



## Saved

**Focus** Salvation is much more than just the assurance of eternal life in heaven.

**Open** How long have you been attending Gateway Church?

**Read** To be “saved” means to be made whole in spirit, soul and body. When we give our lives to the Lord our spirits are immediately saved. Our souls (mind, will and emotions) are in the process of being saved, and our bodies will be saved when we get to heaven.

We receive salvation by placing our faith in Jesus. Salvation cannot be earned, but is the *free gift* of God. It is *eternal life*. Salvation means that we receive *forgiveness* for all our sins—past, present and future. Being saved also means being *justified* because Jesus took all our sin and its penalty and paid our sentence in full—the justice of God has been satisfied. Salvation is *righteousness*; when we are saved, Jesus’ righteousness is moved from His “account” to mine. Salvation is *redemption* (to be “bought back”); Jesus legally bought us back from Satan. Salvation requires total commitment—a complete submission of our will to the Lordship of Christ.

- Talk**
1. Prior to hearing this message, what did you believe “salvation” meant?
  2. Read the following scriptures: Galatians 2:16; Romans 3:23-24, 11:6; 1 John 2:25; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Corinthians 1:30.
    - a) What does each passage say about salvation?

b) What application does each passage have for daily living (*i.e.*, that I do not work to earn salvation)?

3. Which aspect of salvation do you have the most difficulty resting in or relying upon? (For example, do you find yourself trying to “make up” for your sins instead of receiving the forgiveness that has already been given to you?) Why do you think that is? What is the truth?
4. Being totally submitted to the Lordship of Christ does not mean that we will never sin again—Jesus paid for our future sins on the cross because He knew we would sin! What does it mean to be totally submitted to Christ as our Lord?

### Live

1. What do you think or feel towards Jesus when you think about the full meaning of salvation?
2. If you are already saved, consider whether or not there is evidence in your life that you have *submitted your will* to His Lordship. (This does not mean that you have lived a mistake-free life. It means that your heart is yielded to the will of God with growing evidence of His Lordship in your behavior.)

If you realize that you have never truly given your heart to the Lord and are ready to submit your life to His Lordship now, tell Jesus that you believe He is the Savior, ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and invite Him to be your Lord. You can either do this privately or during the group prayer time, but be sure to share your decision with your group leader or a friend.

### Pray

Thank Jesus for His sacrifice that purchased your salvation. Thank Him for the free gift, and for paying sin’s penalty on your behalf. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and invite Him to be your Savior and Lord. Take a few minutes to thank Him for salvation in your own words.

Pray for each other, especially for any specific needs that are represented in your group.