



# SALVATION

A Study in Redemption

Romans 5:10-11

As Christians, we are reconciled with the Father, from our rebellion against Him, through choosing to trust in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Origins • Rebellion • Freedom • Submission

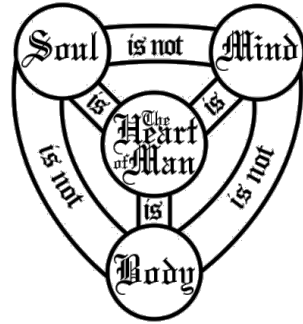


## BIG IDEA

The rebellion in the garden wasn't just a historical event in the past; rather, it is a choice we continually make in the present.

## HOW DID GOD CREATE US?

1. As Physical & Spiritual Beings  
*Ge. 2:7; 1 Co. 15:35-48; Mk. 12:28-30*
2. To Reflect God  
*Ge. 1:26-27; 2:7-25; Ps. 8; Ec. 7:29; Ja. 3:9*
3. To Live Eternal  
*Ge. 3:19, 22-23; Ro. 5:12; Re. 22:1-5*
4. With Natural Desires → Maturely/Immaturely  
*Ge. 2:16-17; 4:6-7; Is. 7:14-16; De. 30:11-15*
5. Evil Existing Externally  
*Ge. 3:7; 4:6-7; Is. 14:12-14; Ez. 28:10-17*



## WHAT HAPPENED AS A RESULT OF THE “FALL”?

1. Increased Pain in Pregnancy  
*Ge. 3:16*
2. Abdication & Rejection of Roles within Men & Women  
*Ge. 3:16; Ep. 5:22-33*
3. Work → Unfulfilling/Idol  
*Ge. 3:17-19a*
4. Physical Creation Deteriorating  
*Ge. 3:17-19a; Ro. 8:19-23*
5. Physical Death of Creation  
*Ge. 3:19b; Ro. 5:12, 17*

## WHAT IS OUR CURRENT STATE?

1. Still Reflect God  
*Ps. 8; 139; 13-16; Ge. 5:3; 9:6; 1 Co. 11:7*
2. Still Possess Natural Desires  
*De. 30:1-20; Ro. 1:18-2:11; Ja. 1:12-15; 2 Pe. 2:19*
3. Still Fully Capable of Choosing Good or Evil  
*Ez. 18:1-32; Is. 7:12-14; De. 30:1-20*
4. Adam's Sin = Humanity Dying Physically  
*Ro. 5:12-17*



**DISCUSS:** *Who or what good thing have you allowed to become a god thing – an idol (i.e. emotion, food, sex, relationship, hobby, technology, belief)? Who or what has become your functional savior or heaven in a time of need (a person or physical or mental place of comfort, safety, or escape) – where do you go, what do you do, who are you with? Who or what do you use to self-medicate (i.e. relieve discomfort)?*

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## BIG IDEA

Although we begin in relationship with the Father we choose to reject who He is and what He's done and rebel against His purpose for us.

## GOD IS YOUR FATHER

LK. 15:11

Is. 65:1-2; Jn. 12:32

## THE ROBE

LK. 15:22a

Ep. 1:3-10; Ro. 13:14; Co. 3:10

- Clothing = *Identity*

## THE TWO COUNTRIES

LK. 15:12-13

De. 30:1-20; Jn. 10:10; Ro. 1:21-25

- Satisfaction
- Addiction

## THE RING

LK. 15:22b

Co. 2:8-15

- Ring = *Authority*

## SIN & STARVATION

LK. 15:14-16

Ja. 1:12-15

1. Sin → Death
2. Law of diminishing returns
3. People will let you down

## THE SHOES

LK. 15:22c

Live empowered by the Holy Spirit and go set others free.

Ep. 6:15

## CONVICTION VS. CONDEMNATION

LK. 15:17-19

Jn. 16:8; Lk. 5:32; 1 Co. 7:10-11

- Conviction = *Christ Focused*
- Condemnation = *Christless*

## REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION

LK. 15:20-21

2 Co. 5:18-20; 1 Co. 7:10-11; Ro. 12:2



**DISCUSS:** How was your relationship with your father (loving, caring, judgmental, harsh, absent)? What is your view of The Father (loving, caring, judgmental, harsh, absent)? How do you think you've allowed your relationship/view of your father to affect your relationship/view of your Heavenly Father?

