

“GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD  
THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY  
BEGOTTEN SON THAT  
WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH  
IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH  
BUT HAVE EVERLASTING  
LIFE”

- JOHN 3:16

## THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SEVEN

THE NUMBER SEVEN PLAYED A PROMINENT ROLE IN THE ANCIENT JEWS' RELIGIOUS LIFE. THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL OBEYED GOD'S COMMAND TO MARCH AROUND THE CITY OF JERICHO ONCE EACH DAY FOR SIX DAYS AND THE SEVENTH DAY THEY WALKED AROUND JERICHO SEVEN TIMES PERIOD AT THE SOUND OF THE TRUMPET, WHEN THEY SHOUTED A GREAT SHOUT, THE CITY WALLS CRUMBLED. (SEE JOSHUA 6:4).

ELISHA SENT HIS SERVANT TO NAAMAN THE LEPER, CAPTAIN OF THE SYRIAN ARMY, TO TELL HIM TO WASH SEVEN TIMES IN THE JORDAN RIVER. HE OBEYED AND WAS HEALED. (SEE II KINGS 5:10).

THE WORD OF GOD DECLARES, “AND ON THE SEVENTH DAY GOD ENDED HIS WORK WHICH HE HAD MADE; AND HE RESTORED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORK WHICH HE HAD MADE. AND GOD BLESSED THE SEVENTH DAY, AND SANCTIFIED IT:BECAUSE THAT IN IT HE HAD RESTORED FROM ALL HIS WORK” (GENESIS 2:2-3).

THE NUMBER SEVEN INDICATES PERFECTION AND SYMBOLIZES COMPLETENESS OR WHOLENESS. IN THIS BIBLE STUDY, WE SHOW THE NECESSITY OF SEVEN PROGRESSIVE STEPS OF SALVATION.

- SIMEON YOUNG JR.

## THE MEANS OF GRACE

SUPPOSE A PERSON WHO CANNOT SWIM FALLS OVERBOARD. SUPPOSE A FRIEND IN THE BOAT THROWS A LIFELINE AND PULLS HIM/HER TO SAFETY. WHO OR WHAT SAVED THE DROWNING PERSON? WAS THAT THE FRIEND? THE LIFELINE? THE LIFE PRESERVER? THE BOAT? DID THE PERSON SAVE HIMSELF? THE ANSWER, OF COURSE, IS THAT THE FRIEND SAVED HIM, THE LIFELINE, AND THE LIFE PRESERVER, AND THE BOAT SAVED HIM. HE ALSO SAVED HIMSELF. THIS SIMPLE PARABLE HELPS US UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS AS FOOLISH TO SAY THAT WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE APART FROM MEANS, AS IT WOULD BE FOR THE DROWNING MAN TO CLAIM THAT ANY ONE OF THE ABOVE MEANS SAVED HIM WITHOUT OTHER INTERVENTION. THE BIBLE CERTAINLY DOES TEACH THAT WE ARE SAVED BY GOD'S GRACE. THE BIBLE ALSO TEACHES THAT GOD USES MEANS—CALLED BY THEOLOGAINS THE “MEANS OF GRACE”. THIS PAMPHLET LISTS SEVEN OF GOD'S CHOSEN MEANS OF GRACE, AND IS A QUICK REFERENCE AND TEACHING TOOL. ON THESE PAGES ARE PERTINENT PORTIONS OF THE PURE WORD OF GOD TO SHOW HOW GOD SAVES US BY HIS GRACE. WHEN THE TRUTH OF SALVATION BY GRACE IS ACCEPTED THE DOCTRINE OF EASY BELIEVISM LOSES ITS SIREN APPEAL. - SIMEON YOUNG SR.

# THE SEVEN STEPS OF SALVATION





## STEP 1: SAVED BY GRACE

DEFINITION OF GRACE: 1. THE UNMEREITED LOVE AND FAVOR OF GOD; 2. A STATE OF RECONCILIATION WITH GOD.

