

Salvation



Application questions taken for Wayne Grudem "Systematic Theology"

STARTER

- If a friend came to you and asked how to become a Christian, in the most simple way, what are some of the key things you would tell them?

EXPLORE

- **Salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.**
- **Justification:** A legal declaration by God that we have a righteous standing before him based solely on our faith in Jesus. This happens at the moment of our belief in Jesus. (Romans 5:1)
- **Sanctification:** The progressive action of God by which he changes our hearts and transforms us into people who reflect the character of Jesus. This happens throughout our lives until we die or Jesus returns again. (Romans 6:22)
- **Glorification:** The point in time in which God removes all sin from our lives and gives us new resurrected bodies. This happens either after death or at the second coming of Jesus. (1 Corinthians 15:51-54)
- **Penal Substitutionary Atonement:** The doctrine that Christ died on the cross as a substitute for sinners. God imputed the guilt of our sins to Christ, and he, in our place, bore the punishment that we deserve. This was a full payment for sins, which satisfied both the wrath and the righteousness of God, so that He could forgive sinners without compromising His own holy standard. (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:4-5; Hebrews 12:2)

APPLY

- Which of the above truths are most new to you? Which of these do you have questions about?
- What is the significance of God being the primary actor in all of the above aspects of salvation?
- What are we saved from?
- What is grace? What does it mean that we are saved by grace?
- Why is it significant that it is a gift and not by works?
- What is faith? What does it mean that we are saved through faith?
- What doesn't save us? Why is this important?

PASSAGE FOR STUDY

- Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 John 5:11-13, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4