

Growth Track

Module 1: What Do I Believe

Student's Notes

Lesson Three - Rescued

Key Takeaway

You can be sure you are saved because of what Jesus has done for us.

Introduction

1. Man was created to have a relationship with God, but sin separated us from Him.
2. We can be rescued from sin through believing in Jesus and responding in repentance.
3. There should be confidence and assurance in our hearts that we are saved by Christ, and this should transform the way we live.

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. Romans 3:23-25a

I. JESUS

Jesus is our perfect Saviour.

And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

1. Jesus is the Saviour God promised to His people (John 1:41).
2. Jesus can save us because He is fully God. (*John 1:1, Matthew 8:14-16*).
3. Jesus can save us because He is also fully man (Matthew 1:23).

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin. 2 Corinthians 5:21a

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Jesus gave Himself for us.

Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Hebrews 12:2

Jesus is the only way to the Father.

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. John 14:6

Jesus represents us before the Father.

Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Romans 8:34 (ESV)

Jesus deserves ownership over our lives.

II. SALVATION

Salvation is to be free (John 3:18, Romans 6:23, 8:2).

Jesus' death and resurrection rescued us (1 John 2:2; Romans 6:6-11; 2 Corinthians 5:19, 21).

We receive salvation by believing in Jesus (Acts 16:31; Ephesians 2:8-9).

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When we put our faith in Jesus, we receive salvation and we experience God's love and grace that changes us. The results of our salvation include:

1. We give God praise (Jude 25).
2. We freely love others (1 John 3:14, 5:1).
3. We freely share God's word and our testimony with others (1 Thessalonians 1:5).
4. We would not be fearful, but courageous and hopeful (Hebrews 3:6,14, 10:35).
5. We can draw near to God with confidence (Hebrews 10:19-20).
6. We can look forward to eternity (Colossians 3:1-3).
7. We are to be filled with thankfulness toward God (Romans 7:21-25a).

III. WE CAN BE SURE OF OUR SALVATION

Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything. 1 John 3:20

We can trust in God's character (Hebrews 6:17-18a, 7:25).

We can trust in God's love for us (Romans 8:31-39).

We can trust in God's power (Jude 24).

We can trust in God's Spirit (Romans 8:16).

Conclusion

1. Jesus' work on the cross rescues us from sin and death.
2. We can gladly and gratefully receive the benefits of His work on the cross.
3. Knowing this and being sure of our salvation gives us greater hope and confidence. It changes the perspectives and priorities of our lives.