SOMEONE DEMONSTRATED THAT THE LETTERS OF THE WORD GRACE SUGGEST THE ACROSTIC: GREAT REDEMPTION AT CHRIST'S EXPENSE. (G.R.A.C.E.).

“ALL HAVE SINNED AND COME SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD; BEING JUSTIFIED FREELY BY HIS GRACE THROUGH THE REDEMPTION THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS.”

- ROMANS 3:23-24

“THE GRACE OF GOD THAT BRINGETH SALVATION HATH APPEARED UNTO ALL MEN” - TITUS 2:11

“EVEN WHEN WE WERE DEAD IN SINS, HATH [HE] QUICKENED US TOGETHER WITH CHRIST; FOR BY GRACE YE ARE SAVED.”

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WE ARE NOT SAVED APART FROM THE GRACE OF GOD, AND WE ARE ALSO NOT SAVED APART FROM GOD'S CHOSEN MEANS OF GRACE. “FOR BY GRACE ARE YE SAVED THROUGH FAITH; AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.” - EPHESIANS 2:8

## STEP 2: SAVED BY FAITH

DEFINITION OF FAITH: 1. CONFIDENCE OR TRUST; 2. SPIRITUAL ACCEPTANCE OF TRUTH; 3. BELIEF IN GOD.

“BY GRACE ARE YE SAVED THROUGH FAITH.” - EPHESIANS 2:8

“RECEIVING THE END OF YOUR FAITH, EVEN THE SALVATION OF YOUR SOULS.” - I PETER 1:9

“WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE HIM: FOR HE THAT COMETH TO GOD MUST BELIEVE THAT HE IS, AND THAT HE IS A REWARDER OF THEM THAT DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM.” - HEBREWS 11:6

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“HE THAT BELIEVETH NOT SHALL BE DAMNED.” - MARK 16:16

“THOU BELIEVEST THAT THERE IS ONE GOD; THOU DOEST WELL: THE DEVILS ALSO BELIEVE, AND TREMBLE. BUT WILT THOU KNOW, O VAIN MAN, THAT FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD?” - JAMES 2:19-20

THERE IS MORE TO SALVATION THAN BELIEVING IN GOD—EVEN DEMONS BELIEVE.

“WITH THE HEART MAN BELIEVETH UNTO RIGHTEOUSNESS; AND WITH THE MOUTH CONFESSION IS MADE UNTO SALVATION.” - ROMANS 10:10

## STEP 3: SAVED BY CONFESSION

DEFINITION OF CONFESSION: 1. TO DISCLOSE SINS OR FAULTS TO GOD; 2. TO UNBURDEN THE CONSCIENCE; 3. TO ACKNOWLEDGE GUILT, WRONG-DOING OR SINFULNESS; 4. TO ADMIT TO UNBECOMING DEEDS.

“WITH THE MOUTH CONFESSION IS MADE UNTO SALVATION.” - ROMANS 10:10

“IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AND TO CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.” - 1 JOHN 1:9

“CONFESS YOUR FAULTS ONE TO ANOTHER, AND PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER, THAT YE MAY BE HEALED.” - JAMES 5:16

“HE THAT COVERETH HIS SINS SHALL NOT PROSPER: BUT WHOEVER CONFESSES AND FORSAKETH THEM SHALL HAVE MERCY.” - PROVERBS 28:13

## STEP 4: SAVED BY REPENTANCE

DEFINITION OF REPENTANCE: 1. TO CHANGE ONE'S MIND; 2. TO TURN AROUND; 3. TO FORSAKE SIN; 4. TO MAKE AN ABOUT FACE.

