14; 1 Peter 1:18). This is called Redemption; delivered from the Great White Throne judgment and the Lake of Fire: John 3:18, 36; Romans 8:1;

2). Reconciled to God. The barrier which was between God and man has been removed by Christ. God was satisfied (propitiated) with the perfect life and spiritual death of Christ (Romans 3:25-26; 1 John 2:2; 4:10). So, we are accepted by God who reconciled us to Himself (Romans 5:10; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20; Ephesians 1:6; 2:14-17; Colossians 1:20; 1 Peter 2:5). We are made the Righteousness of God in Christ (imputation); we receive God's own righteousness. We are partakers of His Divine nature (2 Peter 1:4); His (Romans 3:22; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 3:9. We are sanctified and perfected forever (our position) in Christ (Hebrews 10:14); but not experientially, this is an on going process of transformation (John 17:17; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 6:11. The believer is justified (declared righteous), (Romans 3:24; 5:1, 9; 8:30; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Titus 3:7

3). Regenerated ; Adopted; Born Again; Becomes a Child of God; A New Species; A New Creation in Christ (John 1:12; 3:3,7; Roman 8:15, 23; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 6:18; Galatians 3:26; 6:15; Ephesians 1:5; 2:10; 1 Peter 1:23; 1 John3:20. The believer is qualified for inheritance (Colossians 1:12).

4). All believers are a gift from God the Father to God the Son: John 1; 29; 17:2, 6, 9, 11-12, 24.

5). Believers share's the destiny of Christ. He was Foreknown by God: Acts 2:23; Romans 8:29; 1 Peter 1:2; He was elected: Romans 8:33; Colossians 3:12; 1Thessalonians 1:4; Titus 1:1; 1Peter 1:2). He was predestined: Romans 8: 29-30; Ephesians 1:5, 11; Chosen: Matthew 22:14; 1 Peter 2:4); Called: 1 Thessalonians 5:24). The believer's condemnation (eternal judgment) is removed: (John 3:18; 5:24; Romans 8:1).

6).The believer is: Crucified with Christ (Romans 6:6; Galatians 2:20; Dead with Christ (Romans 6:8; Colossians 3:3; 1 Peter 2:24; Buried with Christ (Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12); Raised with Christ (Romans 6:4; Colossians 3:1).

7). Believers are appointed a priest unto God; we are a holy priesthood; a royal priesthood 1 Peter 2:5, 9; Revelations 1:6; A priest of the kingdom of priests: 1 Peter 2:9; A Saint of the New Species: 2 Corinthians 5:17; We receive the Holy Spirit: Romans 8:9.

8). Believers become beneficiaries of an inheritance as heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ: Romans 8:17; Ephesians 1:4, 18; Colossians 3:24; Hebrews 9:15; 1 Peter 1:4.

9). As believers we are objects of His Love: Ephesians 2:4; 5:2; His Grace for Salvation: Ephesians 2:8, 9; For His keeping: Romans 5:2; 1 Peter 1:5; For service: John 17:18; Ephesians 4:7; For instruction: Titus 2:12; Of His power: Ephesians 1:9; Philippians 2:13; His faithfulness: Philippians 1:6; Hebrews 13:5b; His peace: John 14:27; His Intercession: Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25; 9:24.

10). Every believer has a new position in Christ: Ephesians 2:6. We are: Partners with Christ in life: Colossians 3:4; Partners in service: 1 Corinthians 1:9; Workers together with God: 1 Corinthians 3:9; 2 Corinthians 6:1; Ministers of the New Covenant: 2 Corinthians 3:6; Ambassadors: 2 Corinthians 5:20; We are Living Epistles (testimonies): 2 Corinthians 3:3; Ministers of God: 2 Corinthians 6:4.

11). Believers are forever united with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We are: In God: 1 Thessalonians 1:1; cf., “God in you:” Ephesians 4:6; In Christ: John 14:20; cf., “Christ in you:” Colossians 1:27; A Member of Christ’s Body: 1 Corinthians 12:13; A Branch in the Vine: John 15:5; A Stone in the Building: Ephesians 2:21-22; 1 Peter 2:5; A Sheep in the Flock: John 10:27-29; A Portion of His Bride: Ephesians 5:25-27; Revelations 19:6-8; 21:19.

12). Every believer is: Born of the Spirit John 3:36; Baptized with the Holy Spirit: Acts 1:5; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Indwelt by the Spirit: John 7:39; Romans 5:5; 8:9; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:16; Galatians 4:6; 1 John 3:24; Sealed by the Spirit: 2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 4:30; Given Spiritual Gifts: 1 Corinthians 12:11, 27-31; 13:1-2. Our human spirit is restored or quickened – given life so we can have fellowship with the Trinity: Romans 8:16; 1 Corinthians 2:12; 2 Corinthians 7:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Timothy 4:12, 22; Hebrews 4:12; 12:23; 1 Peter 1:2; 3:18; 4:6; 1 John 3:24.

13). Believers receive eternal life (eternal life is God’s Life so we can never perish): John 3:15-18, 36; 10:28; 17:2-3; 20:31; Romans 6:23; 1 John 2:25; 5:11, 13. We have access to God Romans 5:2; Ephesians 2:18; Hebrews 4:14, 16; 10:19-20. Eternal life is our eternal security Romans 8: 35-39.

14). The believer is free from the Mosaic Law; Dead to the law; delivered from the law because Christ fulfilled the law by not sinning: Roman 6:14; 7:4, 6; 2 Corinthians 3:11; Galatians 3:25

15). As believers we have equal privilege (election) and equal opportunity (predestination. We have equality at Salvation and what we do with our privileges and opportunities to execute God's PPG for our lives. He knew in eternity past how we would execute His PPG and we have invisible assets reserved in Heaven: Galatians 3:26-28; Ephesians 1:3-14; Colossians 3:12-17.

16). Our Salvation came by way of God's Efficacious Grace given by the Holy Spirit who makes our faith in Christ effective for Salvation: Ephesians 2:8-9; 2 Corinthians 6:1-2.

17). Christ becomes the Rock of our Salvation and we can always stand assured and confident of our salvation in Him 1 Corinthians 3:11; Ephesians 2:20-22.

18). We have the Divine Power of the Indwelling Holy Spirit to convict, teach, comfort, sustain and light the way home to Heaven. We have the mechanics for living the Victorious Christian Life: Ephesians 6: 10-18; 1 John 1:9. We owe everything to the God who gave us Christ, the Holy Spirit and Bible Doctrine – The Mind of Christ – God's Word. Amen. Happy Studying!