

# SAVED COMPLETELY

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**Focus** When we were saved, we believed and instantaneously received our salvation from Christ, fully and completely.

**Open** What is the best book you've read this year?

**Read** When we're saved, our past, present and future sins are removed and we're united with God, sinless. Christ's righteousness is imparted to us—we become righteous as He is. (This righteousness is a state of being, not a behavior.) The Holy Spirit comes to live in our mortal bodies, witnessing to our spirits that we are the children of God. The Holy Spirit is also a pledge from God guaranteeing the performance of every promise God has made concerning us. Knowing that we will blow it, Jesus also became our High Priest who is constantly interceding for us before God. Jesus fulfilled the law to the full and established a new, better covenant between Himself and God, and we get to be in on it! We are saved completely, which is also proven by:

- *the Promise of the Scriptures*. Nothing, not even our mistakes and failures, will ever separate us from the love of God (Romans 8:38–39).
- *the Perfection of the Sacrifice*. Another offering will never be needed because Jesus was the perfect offering (Hebrews 10:14).
- *the Perseverance of the Spirit*. We do not “hold on to” the Holy Spirit; the Holy Spirit holds and keeps *us* (Philippians 1:6).
- *the Position of the Saints*. We are *in Christ*, protected from judgment (2 Corinthians 5:17).
- *the Present Tense of Salvation*. All spiritual life is *eternal* life (John 5:24).
- *the Prayers of the Savior*. Jesus is our Advocate. Our salvation and the security of it is based on His commitment to us (Hebrews 7:25).
- *the Power of Sovereignty*. We are protected by the power of God until our inheritance is fully realized (1 Peter 1:3–5).

## Talk

1. Before today, what have you understood salvation to mean? Has that changed at all? In what way?
2. Salvation is not “part us and part God;” it is *all* God and none of us. How does this thought compare to what you have understood about the Christian life?
3. When we’re saved, the righteousness of Christ is imputed (imparted) to us—it’s counted as ours. Why is it important to understand that the righteousness of the believer is a *state of being* and not a behavior? What difference does this make in how we approach God?
4. Read the following scriptures. What does each one tell us about our salvation?  

Romans 8:38–39	Philippians 1:6	Hebrews 7:25
Ephesians 2:1–10	1 Peter 1:3–5	2 Corinthians 5:17
5. What truth about salvation is most amazing to you? Why?
6. Upon whom or what does the security of our salvation rest? Why?

## Live

1. Have you ever wondered whether or not you’re “good enough” to be saved? What does this message teach you about that kind of thinking?
2. Does understanding the completeness and security of your salvation make you want to “run out and sin”? What response does it cause in your heart towards God?
3. If you’ve never committed your life to God or are unsure that you have made a commitment to Him, take a few minutes with your group to admit your need for Jesus’ cleansing and invite Him to become your Savior and Lord.

## Pray

Express your thankfulness to God for His incredible goodness and the completeness of your salvation. Thank Jesus for becoming the perfect sacrifice for you, and for interceding for you before God. Share your heartfelt praise with God.