

## John R. 1st lesson

In Christianity, being “saved” means being rescued from sin’s penalty ( eternal separation from God) and reconciled to God through faith in Jesus Christ’s death and resurrection, granting forgiveness, eternal life, and a new relationship with God, involving both a past event (justification) and an ongoing process ( sanctification) of spiritual transformation. It’s about trusting Jesus’s finished work, not personal good deeds, to receive God’s grace as a free gift.

### Core Aspects of Christian Salvation:

- Forgiveness of Sins: God forgives past, present, and future sins because Jesus paid the penalty for them. 1 John 1:19
- Justification: Being declared righteous (not guilty) by God through faith, not works, as if Christ’s righteousness is credited to you. Romans 5:1, 3:28, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 2:8-9
- New Life and Relationship: Being born again, becoming a child of God, and entering a personal, intimate relationship with Him, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:16
- Deliverance from Sins Penalty: Rescued from eternal death that sin brings, gaining hope for eternal life. Romans 8:2
- Future Hope: Assurance of heaven and eternal life with God after death. John 14:1-3

### How it happens:

1. Recognition of Sin: Acknowledging that all have sinned and are separated from a holy God. (Romans 3:23)
2. Faith in Jesus: Believing in your heart that Jesus is Lord, that God raised Him from the dead, and that He died for your sins. (Romans 10:9)
3. Confession: verbally professing faith in Jesus as Lord.
4. Repentance: Turning away from trying to live your life your own way and giving control to God.

### It's Not:

- Earning salvation through good deeds or religious performance.
- Just joining a church or having a memorable experience.
- Being spared from earthly troubles, but from eternal judgement.