

Salvation Terminology

1. Sin

Literally means, *missing the mark*. It is the most comprehensive term for the deviation from moral integrity. Sin is anything contrary to God in thought (Matt. 5:28), in Word (Col. 3:8), or in deed (1 John 3:4).

2. Faith

Firm persuasion, trust in, cling to; to believe in the invisible God. True faith is validated by good works (James 2:20-22). True faith in God is accompanied with a personal surrender to Christ (Romans 10:9,10).

3. Repentance

A change of mind, or purpose. It involves a change of heart and sorrow over sin (Luke 18:13-14). Turning from sin to the Savior.

4. Mercy

Not giving you the punishment you deserve. An outward manifestation of pity; it assumes need on the part of the one receiving it; compassion; especially sympathy manifested in act.

5. Grace

Giving you blessings that you do not deserve. Lovingkindness; bestowing favor. In respect to Divine favor or grace there is a stress on its freeness (Romans 5:15). It is set in contrast to debt (Romans 4:4,16), with works (Romans 11:6), and with law (Romans 6:14).

6. Redemption

To buy; to buy out, especially of purchasing a slave with a view to his freedom. To release on receipt of ransom; to redeem. It is used in the general sense of deliverance; especially deliverance from sin.

7. Propitiation

To make appeasement; to satisfy. In relation to salvation: a sacrifice for sin to satisfy God. “He Himself (referring to Christ) is the propitiation for our sins;” (1 John 2:2).

8. Justification

Acquittal; the establishment of a person as just by acquittal from guilt. To pronounce righteous.

9. Reconciliation

To change from enmity to friendship; to reconcile. In respect to salvation to be reconciled to God (Romans 5:10). Men in their sinful nature, who are alienated from God, having their sin forgiven and being justified in God's sight in Christ.

10. Sanctification

Set apart unto God; separation of the believer from sin; the separation of the believer from impurity, immorality (Rom. 6:19; 1 Thess. 4:3,7) to righteousness and honor (Rom. 6:19; 1 Thess. 4:4).