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## BIG IDEA

Trusting who Jesus is and what He's done reconciles us to the Father and frees us from the enemy's ownership, sin's power, and death's hold.

## WHAT ARE YOU FREED FROM?

1. **Death** – Ep. 2:1; Ro. 8:1-2
2. **World** – Ep. 2:2; Ja. 4:4
3. **Satan** – Ep. 2:2; Ja. 4:7
4. **Unnatural Desires** – Ep. 2:3; 2 Pe. 2:19; Ro. 2:24-25
  - a. Concealment
  - b. Diminishing Returns
  - c. Motivating Factor
  - d. Grievously Tormented
  - e. Demonic Oppression
5. **God's Wrath** – Ep. 2:3; Ja. 4:4

## HOW DO I RECEIVE THAT FREEDOM?

### Trusting Jesus

Jn. 14:6-7; 15:5-6; Ep. 1:3-14; Ga. 5

### Trusting the Holy Spirit

Ga. 5:1, 16-24; Ro. 8:5-8; 13:11-14

### Repenting

2 Co. 7:10-11; Lk. 15:17-20a; 1 Jn. 1:9

### Renewing Our Mind

Ro. 12:1-2; He. 5:7-10; 1 Co. 4:16; Ep. 4:17-24; Mt. 16:24-26;

### Forgiving

Mt. 6:14-15; 18:21-35; Mk. 11:25; Co. 3:13; Ep. 4:26-27, 31-32

## WHAT ARE YOU FREED TO?

Ro. 6:17-23; Co. 1:9-14

### Life

Ep. 2:5; John 3:36; 1 Co. 15:50-57

### Good Works

Ep. 2:10; Ti. 2:11-14; Jn. 3:7-10; 7:15-20; 15:1-11; Mt. 12:33-37

### Relationship

2 Co. 5:17-21; Ro. 5:6-11; 8:12-17

### Natural Desires

Ro. 3:21-26; 6:17-23

### God's Love

Ro. 8:37-39; Jn. 14:23-24; 1 Jn. 4:19-21

**DISCUSS:** *In what areas of your heart are you not free (often things you've done or that have been done to you that you keep hidden from others or do not talk about)? What choices, beliefs, or decisions have you made that led to this lack of freedom (habitual inclination)?*

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## BIG IDEA

To remain free and victorious over the enemy, we must trust the Holy Spirit for our conviction, our comfort, and our confidence.

## WHAT IS THE BY-PRODUCT OF OUR SUBMISSION?

- **God's Glory**  
Jn. 15:8; 1 Co. 10:31-33; Ph. 2:5-11
- **Other's Good**  
Jn. 15:2; Lk. 24:47-49; 2 Co. 5:16-20a
- **Our Joy**  
Jn. 15:11; 10:10; 16:24; 8:31-36

## WHAT IS SUBMISSION?

- **Trusting Jesus**  
Jn. 14:6-7; 15:5-6; Ep. 1:3-14; Ga. 5
- **Following the Holy Spirit**
  - a. **Love**  
Mk. 12:29-31
  - b. **Forgive**  
Mt. 18:35; Mark 11:25
  - c. **Repent**  
Mt. 4:17; Mk. 1:14-15; Lk. 13:1-5;  
1 Co. 7:10-11

## CAN I BE SAVED WITHOUT SUBMITTING?

- **The Burned Branches**  
Jn. 15:4, 6; He. 6:7-8
- **The Fallen**  
Jn. 16:1-4; He. 3:12-14; Mt. 24:5, 9-14, 24; Re. 2:4-5; Mk. 4:17; 2 Ti. 2:11-13
- **The Unloved**  
Jn. 15:9-10; Jd. 1:21; Ro. 8:37-39
- **The Disqualified**  
1 Co. 9:24-27; 15:2; 2 Ti. 3:8;  
Co. 2:16-23; Ga. 5:2-12; He. 6:1-6

## WHAT IS THE COST OF SUBMISSION?

- **Your Flesh Must Die**  
Ga. 2:20; Co. 3:1-17
- **Living Sacrifice**  
Ro. 12:1; 14:13-23; 1 Co. 6:12-19
- **Carry Your Cross**  
Ro. 12:1; Lk. 14:25-33

**DISCUSS:** *With what areas, “themes” (sins/temptations that are common to you), relationships, circumstances, decisions, or beliefs in your life is it hard for you to trust the Holy Spirit or resist going to Jesus with? What passages of Scripture do you find difficult to believe or you question it’s truth? Why?*

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