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ανηρ ὃς εμπροσθεν μου γεγονεν, οὐ πρωτος μου η̄ν. **31**κᾱγω οὐκ η̄δειν αῡτον, ᾱλλ' ῑνα φανερωθη̄ τῷ Ἰσραη̄λ διᾱ τοῡτο η̄λθον ε̄γω̄ εν̄ ῡδατι βαπτῑζων. **32**Κᾱι ε̄μαρτυρησεν Ἰω̄αννης λε̄γων ὅτι Τεθε̄σμαι το̄ πνεῡμα.



## SYLLABUS AND STUDY GUIDE

### Soteriology

BT380

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## **Your Instructor**

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## Introduction to the Course

### I. Course Description

Soteriology: The Doctrine of Salvation is a course that will examine the theology of redemption and salvation in the Holy Scriptures. Emphasis will be placed on the Covenants of Redemption and Grace and on the Order of Salvation.

### II. Textbook

Bowdle, Donald. *Redemption Accomplished and Applied*. Columbus: CLP, 1997.

### III. Course Objectives

1. To give students a sound theological understanding of the doctrine of salvation
2. To inspire a sense of awe and worship in the students as they see God's salvation plan unfolding
3. To give students a greater assurance in their walk of faith

### IV. Course Delivery

1. Textbook must be read and thoroughly studied.
2. Classroom lecture and discussion
3. Note-taking and personal study

**V. Course Grading**

The final exam consists of 100 questions. At least thirty questions are from the textbook.

Note: Those who take this course in a live lecture setting must attend the sessions. Excessive absences will result in a grade reduction.

# The Necessity of Salvation

## Session One

### Introduction

The basic meaning of the Greek word *soteria* (salvation) is "deliverance." It refers to deliverance from a situation out of which a person cannot rescue himself or herself. According to the Bible, salvation is the work of God in setting people free from the bondage of sin and bringing them to a state of glory through Jesus Christ. There are four prerequisite statements that need to be made before we begin our study.

1. The purpose of Christ's coming into the world was to save sinners from sin and to deliver them from God's wrath.
2. God's gift of salvation has both negative and positive effects. Negatively, it is a deliverance from sin and the wrath of God. Positively, it is the personal knowledge of Christ as one's Savior and introduction to eternal life.
3. Salvation concerns the whole person and touches every area of life.
4. The complete sufficiency of God's gift of salvation encompasses the past, the present, and the future of the Christian.
5. With this understanding, we launch our study of this great doctrine by asking the question: Why is salvation necessary?

I. The Fall of Man and the Covenant of Works

- A. The beginning of sin in the human race was the fall of Adam (Genesis 3:1-6).
  
- B. To understand Adam's sin and its effects on the human race, one must understand the Covenant of Works.
  - 1. God and man had both a natural and a covenant relationship.
  
  - 2. This covenant is known as the Covenant of Works.
  
  - 3. Adam's sin was a breaking of this covenant (Hosea 6:7).
  
- C. The elements of the covenant of works
  - 1. The contracting parties
  
  - 2. The promise of the covenant

3. The conditions of the covenant
  4. The penalty for breaking the covenant
  5. The sacrament (seal) of the covenant
- D. The imputation of Adam's sin to all mankind
1. Adam was the representative head of the human race. All mankind is in Adam.
  2. Adam was the natural head of the human race. Adam is in man.
  3. The consequences of sin
    - a) Guilt
    - b) Total depravity
    - c) Inability



## II. The Covenant of Redemption and the Covenant of Grace

### A. The Covenant of Redemption

1. The eternal covenant between the Father and the Son
2. The Covenant of Redemption makes the Covenant of Grace possible.

### B. The Covenant of Grace

1. A covenant of friendship between God and man
2. The Covenant of Grace is first alluded to in the Protoevangel (Genesis 3:15).
3. All the requirements of the Covenant of Grace are met in its promises.

## III. The Historical Preparation for Redemption

- A. All of human history is rightly understood as the history of salvation (Galatians 4:4).