

“What is Salvation?”



OPEN IT

- Have you ever been asked to do something that felt unexpected or inconvenient—but it ended up being meaningful? What happened?
- When you hear the phrase, “The Lord needs you,” what is your initial reaction—honored, hesitant, confused, or something else?

READ IT:

- Romans 3:19-25a
- Romans 3:21
- Romans 3:22-24
- Romans 3:25
- Romans 3:22a

EXPLORE IT

- According to **Romans 3:19-20**, what purpose does God's Law serve? What does it reveal about every person?
- In **Romans 3:21**, why are the words "But now" such an important turning point in Paul's argument? What has changed?
- According to **Romans 3:22-24**, who is included in humanity's problem of sin, and who is included in God's offer of salvation? What do these verses teach about God's grace?
- Verse 24 says believers are "justified freely by his grace." Based on this passage, what does justification mean, and why can't it be earned?

- The sermon described justification as "God treats the guilty as righteous." How does **Romans 3:24** support that statement? What difference does this make in how you view God?
- In **Romans 3:24-25**, Paul uses the words "redemption" and "sacrifice of atonement." What pictures or images do these words create, and what do they teach about what Jesus accomplished on the cross?
- Throughout **Romans 3:22-25**, the phrase "through faith" or "to be received by faith" appears repeatedly. According to these verses, what is the relationship between faith and salvation?
- The sermon emphasized that salvation is God's intervention rather than our self-rescue. Looking at **Romans 3:19-25a**, what evidence do you see that salvation is entirely God's work?
- The sermon highlighted four facets of salvation from this passage: intervention, justification, redemption, and justice satisfied. Which of these truths stands out most to you from **Romans 3:21-25**, and why?
- The sermon concluded by saying salvation is "a free gift" that costs us everything because it requires surrender. How do **Romans 3:22-25** help explain both the freeness of salvation and the call to place our complete trust in Christ?

DO IT:

- **Return to the Rescue.** Read **Romans 3:19-25** every day this week. Each day, thank God for one aspect of salvation you discover in the passage.
- **Stop Fighting.** Spend time in prayer honestly admitting an area where you've been trying to "save yourself" instead of trusting Christ, and surrender it to Him.
- **Remember the Rescue.** Memorize **Romans 3:22-24** as a reminder that salvation is received by grace through faith, not by your own efforts.
- **Share Your Rescue Story.** Share with one person this week what salvation means to you, using one of the sermon's four images (the rescue tube, gavel, receipt, or communion cup) to explain the gospel.
- **Thank Your Rescuer.** End each day by thanking Jesus specifically for His rescue—for intervening, declaring you righteous, paying your debt, and satisfying God's justice on your behalf.