“WHOSO CONFESSETH AND FORSAKETH HIS SINS SHALL HAVE MERCY.” - PROVERBS 28:13

“FOR GODLY SORROW WORKETH REPENTANCE UNTO SALVATION.” - II CORINTHIANS 7:10

“EXCEPT YE REPENT, YE SHALL ALL LIKEWISE PERISH.” - LUKE 13:3

“THE LORD IS NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH, BUT THAT ALL SHOULD COME TO REPENTANCE.” - II PETER 3:9

REPENTANCE IS MORE THAN BEING SORRY FOR ONE'S SINS—IT INVOLVES A LIFESTYLE AND MINDSET ADJUSTMENT. WE MUST NOT STOP HERE: “THEN PETER SAID UNTO THEM, REPENT, AND BE BAPTIZED EVERY ONE OF YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST” (ACTS 2:38).

## STEP 5: SAVED BY BAPTISM

DEFINITION OF BAPTISM: 1. TO DIP, PLUNGE, OR SUBMERGE; 2. A RELIGIOUS CEREMONY, SIGNIFYING SPIRITUAL PURIFICATION BY IMMERSION IN WATER.

“BAPTISM DOTH ALSO NOW SAVE US.” - I PETER 3:21

“HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED.” - MARK 16:16

“THEY WERE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS.” - ACTS 8:16

“HE COMMANDED THEM TO BE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.” - ACTS 10:48

“ARISE, AND BE BAPTIZED... CALLING ON THE NAME OF THE LORD.” - ACTS 22:16

“THROUGH HIS NAME WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH ON HIM SHALL RECEIVE REMISSION OF SINS.” - ACTS 10:43

“REMISSION OF SINS SHOULD BE PREACHED IN HIS NAME.” - LUKE 24: 47

“THEN PETER SAID UNTO THEM, REPENT, AND BE BAPTIZED EVERY ONE OF YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS, AND YE SHALL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST.” - ACTS 2:38

## STEP 6: SAVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

JESUS SAID TO NICODEMUS, “EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD” ... NICODEMUS ASKED JESUS, “HOW CAN A MAN BE BORN WHEN HE IS OLD? CAN HE ENTER THE SECOND TIME INTO HIS MOTHER'S WOMB, AND BE BORN... JESUS SAID TO NICODEMUS, “VERILY, VERILY. I SAY UNTO THEE, EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN OF WATER AND OF THE SPIRIT, HE CANNOT ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD.” - JOHN 3:3-6

“IF ANY MAN HAVE NOT THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST, HE IS NONE OF HIS.” - ROMANS 8:9

“AS MANY AS ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD, THEY ARE THE SONS OF GOD.” - ROMANS 8:14

SPEAKING IN OTHER TONGUES AS THE SPIRIT GIVES THE UTTERANCE IS THE INITIAL PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF ONE RECEIVING THE HOLY GHOST. READ ABOUT THE NEW BIRTH EXPERIENCE IN ACTS 2:1-4.

“WHILE PETER YET SPAKE THESE WORDS, THE HOLY GHOST FELL ON ALL THEM WHICH HEARD THE WORD, AND THEY OF THE CIRCUMCISION WHICH BELIEVED WERE ASTONISHED, AS MANY AS CAME WITH PETER, BECAUSE THAT ON THE GENTILES ALSO WAS Poured OUT THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST. FOR THEY HEARD THEM SPEAK WITH TONGUES, AND MAGNIFY GOD. - ACTS 10:44-46 (ALSO READ ACTS 19)

## STEP 6: SAVED BY ENDURANCE

DEFINITION OF ENDURANCE: 1. THE ACT, QUALITY, OR POWER OF WITHSTANDING HARDSHIP; 2. THE STATE OR FACT OF PERSEVERING; 3. DURATION.

“HE THAT ENDURETH TO THE END SHALL BE SAVED.” - MATTHEW 10:22

“ENDURE HARDNESS AS A GOOD SOLDIER OF JESUS CHRIST.” - II TIMOTHY 2:3

“BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT ENDURETH TEMPTATION: FOR WHEN HE IS TRIED, HE SHALL RECEIVE THE CROWN OF LIFE, WHICH THE LORD HATH PROMISED TO THEM THAT LOVE HIM.” - JAMES 1:12